

# **SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes**

April 5, 2022

## **I. Call to order**

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 2:00 pm on April 5, 2022 at the SCF Softball Complex. 40 of the club's 173 members were in attendance.

## **II. New Member introduction**

a) Three new members were in attendance.

## **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes were emailed to members and posted to the website following the March, 2022 meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Dave Quesenberry; Second – Mark Vosta. Motion carried.

## **IV. Treasurer's report**

Laurie Halfpenny reported that the Club checking account balance on 12/31/21 was \$10,344.12; as of 03/31/2022 the balance is \$12,873.14, for a net difference of \$2,529.02. Deposits totaling \$1,680 were made for States Tournament entry and sponsor fees and \$2,598 for the raffle and food income. The States Tournament expenses to date totaled \$3,804. The invoice for the veterans' team jerseys is still outstanding.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Dick Mickelson; Second – Carl Hallman; motion carried.

## **V. Committee Reports**

Capital Acquisition Committee – Mike Bramen reported that we still don't know who built the original storage shed (the Club or Pulte) in the left field area. Laurie will look into it and get the info to Mike.

Membership – Chairman Rick Klein was not present, but David mentioned the success of the Club Expo from early March. Several new members resulted from our presence.

Field Prep – Joe Cabanaw reported that he needs additional crews for summer ball. There is also a need for umpires and scorekeepers. Joe reported the estimate is \$25,000 to redo the field this summer. The HOA has agreed to pay for everything. The field will be shut down at the end of July and will reopen at the end of October/beginning of November. The field will also be shut down for 3 days to install the new LED bulbs in the scoreboard. Those dates for the install are TBD.

Safety – Gary Stonewall – nothing to report.

Evaluation Committee – Committee Chair Rick Kaylor - In Ricks absence, David reported that 4 new members have been evaluated.

Webmaster – John Hoyer reported that results of the States tournament are posted on the website. John will post additional pictures as soon as they are available from our photographer.

## VI. Old business

- a) Marketing Update – One new banner has been hung. Jim Varley and David Markowitz reported. David mentioned the biggest obstacle encountered is that the detail graphics (phone number, website) are too small when submitted to the graphic designer, thus causing a delay in creating the banners. Once all banners are sold \$11,000 in additional revenue will be available, all going to the capital improvement fund.
- b) Summer League – In his absence, Jim Monachino provided a written report stating that the summer league should begin the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> and run through July 18<sup>th</sup>. All leagues will be mixed skill & gender, starting daily at 7:30 am, utilizing a double header format, as follows:
  - i) Mondays: vs. Trilogy (one team with 18 players)
  - ii) Tuesdays: SCF Community League (hope to have 4 teams)
  - iii) Thursdays: SCF Community (hope to have 4 teams).

Nothing will start April 18<sup>th</sup> unless Jim gets 3-4 more managers by next week. Current managers:

Monday: Jim Monachino

Tuesday: Jim Monachino, Brian Ogston, **OPEN, OPEN**

Thursday: Jim Monachino, Dennis Krosschell & **OPEN Co-Mngr**, Brian Ogston & Laurie Halfpenny, **OPEN**

Jim would like to hold a draft/team forming session sometime next week with 2022 summer managers.

- c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual States Tournament – Chairmen Rick Kaylor.
  - i) David reported on Rick's behalf. The CENTRAL team were the tournament winners, Congratulations! Rick and Pam wanted to thank the club for all the volunteers and the gift donation they received.
  - ii) Pete Holland suggested we play the Canadian national anthem and add a Canadian flag in the outfield during the tournament. David mentioned that we would need HOA approval to do this. David will follow up with the HOA. An additional suggestion to fly a POW/MIA flag was also made. David stated there is pending state legislation to allow this.
  - iii) Additional question was raised if this year's double elimination, which the majority of members like, will continue in the future. Rick Kaylor will need to address this.
  - iv) Laurie detailed the food expenses for the tournament. The Club thanks Jim Milan for making chili for all 4 days.

