

## Senior Softball Board Minutes

Unofficial

November 13th, 2018  
Pizza West (LaVista)  
6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Steve Quinn called the meeting to order.

**Board members present:**

Steve Quinn, Mark Opfer, Steve Bessey, Frank Parker, Dave Dye, Bill Weller, Tom Holder  
Gary Kruse via skype

**Board members absent:** Ron Franck

**Guests present:**

Jim Price, Ryan Willms, Suzy Voller

Motion to approve the minutes was approved unanimously.

This is Frank's last meeting as a board member

Board member discussion

Gary:

Good comments re: banquet, Gary made a motion to have the banquet at the American German Society again next year. Discussion to wait until schedule goes out to decide on next year, discussion buffet vs. sit down dinner, pros and cons of banquet, lock in place by early spring or sooner, feedback from people was good. Bill hasn't received the bill for the banquet for total bill so waiting to decide where to have banquet next year.

Steve Bessie:

- handed out inventory list of items in shed
- showed samples of shirts for next season, women styles are available if spouses/girlfriends want to purchase a shirt.
- discussion on prices and keeping the cost down and subsidize for shirts, major league on shirts or other options were discussed. Gary wants to compare a shirt sample he will be getting from a different vendor and board will go from there. Comparison of 2 or 3 color design discussed.
- discussion on how many balls are gone through a year. It was reported that 14 balls a night are used – approximately 324 a year are used.

Tom:

- discussion with bat stickers
- replacement rules-see how it shakes out before something changes on website
- discussion of putting on the website when and where the next board meeting is and time

Ryan:

- discussion about the 4 umpires and them getting their own shirts and hats with logo on them
- 4 shirts total with the possibility of more umpires/shirts if going to 3 fields
- motioned approved for Ryan to get pricing and shirt style to board at next meeting

Mark:

- looking for the software. Where/who to get it from? George?

Frank:

- discussion on same games/teams playing each other a lot during the season
- question asked why 4 divisions- explained it was a trial to see if it would work
- Steve Quinn discussed trying things out in fall when suggestions are made to see if they should be implemented, tweaked, change rules, etc.

Bill:

- waiting for bill from banquet from the German American Society
- discussion with charging people same price and options
- 3% plus fee for Paypal transactions
- preparing end of year budget vs. reality
- all fields and umpires are paid
- web money is coming due
- discussion that league subsidized some of the meal to keep the cost down
- Bill talked to Gary about used softballs- Gary brought 3 dozen down to Arizona
- possibly selling on ebay the used balls? Bill needs to budget for it
- Golf tournament comments: 103 original golfers signed up, ended up with 77 playing
- Bill announced that he is stepping down from organizing golf tournament in the future
- suggestion to league about running the tournament, pros and cons
- Bill thanked the league for sponsoring hole in 1 last 3 years
- discussion about options for groups taking over the golf tournament pros and cons

Dave:

- looking for questions from board members for survey to go out in December, ex. Major league logo on shirts
- re cap of managers meeting; 7 out of 15 managers showed up
- summer-they liked how it went with 2 divisions
- fall- 4 divisions complaint not playing all the team
- instead of drawing teams, picking teams instead
- some managers admitted they didn't read rules that went out
- generally speaking liked new player replacement over draw
- 11 player team or 10
- liked Chuck's app
- confused by Gary's laminated sheet
- didn't like calling people
- want to have non team managers 6-7 people to discuss new player replacement rules
- always looking for managers
- managers don't want to see 12-13 man rosters
- look more seriously at Ed's emails and points
- home plate vs. line and safety issue
- rules to play in this league may be too laxed

-it's a rec league for people over 50

Steve Quinn reminded board the values of the league; FUN, FITNESS AND FELLOWSHIP

-league is made up of rec teams and shouldn't go to tournament teams

-the things the board does is for the benefit of the league

Discussion of other teams receiving award for other teams besides 1<sup>st</sup>, wrong plaque for award

Ryan commented about safety issue for batters and runners and possibly wearing helmets

Jim-website suggestions; use rotating pictures including sponsors

-better communication on website re: games, before game information

Discussion that possibly Rick and Kathleen can help get rules put on, etc

Discussion that consequences need to be enforced when managers break rules

motion to end the meeting - agreed unanimously