

SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

I. Call to order

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 2:00 pm on February 9th on the SCF Softball Complex infield, with 39 members in attendance.

II. New Member introduction

Bob Raines and Dave Hutchison were in attendance and introduced themselves.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were posted to the website following the January meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Jude Gosz; Second - Jack Deming. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report

Tom Boudreau reported that the January 31st balance is \$9,447, a decrease of \$438. There were no deposits and \$405 of the \$438 expenses was the purchase of 11" softballs. Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Jude Gosz; Second – Dennis Krosschell; Motion passed.

Audit Report – Mike Lacenski reported that there were no adverse findings. The audit requirements spell out that the auditors must spot-check 10% of all transactions for accuracy and 100% of expenses over \$500 (requires 2 board signatures and membership approval). Mike stated that everything was in order and complimented Treasurer, Tom Boudreau on the fine job he is doing in maintaining accurate and complete records. Motion to accept Audit Report – Tom Shahan; Second – Rick Klein; Motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

Commissioner's Reports

- a) Big 12 – David Markowitz reported that the league is going well. The Desert Rose and Festival Realty teams are tied for first place. David encouraged members to come down and watch these highly competitive games.
- b) Tier 3 – Dennis Krosschell reported that Tier 3 picked up 4 new members and lost 3. Two teams have 14 members and two teams have 13.
- c) All Festival League – Joe Cabanaw reported that the league is going well. He has had questions about the courtesy runner rule. He reminded those present that a courtesy runner is for injured players, not for slow runners to gain advantage. The rules spell out that the first courtesy runner of an inning is to be the last person to make an out in the previous inning. Joe will send a reminder out to the managers. A few managers have asked to have the batting count start with a 1/1 count. Joe will poll the managers on this issue and also ask if they want a year-end fun tournament. The season ends on March 17th and there is an open week between that and the States Tournament.

Membership – Rick Klein said that membership has bounced between 145 to 150 members. He encouraged members to keep their ears open for other residents that may be interested.

Field Prep – Joe Cabanaw reported that he will be dragging the infield following the meeting, utilizing the brush attachment. Yesterday Joe, Neil Cornell and Joe Rizzi met with Terry O’Neil from “Accurate Baseball Field” and Brian Duncan of the HOA to discuss needed repairs to the outfield. Brian told the group that the HOA has a long term forecast for capital expenditures of the facilities and that our field is included in that process. Terry will provide a proposal. The repair process would take 3 months and the earliest it could take place would be April-June of 2022 if approved through the HOA budget process. Brian also mentioned that the HOA intends to replace/repair sections of the fence and repaint them. Neil Cornell reported that they have repaired a few small holes on the right side of the outfield (near sprinkler heads) and also straightened a few outfield fence sections, in particular at the bottom of the fence. He reminded the group that he recently cleaned the scoreboard utilizing a long carwash style brush. Feedback on that effort was quite positive. David thanked Joe and Neil for all of their efforts on the field and the many hours they put in to it.

Umpires – Although there is no current Head Umpire, the league commissioners reported that there have been no issues.

Scorekeepers – Dane Jacobsen reported that the scorekeeper schedule is posted online and that he e-mails it to the responsible persons, as well as sending weekly reminders. No one was aware of any recent issues.

Safety – Gary Stonewall thanked everyone for their admirable masking and social distancing efforts. Although the number of new cases in our area is declining, we still are seeing new cases within the community and the Club. He asked that everyone remain vigilant. Dave echoed that the HOA referred to our group as the poster children for what they would like to see from all of the clubs.

Ladies Team – The Fireballs head coach, Jeff Behning, reported that the team has a full roster as well as 3 substitutes. The Fireball team has asked the Board to allow them to enter next year’s Tier 3 league. The Board is in favor of this. Jeff indicated that he would like to have any rule changes or conditions ironed out before this years’ season is complete. The ladies are having another scrimmage game against a group of Tier 3 men this Saturday, February 13th, at 10:30 a.m. Club members are encouraged to come out and watch.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reported that as the last evaluation all members had been evaluated. With the addition of Bob Raines and Dave Hutchison, Rick will schedule another rating session.

VI. Old business

- a) **States Tournament** – Rick Kaylor gave a brief explanation of the States Tournament, indicating that there are currently 72 club members registered to play in the tournament. The committee will accept another six applicants. That would give each team 13 members. Applications can be printed from the website and are available at the field. The committee has hired a photographer to come and take still photos and videos. The Pickleball Club has used this individual in the past. He will post pictures and videos on YouTube and will provide links to our membership after the tournament. Due to covid-19, the Club will not be hosting meals. Other arrangements have been suggested and are

being considered. The tournament is scheduled for March 30th through April 1st or 2nd depending on format. The States Tournament Committee will make those decisions.

- b) **Club bats** – David reported that some concerns had been expressed about the condition of the club bats. The bats have been inspected and many of the ASA bats have been rewrapped. Many have commented that the bats look and feel much better.
- c) **Pitching Machine Issues – options** – Many members have expressed concern over using the dimple balls with the new pitching machine. The Board had instructed members to use the dimple balls as the machine was tearing the covers off of the regular league softballs. A small group is working with the machine to attempt to resolve the issue. If a resolution is achieved, the membership will be notified. In the meantime, please use the dimple balls as the league softballs are over \$60 per dozen.
- d) **Storage Update** – the HOA has informed the Club that no equipment may be stored in the restrooms. As a result, the tables and chairs previously stored there have been removed. There was discussion as to whether the remaining storage is sufficient or not. Jim Milan offered to build a small shed if the league would purchase the materials and it is determined that additional storage is needed.

VII. New business

- a) Ladies playing Tier 3 Community League next winter season – this item was discussed during the Committee Reports (see above).
- b) 11” softballs – we are currently out of the new, 11” softballs the Ladies use. They have been ordered and are expected to be here shortly.

VIII. Open Discussion

- a) President Markowitz asked if there were any new items for discussion. There were not. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m. at the SCF Softball Complex. Bring your own chairs, mask up, and social distance.

IX. Adjournment

President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 2:42.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan. Approval pending membership quorum at March meeting.