

SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes

11/08/2022

I. Call to order

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 1:06 pm on November 8th at the SCF Softball Complex. 55 of the 153 paid members were in attendance.

II. New Member introduction

a) Mike Simi, Jim Borgen and Bob Mattle were present and introduced themselves.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were posted to the website following the October 14th meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Kevin Frederiksen; Second – Guy Homoly. Motion passed with one opposed.

IV. Treasurer's report

In Laurie's absence, Robin provided the treasurer's report. The operating fund balance is \$3,884.03. We are expecting roughly \$2,000 more in dues and about \$4,000 more from sponsors. The Capital Acquisitions fund balance remains at \$9,450 with the new year's payments for the banners due.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Kevin Frederiksen; Second – Guy Homoly; motion passed with one opposed.

V. Committee Reports

Capital Acquisitions Committee (CAC) – Tom Boudreau reported that the committee had met. Their recommendation is to move forward with submitting the picnic area to the Festival Care Fund for possible matching funds. Tom thanked Joe Cabanaw for obtaining updated bids. Concrete prices have dropped slightly. With roughly \$10,400 for concrete, \$5,600 for tables and trash cans, and \$1,800 for a grill, the committee is asking for approval to spend up to \$18,500 (assuming the Care Fund request is denied). Joe Schappert motioned to approve the committee's request. Second – Dane Jacobsen. Motion carried. The CAC also recommended that the Club purchase an edging attachment for the tractor, which would need to come from Operating Funds. After discussion on the cost and the need, Neil Cornell motioned to table the subject to allow time to reconsider the need; Second – Joe Rizzi – motion passed. The edging is currently being accomplished by a gasoline powered edger which is a stand-alone implement.

Membership – in Rick Klein's absence, David reported that despite the poor weather, the Festival Club Expo resulted in about 8 new members joining the club.

Field Prep –

- Joe Cabanaw reported that the home plate/batter's box replacement is complete thanks to the help received. Joe thanked Mike Braman, Joe Schappert, Jim Schultz, Bill Wacker, Neil Jacobs, Ken Groen, Guy Homoly, Neil Cornell, Carl Hallman, Jim Varley, and Kevin Frederiksen. During the Christmas break the catcher's box will be updated as well.
- The scorekeeper's nest enclosure is nearing completion. The doors and windows need to be primed. A work day will be scheduled for this purpose. Please check the website for further information.
- The membership was also asked not to hang their equipment bags on the fence. The fence is not as heavy of a gauge as the previous fencing. The weight of the bags will decrease the life of the fence, and in several areas the large bags block the view of spectators seated in the grassy areas.
- The replacement lights in the scoreboard look great. The remaining area is quite faded. It will be repainted early next year. It is not something we are allowed to take on.

Scorekeeper – Lorraine Scott is once again scheduling the scorekeepers. As usual, finding out who is playing on which leagues on what teams has made the start of the season interesting. Lorraine is scheduling for all five leagues, Monday through Friday.

Safety – the managers present were reminded to ensure that an accident report is completed should an injury require immediate medical treatment. Blank report forms will be located in the storage shed and in the scorekeepers control case. A question arose concerning the amount and variety of supplies in the first aid kit. Rick will have his spouse, Pam, check the kit. Her background is in nursing.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reported that the committee evaluated 21 out of 29 new members at the October 29th session. They plan to hold at least one more evaluation prior to the start of the second session in January.

Marketing – David reported that we still have 6 spots open for outfield fence banners. Banner pricing is as follows:

1. 5 banners in Left Center Field - \$1500/year
2. Straight Center Field where our current club proof of concept banner is - \$2500/year
3. 5 banners under the scoreboard and to either side - \$1500/year
4. All remaining banners are \$1000/year
5. All current banner holders who renew will continue at their existing prices, even if those spots have gone up. If and when the current sponsor leaves, the new price will take effect

David thanked Jim Varley for all of his work in obtaining vendors/contractors. David asked if anyone present wanted to take over the Marketing Director position to continue this work. With no replies, since he is stepping down from the presidency, David agreed to take this duty on for the next year. Jim Varley will continue to assist and Mark Phillipitch offered to assist as well. Robin reminded members to get contact info from vendors and contractors that you deal with to these gentlemen so they can approach them.

VI. Old business

- a) New Officers – the following people have accepted a nomination to the respective positions: President – Mike Braman; Vice-President – Dave Quesenberry; Secretary – Camille Holland. With no additional nominations or volunteers, these three were elected by a voice vote. Tom Lulich and Debbie Ogston previously accepted nominations to the Treasurers position. Ballots were distributed and collected, resulting in Debbie Ogston's election. Congratulations and thank you to the new board members willing to serve.
- b) Rick Kaylor stated that he has enjoyed his 5 years on the board. He especially wanted to thank David for his leadership during his 2 years as president. David worked closely with the HOA during covid to devise and execute a plan to keep us playing while most communities were shutdown. Where several others had been unsuccessful, David succeeded in obtaining permission to sell fence banner locations, even writing the contract language. During his time on the board, David was not only the president, but also managed teams and served as a league commissioner.
- c) Plans are underway for a Holiday Party. The Celebration Hall at the Saguaro Center has been reserved for Sunday, December 11th from 4:00 to 8:30 pm. The 303 West Band has been contracted and the Indigo Grill will provide food. Cost will be \$25 per person. Watch your email for additional information and the signup deadline.
- d) The Club logo was again discussed. Rick provided the background on how the existing logo came to be. The club looked into Arizona statutes and feels that Graham Sports technically owns the existing logo. We have asked Graham Sports to provide a written release for the logo. Mike Braman previously put together several other possible designs that were emailed to club members. Mike provided some explanation on how he arrived at each design. After multiple motions died for lack of a second, Dane Jacobsen motioned to conduct an electronic vote of the membership with the understanding that if a new design is chosen, a second vote may be required to determine the specific colors. Kevin Frederiksen seconded. The motion passed with two opposed. The electronic vote will be sent out with the examples, pending receiving Ron Graham's written approval to use the existing logo.

VII. New business

- a) Members were reminded that with the dual-session season format, the jerseys will need to be returned to the managers following the final game of the first session, the second week of January. The managers will need to launder the jerseys so they are ready for use for the second session.

- b) Jack Di Rosario asked if new stools could be purchased for the scorers. Lorraine purchased the existing stools from Goodwill. They are functional, but not padded. This will be looked into.
- c) David talked to the members present about encouraging civility on and off the field. We are all here to get some exercise and participate in the game we love. We need to remember that all of the scorekeepers and umpires are volunteers. Yelling or swearing at these officials, teammates, or opposing team members will not be tolerated.
- d) A request was made to get the game schedules on the website. David asked each of the commissioners to get their league info to John so it can be posted.
- e) Joe Cabanaw asked if the group had a problem with the field prep crews getting rid of the existing on-deck batter circles (carpeted), as opposed to replacing them. General consensus was to eliminate them and instead create two circles per side with chalk. This will encourage the teams to utilize both circles and improve the flow of the games.

VIII. Adjournment

Kevin Frederiksen motioned to adjourn the meeting; Guy Homoly seconded; motion passed. President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm on December 13, 2022. Location will be communicated to the membership by email and will be posted on the website.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan