

SCF SOFTBALL CLUB

Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Braman called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm in the Grand Canyon Room of the Senita Center, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 34 of 168 members present

II. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Approximately eight new members entered into GroupWorks. A few require evaluations. New member Bob Broadhurst attended meeting and introduced himself. Membership chairman not in attendance. Expo 11/4/23, 10-12 people interested, 1 joined with cash.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of March 14, 2023 meeting were emailed to all members and posted on the softball club website. Motion to approve minutes made by Dane Jacobsen and seconded by Chuck Christensen, motion approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

March 14, 2023 ending \$10,330. To date \$14,172.48, mostly dues payments. Expenditures to date of \$7,694.58, \$2,664.84 expected through December. Year end projection of \$11,507.64. Motion to approve report by Tom Shahan, seconded by Chuck Christensen, motion approved.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Capital Acquisition Committee - Jim Varley reports currently quiet and slow due to out of town activities and summer relocation. Shed expansion estimate has been prepared for consideration as a potential project. Current rough estimate is \$36,000 with \$6,000 in Capital Acquisition funding currently available.
- b) Field Prep - Joe Cabanaw acknowledged and thanked all the members of his crews who volunteered their time and efforts throughout the April changeover of field grass, summer games, October changeover of grass and prep for Fall League play. The outfield prep is ongoing as it is mowed down incrementally to make it less soft. Some upcoming projects are scoreboard painting, hopefully during Christmas / New Year's break. Also, a window will be replaced in the crow's nest from breakage due to wind. An HOA approved project for foul line grass removal and irrigation relocation has been reviewed for \$8,000. A member brought up a question: If the grass strip presents a safety issue could the HOA be asked to pay for the project in full as the Field is an HOA asset. Alternative fuel storage **may** be needed based on a recent fire inspection of the golf facilities.
- c) Safety Committee - Tom Shahan will check the medical kits every day for supplies. A few incident reports have already been filled out and submitted to the HOA. He explained how to locate and fill out an incident report.
- d) Evaluation/Rating Committee - Steve Kimm reported that there were evaluations on September 23rd & October 28th. Eleven members rated, four members didn't show for the two days.

- e) Membership Committee - Rick Klein mentions that membership remains static as older member attrition and new member participation evens out. The Club Expo was hosted by member Kevin Fredericksen with a few members volunteering to help him. Ten to twelve people showed interest in joining the club with one person joining with a cash payment. Mike Braman mentioned that Membership is now tracked in GroupWorks and the Club Treasurer enters new member information and dues payments.
- f) Marketing Committee - Dave Markowitz reports he could use some volunteers to help him pound the pavement for sponsorship and banner purchases. Audre Skakoon provided a sponsorship of \$1,350. Ron Lacombe and Audre Skakoon are our biggest sponsors with \$5,325 in combined banner and team sponsorship this year. Banners: 1-\$2,500, 10-\$1,500, 14-\$1,000 with several of the sponsors purchasing multi-year banners.
- g) Club Practice – Chair not present, no update.
- h) Scorekeeping - Lorraine Scott had a question of “who” should be volunteering as members who volunteer for more intensive duties such as board member, committee chair, team manager and league commissioner also volunteer to keep score. She is having scheduling difficulties and is working with new members to have them sit with an experienced member to gain experience and confidence.
- i) Umpire - Gary Lowy was not in attendance. There was a discussion about how volunteers know when they are assigned. All umpire assignments are posted on the web. Volunteers should check each league to see if they have been assigned.
- j) Webmaster - John Hoyer was not in attendance. Mike Braman mentioned that John has made many improvements to the web.
- k) Summer Commissioner - Jim Monachino submitted an email to board members. The Board will consider future changes to the summer league and are seeking a commissioner for Summer 2024.
- l) Audit Committee - No Chair, Vice President Dave Quesenberry will be seeking volunteers for the upcoming audit.
- m) Rules Committee - No chair

VI. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

- a) Community Leagues
 - Tuesday - Steve Kreitzman states today is first day of White Tank league played. Dane Jacobsen mentioned Pete Holland hit a home run for the day.
 - Thursday - Dick Mickelson played “Tumbleweed” song to honor his league. He stated there were 4 teams drafted, 53 players and games would be doubleheaders.
 - Friday - Chuck Christensen stated that 4 men’s teams of 11 players were drafted plus the Fireballs constitute his league. The 3A rated players play Thursday and Friday, it would have been very difficult to get the league off the ground without the 3A players. there are 14 players on the substitute list.
- b) West Valley Senior Softball League (WVSSL)
 - Tier 1 - Chris Smith not in attendance.
 - Tier 2 - Mark Fillipitch stated they opened the season Monday. There are 5 teams

that make up his league; two Festival teams plus Traditions, Trilogy, and Grand. The Traditions team may not meet our Club criteria and Mark has discussed this with the Board. *[After the Member meeting, it was announced that Traditions was removed from the league and there are now 4 teams]*

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Board published rules over the summer that apply to all Fall 2023-2024 leagues.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Field Prep and CareScape mowing moved to mornings. Sunday afternoon field prep will be done for Monday morning games. Afternoons are now available for practice.
- 2) Jerseys were brought up for alternative purchase options. One option is for each member to have a “home” and “away” jersey they use for all league play regardless of how many leagues they play in. The benefit is they can order the size that fits them the best and they don’t have different jerseys if they play in more than one league. Our current jerseys should last three+ years but are showing signs of wear after less than two seasons. This discussion is ongoing.
- 3) Hats were brought up for discussion. New members receive a hat purchased by the Club. Replacement hats have historically been purchased by the member. Last year was the first and only time the Club provided replacement hats for all members however, the cost was significant at nearly \$3,000. The most recent purchase price was \$17 dollars but will likely increase for future orders. Further discussion is still ongoing.
- 4) GroupWorks/Signups will need to start up soon for the second session drafts. Our first experience went pretty well considering this was our first use of GroupWorks for the draft. Second session should be smoother with less confusion. There is a video on the Club webpage explaining how to sign up for the draft on GroupWorks.
- 5) Board nominations and vote were brought up for discussion. There were no nominations received by the Board or presented at the meeting. The current Board agreed to stay on and according to the Bylaws, “succeed themselves” for 2024. A ballot vote was conducted with 34 members present (25 needed for a quorum). There were 28 yes votes, 1 no vote 2 abstentions and 3 did not vote. The current board will remain through December 2024.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dick Mickelson and seconded by Brian Ogston, meeting adjourned

Our next club meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024 @ 3:00pm in the Saguaro Ballroom

Minutes respectfully submitted by Camille Holland, softball club secretary