- v) Prizes: The Club would like to thank the sponsors that donated the prizes. The Festival Team-Home Smart Realty donated a bat; Jason Fine Insurance donated a glove; Ron LaCombe - Home Smart donated a bat; Rick & Pam Kaylor of Pam's Beach Hut Ice Cream donated 3 separate gallons of ice cream.
- vi) A question was raised by Lorraine Scott: Can we have a current SSUSA rulebook available in the crow's nest for when rules questions arise. David will follow up.
- d) Field repair/Scoreboard Update – Joe Cabanaw – see Field Prep update above.
- e) Palm Desert Games – 2 games were held Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> (day after the States Tournament concluded). Both games were won by the SCF team. We may consider a home/away series for these 70+ players in the future.
- f) Memorial Day Celebration – this one-day celebration, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, is co-sponsored by our club and the Veterans Club. Gail reported opening ceremony will be at 8:30 am. There is a possibility of having 2 games beginning at 8:45, vets vs. non-vets. A softball skills challenge (10:45-11:45am) and couples balloon toss/catch competition (11:45 am – 12:30 pm) are planned. Advertising for the event has been completed. Music, food, and beverages to be available from 11:45am – 1:00 pm. Player, skills competition participant, and fan donations will be solicited, with proceeds going to a local veteran's volunteer organization.
- g) Fall/Winter League 2022/21 Update – David reported that the online signup for fall/winter ball will not occur until August.
  - i) Proposed play:
    - Monday: Tier 2 West Valley – no Sidewinders, instead draft two tier 2 teams
    - Tuesday: All community league
    - Wednesday: Tier 1 West Valley
    - Thursday: Tier 3 league. Note: the women's Fireball team will play in this league as a team.
    - Friday: Big 12
    - Saturday: Practice, or if enough people, pick-up games.
  - ii) The softball board will determine the rules to be applied for all leagues.
  - iii) A question was raised as to the West Valley leagues. David stated there are only 4 teams now, but was hoping to add 2 more.
  - iv) Each of these leagues will require volunteers in order to run this fall/winter. Steve Kreitzman has volunteered to run the Tuesday all community league, taking over for Joe Cabanaw.

## **VII. New business**

- a) Dues increase discussion – A proposal to raise the annual dues from \$30 to \$50 was made. Currently \$30 is the cheapest dues of all softball leagues in the valley. Some stated reasons for the need for additional revenue include:
  - a. Existing jerseys being used are in need of replacement. New jerseys will need to be order for fall play. Jerseys similar to those used for the States tournament run around \$25 a piece. Without sponsors this would be about \$6,000. Sponsorship for jerseys is being solicited.
  - b. The cost for softballs has risen dramatically. We currently have about 24 dozen balls in inventory. We will need to order an additional supply for the fall. Costs have increased from \$52/dozen to \$85 or more per dozen.
  - c. Chalk has gone from \$10 a bag to \$22/bag.Motion to increase dues to \$50/year – Larry Corwin. Second – Dick Mikelson; motion carried. Dues increase will begin in October, 2022.
- b) 2022-23 Board discussion – David indicated new volunteer board members are being sought. Board duties run from Jan 1 to Dec 31; Vote for new board members takes place in November.
- c) Open discussion -
  - a. Mike Bramen inquired about the status of the club logo. David indicated he still does not have the original graphic. Question of ownership of the existing logo is holding things up. Mike volunteered to create a new logo for the club over the summer at no cost, which the club would then trademark and own, thus avoiding this in the future. David will follow up with the HOA to see if they would need to approve any new logo.
  - b. Question: will there be meetings over the summer? David indicated that we have met the bylaws requirement of the number meetings required annually. No meetings are therefore planned over the summer. Next meeting to be held in the August/September timeframe.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Jack DiRosario motioned to adjourn the meeting; Seconded – Carl Hallman; motion passed. President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan; taken by John Hoyer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> or September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the SCF Softball field.