

SCF SOFTBALL CLUB

Meeting Minutes

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Braman called the meeting of the SCF Softball Club to order, by gavel, at 3:03 pm, Tuesday, February, 14, 2023 in the Senita Center's Grand Canyon room with 30 of the 174 members in attendance.

II. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Not performed, Membership chairperson not in attendance. In January, received dues from 8 new members.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 13, 2022 minutes were emailed to general membership and made available on the website. Motion to accept minutes by Dave Markowitz, seconded by Mark Vosta. Motion passed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Debbie Ogston presented the 2022 Year end budget figures. Year end balance was \$10,331, with deferred 2022 expenses of \$5,681, leaving cash on hand of \$3,219. \$1,831 has been spent so far in 2023, mostly for softballs and field prep. The CAC fund has \$8,073.18 with expenses of \$4,000-\$6,000 for the patio project. There was an overage of \$566 for the Crow's Nest project. The 2023 Proposed Operating Budget was emailed to general membership and posted on the website. A member inquired about the cost of cement on the patio project. The current cost is at \$9,300, the club share is 50%.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Capital Acquisition Committee

Mike Braman asked for volunteers to chair this committee. A volunteer was found as Jim Varley volunteered and will leave the Marketing committee.

b) Field Prep- Joe Cabanaw/Neil Cornell chair

Joe presented that the Crow's nest just needed a few minor finishing touches to be completed within the next few weeks. The catcher's box/mat will be finished soon. The new chalk spreader has shipped. Jeff Wolf made our new dugout cubbies and they are being painted prior to installation. New bases were purchased by the HOA for \$750 and will be installed soon. Our scoreboard controller has been malfunctioning and the backup battery controller does not last long enough to use as an alternative. A new GEN III Model controller was submitted to the HOA at a cost of \$2,500. This will be updated at the next meeting. On Monday, April 3, 2023 the field will be shut down for 3 weeks for maintenance before Summer League play.

c) Safety Committee- Gary Stonewall chair

Gary submitted a written statement by email. He stated he had not been notified of any major injuries. He asked that if a major injury is sustained to please report it by filling out an injury report to be found in the scorekeepers' briefcase in the Crow's nest. Laurie Halfpenny mentioned that a contact list of emergency contacts in case of emergency is also available in the Scorekeeper's briefcase. Gary also mentioned to make sure to spend extra time stretching, due to cold weather, before starting to play.

d) Evaluation Committee- Rick Kaylor chair

Rick asked that the website be updated to reflect the the new chair for the evaluation committee, it will be Steve Kimm. There was a rush of evaluations done before the start of the 2nd half of Winter League play. Great pains were taken to accommodate the tight schedule and number of members needing evaluation. The second half draft was difficult due to time constraints, board change over and draft survey responses.

- e) Membership Committee- Rick Klein chair
Rick was unable to attend due to a doctor appointment. Mike Braman mentioned that EXPO dates were set for March 18th and October 21st by the HOA. The membership committee attends the EXPO's to recruit new members.
- f) Marketing Committee- Dave Markowitz chair
The Board approved an updated banner contract with new rates and new term lengths. For new banner signups the cost is \$1,000-\$1,500 per year depending on location. New 3 year pricing will be offered if paid up front. Currently there are 7 spots for banners left to sell. Due to storm damage some banners were replaced. Sponsorships for Community League are \$300 and can be discounted to \$200-\$250 for multiple sponsorships. West Valley sponsorships will be \$375 for all teams in the future.
- g) Scorekeepers - Lorraine Scott chair
Lorraine reports that she has her volunteers scheduled and she sends reminders for the week, if a scorekeeper cannot fulfill their assigned duty they must find a replacement. Let her know if help is needed if a replacement is not forthcoming. Lorraine especially thanks the volunteers who step in at short notice or if a no show occurs. Lorraine also wanted to thank Joe in helping to fix the controller box and revive the battery operated box and finally in hopefully procuring a new controller box.
- h) Webmaster- John Hoyer
Unavailable due to family out of town emergency. Mike Braman mentioned that he asked Bill Wacker to look into GroupWorks for the Club. Most SCF Clubs use Group Works to contact club members through group email. It has increased functionality beyond what our current club email offers. This will be updated at the next membership meeting.
- i) Vacant Committee chairs- Audit, Umpires, Rules
The outgoing Audit Committee chair, Tom Boudreau, graciously presented before vacating his chair. He reported that Laurie Halfpenny, the outgoing Treasurer performed a required inventory of SCF Softball club reported on form CC9 and thanked her for her job well done. He then generated his audit reports and submitted them to the Board and HOA. These are available on the website for review. The audit process is also available on the website.

