

SCF Softball Club Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

I. Call to order

Jude Gosz motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Tom Wallace. With no additional business, President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 2:00 pm on January 12, 2021 at SCF Softball Complex.

II. New Member introduction

- a) Philip and Sally Rankin were present and introduced themselves.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

David read the minutes from the December meeting. Motion to accept as read – Tom Wallace; Second – Rick Cline; motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's report – Tom Boudreau reported that ended 2020 with \$9,885, an increase of \$127.09 over 2019's ending balance. This total is within the maximum \$500 required to avoid paying taxes. Covid-19 has impacted the finances of the Club as well as the play. Income for 2020 was \$12,793.50 less than 2019 (\$26,557.00 vs. 13793.50). Expenses were impacted similarly, \$12,463.82 less for 2020 than 2019 (\$26,100.23 vs. \$13,636.41).

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Tom Wallace; Second – Guy Homily; motion – carried.

V. Committee Reports

Commissioner's Reports

- a) Big 12 – David reported that the games are going well. Games are competitive. Managers have expressed some frustration over players not responding to emails about their availability, and not showing up for games without advance notice, even in non-emergency situations.
- b) Tier 3 – Dennis Krosschell reported that the league is going well.
- c) All Festival League – Joe Cabanaw reported that games are going well. He has been approached about the manner that a mercy rule is applied. After discussion, it was agreed to stay with 12 after 5 innings and 10 after the 6th. The teams may continue playing if both managers agree and the normal game duration (1.5 hours) has not passed.

Membership – Rick Klein reported the numbers have been up and down. Covid-19 has complicated things, not as many snowbirds have come down and some have decided not to play. A rating session for 11 new people is scheduled for Saturday, January 16th.

Field Prep – Joe C. reported that the new field prep equipment has arrived. CareScape will oversee bare spots. Joe plans to look into a roller to even out the outfield. Neil Cornell reported that the dugouts, equipment, etc. is sanitized weekly, usually Sunday, and the bathrooms are sanitized daily. He also mentioned that if the bathrooms need attention, the quickest method to get resolution is to go to the Wood Shop and report to the desk help. They will call the Sage Center for us.

Umpires – some of the Tier 1 & 2 players are helping umpire the Tier 3 games and are much appreciated. No additional issues.

Scorekeeper – Dane Jacobsen reported that the January schedule has been filled. He will get the remaining schedule out within the next 7 to 10 days.

Safety – Gary Stonewall spoke to the membership present. He encouraged everyone to stay vigilant with social distancing and mask wearing so we can keep league play in progress. The HOA thanked our club for following protocols. Kim mentioned that she sees people social distancing and wearing masks as she drives by the field. Kim recently told the Presidents Council that the HOA is aware of over 100 cases, and 2 deaths in our community due to covid-19 since last spring.

Fireball Team – Laurie Halfpenny reported that currently the Fireballs have 16 ladies. They are practicing weekly and have played one game against a group of Tier 3 men. Another game is scheduled for January 23rd. The men's willingness to play is of great assistance to the ladies' improvement and much appreciated.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reported that the rating session scheduled for Saturday is the 5th one of this season.

VI. Old business

- a) States Tournament – Tom Wallace reported that the States Tournament is scheduled for March 30th-31st, April 1st. If needed, April 2nd will be added. Rick K. added that the tournament is currently limited to 72 members. Should more people sign up they will reevaluate. Signup forms were handed out and should be returned to the Saguaro Center with a check for entry. No cash please.

VII. New business

- a) The Board has been working on updated rules and substitution practices. Teams will be allowed to pick up one player more than the minimum needed for play (11 for Big 12 play; 12 for Community league and Tier 3). The only exception will be for picking up a pitcher should the team not have one. Discussion around runner substitution – reminder that runner substitutions are supposed to be for injured players, not just to increase speed. In addition, sub-runners may not enter the game “mid-count” of the batter. Rules will be further reviewed and then circulated.
- b) Discussion on new Club Members. All new members not assigned to a team should have preference for subbing with teams. Managers are reminded that list is maintained on the website.

- c) David mentioned that some club bats are getting scruffy. New bat wraps will be ordered.
- d) Discussion on the scoreboard and how difficult it is to read. In addition, the net needs attention as well. These items and the power timer will be discussed with the HOA.

VIII. Adjournment

Jude Gosz motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Tom Wallace. With no additional business, President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be February 9th at 2:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan