

SCF SOFTBALL CLUB

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 14, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Braman called the meeting to order at 3:35pm in the Saguaro Ballroom of the Saguaro Center, Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 36 of 174 members present, quorum present

II. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Not performed. Membership chairman not in attendance. One new member mentioned but no name available.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of February, 14, 2023 were emailed to general membership and made available on the website. Motion to approve minutes made by Dave Markowitz, seconded by Joe Shappert, motion approved.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

February 14, 2023 balance \$3282.00, today's balance \$7,797.14. Income of \$400.00, maintenance expenses \$203.68. States tournament expense \$4,400.00, previously approved. CAC Fund balance \$10,998.18, today's balance \$2,295.84. Our picnic area/grill costs \$8702.34. Motion to approve treasurer's report by Dane Jacobsen, seconded by Kevin Frederiksen, all approved.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Capital Acquisition Committee- Jim Varley has volunteered to Chair this committee. Jim presented in email and in person a list of future projects for consideration of CAC fund expenditure. From information received during an SCF club president's council meeting, a project should be submitted as a "place holder" to be presented for financial consideration to HOA and Financial Committee. It was decided to pursue the project of expanding the outfield shed and providing electrical. Joe has and will contact people for electrical estimates and inquire into the City of Buckeye permitting process.

b) Field Prep- Joe Cabanaw/Neil Cornell

Joe acknowledged and thanked all of the field prep crews for their time and efforts.

For the States tournament, 3 X 5 military flags may be hung on the outfield fence, Mike Braman will provide Air Force flag. Joe stated he will be stepping down from Field Prep chair as of 12/31/2023. As of April 3, 2023 the softball field will be closed through the month, no practices or use of the field, as the grass is changed over for summer play.

c) Safety Committee- Gary Stonewall stepped down as chair.

d) Evaluation Committee- Steve Kimm chair

Only one unrated member in club.

e) Membership Committee- Rick Klein

Rick was on vacation. The March club EXPO will be March 18, 2023 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the Sage, Saguaro and Senita Centers. The softball club will have a table in the Senita Center. Camille will organize and set up table in Rick's absence and an email will be sent out to general membership asking for volunteers to host the table.

- f) Marketing Committee- Dave Markowitz chair
Another member for this committee is needed besides Dave and Mark Fillipitch. Nine banners have been renewed, 2 uncommitted/unpaid, 3 banners not due until Spring/ Summer. Zona/ Honda/ Sun Valley Solar have not responded back. \$5,000.00 in income after taxes and HOA splits.
- g) Scorekeepers- Lorraine Scott chair
New scoreboard controller box on backorder, but hopeful for receipt and use during States Tournament.
- h) Webmaster- John Hoyer
Absent, no report.

VI. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

- a) Community League
Tuesday- Steve Kreitzman Commissioner
All community league went well. Thank you to umpires who stepped up to officiate. Laurie Halfpenny's team was the victor, congratulations.
Thursday- Dick Mickelson Commissioner
League will finish 3/16/2023. 48 games played, 84 members about 1/2 of club membership and 80% of Tier III players.
Friday BIG 12- Dave Markowitz Commissioner
Only 3 teams played, about half the players injured. Enjoyed league and thank you to volunteers who score kept and umpired.
- b) West Valley League
Tier I- Joe Rizzi Commissioner
Many Wednesday rainouts, but enough games played to qualify, very few problems. Thank you to all volunteers.
Tier II- Dave Markowitz Commissioner
Rainouts, 21 games played, Cop Shop #1, thank you to all volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) States Tournament
Subs are needed, 5 found. Information can be found on the website. Joe Rizzi voiced a complaint concerning 5 innings/game. Email will be sent out asking for more subs, will mostly need them for first two days, then they can be pulled from other teams. Assignments will be assigned by states evaluation committee.
- 2) Patio Update, Dugout cubbies, New Controller box
The tables are in, the garbage can needs to be installed and the new grill needs to be installed, hopefully this will be ready for States Tournament. The new cubbies are installed in the third base dugout, first base should be installed soon. New controller box should be here soon.
- 3) Logo Finalization
Board wore shirts representing the new logo and Mike wore a hat. Our hope/goal is to have examples available for next year.
- 4) Bylaws
Approved by membership, posted to website, sent to HOA for review and final approval
- 5) 2023 Budget Finalization, WVL income
\$8,119.00 estimated, approx \$2,000.00 (WVL will remain), year end is estimated to be around \$10,244.00, with \$10,500 as our goal. Estimated expenses for league awards \$500.00 line item

- 6) Club History
This is a large project, so far Mike has done all the work, Camille will help as needed. Our 15th anniversary is on April 15th for the first game played in 2008. Mike wishes to honor as many of the first team members as he can possibly find, of which he has managed to contact and ask for them to attend. We will honor them with a ceremony before the Championship game is played on the last day of States Tournament
- 7) Vacant Club positions
Audit committee, Rules committee, Safety committee, Umpire Chair, Field prep. Vacancies will be performed by Board until positions are filled. Reiterate the need for membership to fulfill volunteer roles. Discussed if possible consequences for not volunteering, how to enforce, suspension of games played (?) Board will work to rewrite the rules for all Leagues over the summer to get ready for Fall play. The focus will be to bring uniformity across the board and standardize the rules to apply across leagues and to use the clock for all games.
- 8) Fall League and Tier system
The Fall Leagues were presented by the Board
WVL to remain Tier 1 and Tier 2 and continue until next year
Analysis of Tier 3 WVL yielded that for the entire Tier 3 membership it would not work
In trying to find a “best fit” for all members to at least play 2 times a week the following leagues were formed: Tumbleweed League will combine 3A, 2C and 2B players, Cactus League will combine 3B, 3C and Fireballs players, Community league will be kept as before, grouping all tiers together
This is a well thought out plan to help the club move forward with the growth and safety of the membership in mind. This is a try and see how it goes plan with room for adjustment as it is put into motion. Days of play will be ironed out by board.
Membership present discussed and brought up concerns and useful input. The Tier system will remain as is with no changes. Will see about naming leagues with logos possible for hats and shirts.
- 9) GroupWorks
The Board decided to implement GroupWorks. Membership will need to sign in to find access into group activities and to receive communication.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Board will publish rules over the summer that apply to all Fall 2023 Leagues

No other business was brought up, so a motion was made to Adjourn the meeting by Brian Ogston and seconded by Kevin Fredericksen. Membership dispersed at 5:10 pm
Next meeting TBD

Minutes submitted by:
Camille Holland
Softball Club secretary