VI. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

- a) Community League
 - a. Tuesday- Steve Kreitzman- Commissioner: Steve emailed " I should be on about the 13th tee box at the Royal Ka'anapali golf course (Maui) when the meeting starts", Camille added the neener, neener, too bad for you. It was asked by a member if a chalk line could be drawn at 160 feet in left and right center field and could 160 feet be changed to 170 feet. Chalk will not remain long term in the grass, it has been attempted only to have it fade out quickly and 160 feet will remain as is.
 - b. Thursday- Dick Mickelson- Commissioner: Dick reported 86 players, 7 teams and the Fireballs team (all women members). Only two people dropped out. Games are starting at 10:00 am. The end of the season will be March 16th with 4 games. The week before States Tournament has been blocked out for States Teams practices.
 - c. Friday BIG 12- Dave Markowitz- Commissioner: 32 members, Tier I & II, 3 teams, their own umpires, see schedule for play times and teams.
- b) West Valley League

- a. Tier I - Joe Rizzi- Commissioner: March 15th earmarked for playoffs, season ends March 8th. Many rainouts, only able to play 7 games, this will reflect in playoffs.
- b. Tier II - Dave Markowitz- Commissioner: 4 rainouts, tournament on March 13th, with 5 games.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Patio Update: Tables and trashcans are on order and should arrive soon.
- b) Logo Update: The States Tournament logo was selected as our new club logo. Mike mentioned that we are allowed to sell promotional items with our club logo at a nominal profit and he has been working on an embroidery friendly file for the logo.
- c) Field Lockup: The locks have been changed to “keyed” locks and the key ring has been simplified.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) States Tournament: Flyers and signup sheets available at meeting. Information and signups will also be available on the website and also emailed to all members every week for the next few weeks. Cutoff is 96 players to be evenly balanced to 8 teams, with the remaining signups to be placed on the sub list and the sublist will be used, don't worry. The signup is first come, first served, so sign up ASAP! A motion to authorize the Treasurer to spend up to \$4,000 on supplies for the States Tournament was approved. These funds will be recouped through food ticket sales.
- b) Bylaws changes were presented and explained and they are posted on the website and emailed to all members. The new ByLaws were approved by the members.
- c) 2023 Budget was posted on the website and emailed to all club members. A question came up regarding accounting for 2022 budget items in the 2023 budget and paying for them in 2023, especially in terms of the year end banquet. This had been done due to a concern over paying taxes on our bank balance at the end of year. The Board learned that we do not have to pay taxes on the bank balance, only on any increase in bank balance. This will allow us to make better decisions with end of year spending. Mike Braman noted that the Board did not include a Banquet in the 2023 budget. He highlighted that the the 2022 banquet cost the club \$3,017 and that only 61 of 165 members attended. The ticket sales did not cover the cost and the club covered the difference. Each club member contributed \$18 of their dues towards the banquet (165 x \$18 = \$3,000). If members want to have a banquet in the future, ticket sales must increase to cover more of the cost. West Valley League income was not included in the budget pending decisions on what the league will look like going forward.
- d) Club History: A few board members are working on creating a club history with a timeline from the charter of the club and the field being built to board members and events and doings of the club throughout the years. Any contributions are greatly appreciated, especially from the beginning and early years.
- e) Vacant Club leadership positions: Mike asks for volunteers to step up and volunteer where there is a vacancy. Currently the AUDIT, UMPIRE and RULES committees have vacant chairs.
- f) Future of WVL, SCF Community Leagues and Tier System: Heartfelt discussion presented by Mike regarding our current state of play in regards to WVL and Community League. Many questions brought up in regards to keeping WVL “as is” or changing/reconsidering a different structure. Questions regarding days of Community League play and if restructuring is

needed. Many opinions were heard and discussion ensued with no clear solution. So discussion was tabled and stopped for further thought, individual reflection and further discussion at the next meeting.

No other business was brought up, so a motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by Mark Vosta and seconded by Brian Ogston. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm by Mike Braman.

Minutes submitted by:
Camille Holland
Softball Club secretary