

SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

I. Call to order

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 2:02 pm on March 9th on the SCF Softball Complex infield, with 31 members in attendance.

II. New Member introduction

No new members were present.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were posted to the website following the February meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Gary Stonewall; Second – Guy Homoly. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report

Tom Boudreau reported that the February 28th balance is \$9,156, a decrease of \$729 year-to-date. The lone deposit was \$90 (dues). Checks in excess of \$100 were \$144 (bat handle wraps) and \$381 (11" softballs). Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Gary Stonewall; Second – Guy Homoly; Motion passed. Discussion concerning the States Tournament Budget. The committee has proposed a budget of \$1,500, anticipating an overall profit of ~\$200. Motion to accept the proposed budget – Dane Jacobsen; Second – Jeff Behning.

V. Committee Reports

Commissioner's Reports

- a) Big 12 – David Markowitz reported that the league is going well. There are two weeks remaining and the standings are very close.
- b) Tier 3 – Dennis Krosschell reported that Tier 3 has two weeks remaining also. The teams have elected not to have a year-end tournament. Dennis has not had any real issues this year.
- c) All Festival League – Joe Cabanaw reported that the league is going well, with one week remaining. The league will have a fun tournament on March 25th. Players are encouraged to contact Joe if they are interested in playing and have not already done so.

Membership – Rick Klein said that membership enrollment is slow. Any new members will be encouraged to participate in the summer league.

Field Prep – Joe Cabanaw thanked Neal Cornell and Mary-Anne Merchut for cleaning and organizing the main storage area. He stated that Pulte will be conducting field maintenance on the last two weeks of April and first week of May. They intend to heavily water the Bermuda grass to allow it to take hold in preparation for the summer league. In addition, they plan to repair the fence and repaint the outfield fence. Joe thanked everyone that has assisted with field prep this season.

Umpires – President Markowitz stated that although there is no umpire commissioner, the season has gone well due to the many volunteers that have stepped up and umpired the games.

Scorekeepers – Dane Jacobsen thanked all of the scorekeepers and stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming tournaments.

Safety – Gary Stonewall thanked everyone for their efforts in following the rules that we agreed to in order to obtain HOA approval for the league to transpire this season. He is hopeful that these measures will not be needed by next winter season.

Ladies Team – The Fireballs head coach, Jeff Behning, reported that the ladies last game will be March 20th. As previously mentioned, the Fireballs intend to play in the Tier 3 league next winter season.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reported that we have one remaining player to evaluate.

VI. Old business

- a) **States Tournament** – Rick Kaylor gave an update on the tournament which will take place on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. For this year, a decision was made not to use a double elimination format. The current format will result in some teams playing seven games in 3 days. Playing additional games does not seem prudent. Due to injuries and other unforeseen circumstances, the team rosters have been a moving target. The current rosters are filled and somewhat balanced, in part due to some individuals, such as Lorraine Scott, being willing to play outside of the area in which they were born, raised, attended college, worked or retired. That flexibility is appreciated by the committee. Rick thanked Steve Kimm and Jim Schultz for their assistance in “drafting” the teams as fair and even as possible. The rules will be posted to our website very soon. Only the ladies will be allowed to use hot bats. The men will have to use ASA or 1.20 bats. Should a player have to cancel or drop out (for any reason), let Rick, Steve or Jim know right away (even mid-game) as they still have a few substitutes that will be waiting to step in. A food vendor, Dungan Dogs will be on-site for all three days. The league will also be providing water in the dugouts during the games. Each player will be provided two tickets to place into the prize drawing (26 oz. bat, softball glove, batting gloves). Additional tickets may be purchased at the field. A 50/50 raffle will be held daily and extra batting gloves will be available to purchase. The Runner-up team members will receive batting gloves; the Champion team members will receive a ¼ zip pullover. The overall success of the tournament is reliant on volunteers. The committee is still looking for someone to chair the scorekeepers and the announcers. Joe Rizzi stated that he would chair the announcers. Joe Cabanaw is chairing both the Setup and Field Prep; Rick Klein will handle the drawings and needed workers to man the table; Pete Sluys will chair the umpires. Gary Stonewall has a group that will police the areas and remind folks of the needed c-19 protocols to keep everyone safe. Spectators will be asked to sit along the first-base and third-base lines and maintain appropriate social distances.

VII. New business

- a) **Summer League** – We are still in need of a commissioner for the Summer League. The days of play and general format are still unknown at this time.

- b) Crow's Nest – The board has received a request to have a wind break constructed to make scorekeeping more palatable on windy/cold days. David will discuss this with the HOA. Another request was received to place a taller chair in the crow's nest as shorter scorekeepers have trouble seeing over the table to see the umpires. Lorraine Scott purchased a bar stool and placed it in the crow's nest to address this issue.
- c) Visitor Update – At the recent President's Meeting of the HOA, it was stated that the Governor's recent proclamation to "reopen" the state, had caught the HOA off-guard, but that they are optimistic they will be able to facilitate a staggered reopening of club activities, including visitors. At this time, the league cannot commit to having the West Valley League up and running in the Fall, but the board is optimistic. A member present stated that Sun City West recently announced the reopening of their club activities to visitors as a result of their 65% vaccination rate.

VIII. Open Discussion

- a) President Markowitz asked if there were any new items for discussion, none were mentioned.

IX. Adjournment

President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the SCF Softball Complex. Bring your own chairs, mask up, and social distance.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan. Approval pending membership quorum at April meeting.