

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club meeting of August 4, 2009

By Larry Murchison, Secretary

Attendees:

Joe De Simone, president  
Jim Callan, vice president (absent)  
Jim Gross, treasurer  
Larry Murchison, Secretary  
Pete Chen, director  
Mark Belshaw, director  
Charlie Carinalli, director (Absent)  
Johnny Melvin, Director (absent)  
Judy Dawson, director  
Jim Batterson, Evening league commissioner  
Larry Maibaum, Saturday league commissioner  
Frank Kadlecek, Fun league commissioner (Absent)  
Don Muse, Tuesday/Thursday league commissioner

John Baumgarten, Visitor

Minutes Accepted

With the following corrections:

1. The budget was not created, more accurately: last year's budget analysis, only.
2. Jim Batterson purchased two first-base double-bags not one.

Treasurer's Report

- Jim Gross said that hot dog sales (3 Saturdays in August) helped the bottom line by bringing in \$135.00.
- Seven new members joined last month.
- The budget committee will be meeting soon to discuss next year's budget. One item of discussion will be the need and desire to purchase another defibrillator. There is currently one defibrillator located at Hamann Field. The cost for a new defibrillator is over \$1,000, batteries alone are \$350.
- For more information concerning individual expenses and incomes please contact Jim Gross at [jag5615@earthlink.net](mailto:jag5615@earthlink.net) .

Fun League

Larry Murchison, sitting in for Frank Kadlecek, mentioned that attendance is about the same. He explained that some first-time players participate in the first couple of games and then must recuperate for a game or two before returning.

Tuesday/Thursday leagues

Don Muse brought to question the infield fly rule:

Who calls it? The coaches and the catcher are authorized to call an infield fly.

When do you call it? The infield fly should be called loud and clear before the ball is actually caught, otherwise the base runners will be caught in limbo.

Why do you call it? The infield fly is called in order to protect the offense, a double play or triple play can be orchestrated by allowing a ball to drop. This does not include a line drive.

How do you call it?

A very high pop-up that can eventually be caught by any of two infielders is obvious and the batter should be immediately called out.

A not-so-high pop-up that is headed for and can easily be caught by an infielder is also obvious; the batter should be called out.

The problem arises when the pop-up is not directly at someone or when the pop-up is close to a sedentary infielder or an infielder unable to gauge a routine fly ball. Even though the ball should be easily caught, the closest player may not be sufficiently mobile to respond to a normal routine pop-up. The base coaches or catcher must quickly determine the ability of the infielders and decide if the pop-up is routine. It becomes more difficult when players on the sidelines (not directly involved in the play) yell "infield fly rule." As Vintage members we agree to the "Code of Ethics;" we are here to have fun and enjoy the sport. Issues in doubt will be decided by managers and commissioners as necessary.

Tues/Thurs games will move to Mise and Hamann beginning September. Parking at Mise may be a problem. You can possibly park around the other side of the park near the picnic tables. Game time is 10 AM.

We have one hardship player.

Saturday league

Larry Maibaum wanted everyone to know not to drive to Moffett on August 8 th . You will be told where to go. Larry will be on vacation and Don Muse, Jim Batterson, and Bob Bugarin will help in his place. The fence posts in the outfield have been protected with hot water pipe insulation.

Note the following:

\*\*\* The mat is not part of the plate. The catcher must be in contact with the plate for an out at home (Larry Maibaum commissioner, explained that the mat slips and slides during plays at home plate, Saturday league only).

\*\*\* Any pop-up to the catcher is an out regardless of height or [ball, strike] count on the batter.

#### Weeknight League

Jim Batterson stated that the Weeknight league will terminate at the end of August. But they are having so much fun that there is thought of continuing into September. One problem is that the field has not been reserved beyond August. Games begin at 6:00 PM, if the league continues beyond August; most likely a 7 inning game will be played before dusk at Santana.

#### Old Business

As mentioned last month chairmen are needed for the: 1) Nomination committee, 2) Dinner Dance and 3) Budget Committee. Managers are also needed. Jim Gross has volunteered to supervise the Labor Day BBQ. This BBQ will be Saturday, September 5, Moffett Field and is free to all members of the Vintage Softball Club. Guests will need to pony up \$5.00. The BBQ is in conjunction with the normally scheduled league games on Saturday. We also plan to offer volleyball and horse shoes. Food will be purchased based on advanced ticket reservations. Players must inform managers or commissioners if interested in attending the BBQ. Volunteers are needed; please contact Jim Gross at [jag5615@earthlink.net](mailto:jag5615@earthlink.net).

Below is a map to the picnic area. When you enter Moffett Field, you will need to show your driver's license and state that you're going to the softball picnic. If you're playing in a game you already know what to do.

Some players have requested new hats, Larry Maibaum will check with Dave Carothers regarding inventory for shirts and hats.

Judy Dawson distributed First Aid kits to Larry Maibaum, Jim Batterson, and Don Muse.

#### New Business

Pat Pizzo presented a prepared speech at the San Jose Parks and Recreation meeting last week. Dick Santos also informed the 200+ gathering at City Hall, that Vintage Softball players are interested in a suitable park with adequate softball fields. The membership finally voted in favor of the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens, (near Columbus Park). Pat Pizzo also expressed his concern with noise from planes landing nearby. This majority vote will be presented to the City Council for approval.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm and everyone agreed.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Murchison