

SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

I. Call to order

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 2:22 pm on February 8, 2022 at the SCF Softball Complex. 58 of the club's 163 members were in attendance.

II. New Member introduction

a) No new members were in attendance.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were emailed to members and posted to the website following the December 2021 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Tom Boudreau; Second – Jim Schultz. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's report

Laurie Halfpenny reported that the Club checking account balance on 12/31/21 was \$10,344.12; as of 1/31/2022, the balance is \$10,369.87. Deposits were made for dues from six new/returning members. Three expenses totaling \$154.25 accounted for the \$25.75 change.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Dane Jacobsen; Second – Ron Swierk; motion passed unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

Capital Acquisition Committee – Tom Boudreau, committee chair, explained that the committee was formed to provide the Club with recommendations to best utilize the banner proceeds from the Capital Acquisition account. Tom introduced and thanked the other committee members for their service. Members are: Connie Smith, Ron Swierk, Jim Schultz, and Mike Braman. Tom went on to explain that the HOA will be approached to determine their maximum contribution to the projects, but currently the Club has roughly \$7K to spend on new equipment purchases and improvements. The Committee's recommendation is:

1. The Crow's nest plexiglass windbreak (Already approved by the club) - approx. \$2k
2. Replace the current amber light panels in the scoreboard with red lights that can be seen – approx. \$10k
3. Infield and outfield renovation – approx. \$8k
4. Water bottle filling system – approx. \$1.5k

A discussion ensued acknowledging that the total cost of these projects exceeds the amount of available funds. The hope is that the HOA will pay for the majority, if not all of items 2-4, leaving the remaining funds for additional projects. Once that information is determined, the

Committee will come back to the Club with an updated priority list for future membership approval.

Motion to accept the Committee's recommendations as presented – Jim Monachino; second – Larry Corwin; motion passed.

Membership – Rick Klein indicated that things were slow as expected this time of year. David Markowitz told the Club that the next SC Festival Club Expo is being held on March 5th. The format will be different than previous expos with the events being held at the respective locations (softball field, pickleball courts, arts & crafts building, Senita Center, etc.). The Club will need to man a table at the field for that event. Other events will be planned to highlight the Club.

Rick reminded the members present that our formal process for bringing new members in begins on our website, scsoftballclub.com. Potential new members are frequently in a hurry to start playing, but the process needs to start with the membership form in order to obtain critical information (including their HOA membership number which must be verified), have the liability waiver signed, and dues collected. Once those are complete, the individual is contacted by the Membership Chairman (Rick Klein), and then notified of the next evaluation session once its scheduled. All members need to be evaluated before playing, unless they signup during the summer session. Even then, the individual will be evaluated prior to the first winter session. Whenever members are approached by friends and neighbors, they need to steer the interested party to the Club website and tell them to be patient.

Field Prep – Joe Cabanaw reported that he has received a little more help. Unfortunately, members tell him they would be glad to help, but when contacted for specific times they are mostly unavailable. Joe thanked Neil Cornell for all his work in painting the chain link fence. Joe has a work day planned for 1:00 this Sunday, February 13th to replace the bat racks. Mike Braman encouraged members to show up and assist to “share the load”.

Safety – Gary Stonewall provided an instruction session on the AED unit. The first thing is ALWAYS, DIAL 911. Instructions to use the unit are listed inside the case. Basically, it's a 3-step process. 1. Turn power on (green button) 2. Put pads on as illustrated (upper right chest, lower left ribcage) 3. Follow audible instructions. If instructed, shock(s) can be initiated by pressing the Lighting Bolt pushbutton. Gary reminded everyone that 911 will request an address. Local calls are routed through Phoenix, then referred to our local fire station if they are available. Our local address is on the front of the structure, is listed inside the phone box and will be added to the AED unit case. Jim Monachino mentioned that AZ has a “Good Samaritan” law, which protects anyone acting with the persons best interest, from liability. Gary added that all 50 states now have such a law. Robin Shahan mentioned that bystanders can help by stepping back and remaining silent, allowing those using the AED to hear its audible instructions. Laurie Halfpenny reminded those present that we are gathering emergency contact names. That list will be maintained on the Club website and a hardcopy will be placed in the case that holds the scoreboard remote control-module.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reported that the Evaluation Committee rated two new members at the last session. We still have 3 or 4 new members that have failed to show up for any evaluation session.

Webmaster – John Hoyer circled back to the Field Prep discussion. John said that over 30 members signed up to assist with field prep, yet Joe has prepared the fields by himself on several days. When asked directly, Joe estimated that he has worked the field alone on 10-12

occasions. General consensus was that estimate is probably low. John went on to mention that the board member contact information has been added to the website. He also indicated that he still needs help in obtaining the weekly results of the games in order to maintain the league standing. All of the league commissioners need to report that information directly to John.

League Commissioners -

Tuesday Community League – Joe Cabanaw reported that they have 5 drafted teams, plus 1 “co-ed” team comprised of many of the ladies and their significant others. With 6 teams total, the league plays 3 games each week. The league concludes on March 8th and a tournament will be held on March 15th.

Friday Community League – Larry Gary was not present, but it was mentioned that they have 5 teams, so two games each week, with one team on a bye.

West Valley T1 – Pete Sluys reported that their game starts have been changed to 10 am on Wednesdays, starting on February 9th. Their league concludes on March 9th and will hold a year-end tournament on March 16th.

West Valley T2 – Steve Kreitzman reported that their league has changed to a 10 am start time as well.

West Valley T3 – John Hoyer reported that the T3 league concludes on March 17th.

VI. Old business

- a) Marketing Update – Jim Varley and David Markowitz reported that we have commitments for fifteen of the 24 available spaces. Thirteen banners are currently displayed. The HOA will place a banner promoting the Indigo Grill and Copper Canyon Golf shop. The banner company, Moore Graphics is the other group committed. Jim again requested that members give him contact information for vendors that they have used. He is also looking for someone to join him as a co-director for the marketing efforts. Jim will be traveling for 10-12 week this year and doesn't want the activities to drop in his absence. Currently, the HOA has deposited \$3,375 in the Capital Acquisition account. A total of \$6,075 has been collected.
- b) Banquet – as previously communicated to the membership via email, the annual banquet has been cancelled. With Covid-19 numbers surging and food service still an unknown, the board felt that the banquet success was too much of a gamble. In lieu of the banquet, funds will be provided to the States Tournament committee to provide food for that event.
- c) 3rd Annual States Tournament – Rick Kaylor said the Evaluation Committee will once again take the lead on the tournament, which will be held on March 28th-31st. First place will once again win jerseys; second place will win batting gloves (or something similar). The last place team will get free ice cream! This year will feature an Armed Forces team, and see the return of the Canadian team. Interest is high, so get your entry forms and money turned in soon. All participants are required to assist with one or more categories – managing a team, umpiring, field prep, scorekeeping, ticket sales/drawing, setup & takedown, and/or announcing.

VII. New business

- a) Proposed Bylaw change – the board has proposed to change the required number for a meeting quorum from 20% to 25 members. Discussion concerning the need for this change and how our ever-increasing numbers of members could affect this change. After extensive discussion, Larry Corwin made a motion to change the meeting quorum as proposed. Second – Dane Jacobsen; Motion passed – 34 for and 24 against.
- b) California team games – as in other pre-covid years, a Palm Desert team will be coming through playing area teams. They have requested to play SC Festival on April 1st. Two games will be played. One with age 70+ members; one with <70-year-old members. More information to follow.
- c) Summer League – If the current plans to re-work the infield and outfield play out, the summer league will be played in May, June, and July, essentially becoming a third session. The field outage to allow the dominant grass species to swap, usually beginning in April, will not be necessary. The membership will get additional information as it becomes available.
- d) Golf Tournament – Jim Monachino will once again be organizing a fun golf-tournament for the Club. Golf skills are not required. Members will be mixed on teams based on skills. The tournament will be held on April 2nd and 3rd. Watch for Jim’s email for additional details.
- e) Memorial Day Celebration - Bill Long has approached the Softball Club to obtain our participation in a joint Memorial Day celebration. Initial plans are to hold a softball game, field games (water balloons?), and other activities. Plans include a performance of the Veteran’s Club Color Guard, utilizing announcers and having music. We discussed possibly arranging for a food truck or caterer. The Veteran’s Club has already officially approved this endeavor. David Markowitz commented that this is a great opportunity to gather donations to go to a local veteran charity, starting by challenging our sponsors to donate, then donating ourselves. Motion to join the SCF Veterans Club in a Memorial Day Celebration – Bill Long; Second – Dave Quesenberry; motion passed.
- f) Lost and found – numerous items are in the Club’s lost & found box in the storage closet. If you have misplaced any equipment or clothing, check the lost & fund.

VIII. Adjournment

Gary Stonewall motioned to adjourn the meeting; Seconded - Tom Shahan; motion passed.
President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 4:18 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 2:00 pm or following the final game of the day, whichever is later.