

SCF SOFTBALL CLUB

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 6, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Braman called meeting to order at 3:33 pm in Saguaro Ballroom, Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 21 of 175 members present.

II. NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Dale Taylor, in town, at meeting, previous member, currently as a guest

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of January 17, 2024 meeting were emailed to all members and posted on the softball club website. Motion to approve minutes deferred, no quorum, will need to approve at next meeting or put on Groupworks for vote of approval.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance through 2/29/24 \$10,800.49. Projected year end balance \$10,525.49. Debbie Ogston presented figures to date on big screen.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Capital Acquisition Committee (CAC) - Vacant
Committee is temporarily suspended until funds accumulate in the account
- b) Field Prep - Vacant
Chair currently vacant.
- c) Safety/Equipment Committee - Tom Shahan
Please dispose of trash from safety kits in trash not back into kits. Working on purchasing larger icepacks. Working on purchasing a few new club bats. Please remember to fill out Incident reports.
- d) Player Evaluation/Rating Committee - Joe Shappert
Joe reports 2 new players evaluated, Harry Morgan and Mame Meyers. Joe is looking for a new member to join the committee, specifically a Tier III player.
- e) Membership Committee - Rick Klein
A few inquiries about joining the club. Things are slow as we approach end of season.
- f) Marketing Committee - Dave Markowitz
New banner sponsor, Liberty Buick, welcome, courtesy of Judy Cornell, many thanks Unfortunately down 2 sponsors. Arizona Realty will not renew this season. Thank you to Jim Lacey and his team for their support throughout the years and we wish them the best. Unable to reach Larry Deren with All Star Blinds so banner will be removed as it has expired. Fraiman Prosthodontics has resigned 3 year agreement, Fine Insurance has also signed a 3 year agreement. Happy Ears is also on a 3 year agreement, this represents 3 long term contracts. Carescape has committed to renewing and waiting for check. Hollands and Markowitzs' have again sponsored the HARRT banner, a rescue, trapping and adoption organization. If interested in a pet please consider giving them a call. Several banner spots available. Need YOUR help to contact and sign up sponsors. Please contact Dave with any leads you may have. For upcoming States Tournament please stop by their tables to thank them for their support or if you might possibly require their services.
- g) Practice - Vacant
Bill Wacker resigned. No formal practice to be presented, but feel free to self direct practice, just clean up and lock up afterwards.
- h) Scorekeeping - Lorraine Scott
As of 4/1/24 Lorraine Scott will resign her directorship
- i) Umpiring - Gary Lowy
As of end of States Tournament Gary Lowy is retired from Umpire Chair. His Umpire schedule for the rest of the season was posted on line. He would like to thank all the

volunteers and emergency fill in Umps who stepped up when someone missed their assignment at the field. Gary will be formulating the Umpire schedule for the States Tournament. Please consider stepping up to volunteer and help out.

- j) Webmaster - John Hoyer
No report
- k) Summer Commissioner - Tim Kiste
Welcome Tim and please watch Groupworks for Tim's messages regarding signing up for Summer League play.
- l) Audit Committee - Joe Mastalerz, Jim Schultz
Joe and Jim have completed the Audit process and Joe will present findings 3/6/24
- m) Rules Committee
- n) Temp Uniform Committee - Keith Whalen, Fred Warbington
Keith and Fred have completed their process of making a proposal and will present findings 3/6/24

VI. LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS

- a) Tuesday, White Tank (All Tier) - Steve Kreitzman - No report
- b) Thursday, Tumbleweed (Tier II & Tier 3A) - Dick Mickelson
The Tumbleweed League continues with its 9 week schedule for the second half of the season. Unfortunately, we had to cancel two weeks of games due to weather related conditions. Our final scheduled games will be on Thursday, March 14.
- c) Friday, Cactus (Tier 3 A,B,C) - Chuck Christensen
The Cactus League has been hampered by three rainouts this season. Along with a bye in the weekly schedule teams will only play 11 games for the whole of November through March schedule. Teams have made heavy use of the sublimit due to ten man rosters and the usual assortment of illnesses, injuries and absences.
- d) Wednesday, Tier I, (WVSSL) - Chris Smith
Last couple of weeks of league play left. Three team format has been successful and competitive, however for next season a four team format is in the works. Play for the rest of the season will begin an hour earlier. Tier I will have a mini tournament on the final game set on March 13th. The 2nd and 3rd seed teams will play at 10 am, with the 1st seed playing the winner in the Championship game at 11:30 am. If the 1st seed loses that game, a subsequent game would be played a 1:00 pm to determine the champion.
- e) Monday, Tier II (WVSSL) - Mark Fillipitch
No report

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a) 2024 Budget - Was presented by Treasurer Debbie Ogston at 1/17/24 meeting on big screen and was voted upon and approved by membership. If votes are required for budget matters they will be posted on Groupworks.
- b) Ratings/Evaluations - Joe Shappert, new chair and Dave Quesenberry, VP worked up policy and procedure for committee. Joe asking for Tier 3 new member volunteer. For next season, evaluation dates will be set on the calendar hopefully once a month at minimum, this will allow for planning for committee members and players.
- c) Home/Away Jersey concept presented by Temp Uniform committee member Keith Whalen. Detailed and thoughtful presentation was made on big screen. It was determined that a home/away jersey would best work for the club moving forward from a care, storage and budgetary consideration. It will need to be determined in the future what colors and club designs are used on the jerseys. A vote will be presented on Groupworks for a transition to home/away jerseys in future.
- d) Palm Desert Invitation - Volunteers needed and Team needed to play in February. Hopefully, the Palm Desert team can be accommodated sometime in Fall/Winter at our field and a team can travel to Palm Desert in February. Jim Schultz and Guy Homoly asked once and they are asking again for volunteers and participants.
- e) States Tournament - Dave Quesenberry and Joe Cabanaw have found volunteers

to help coordinate the States Tournament, updates to follow.

- f) Summer League Commissioner - Tim Kiste will be our commissioner. He will be communicating through Groupworks regarding signups for summer play. Stay tuned. Season to start May 13th and end Sept 15th.
- g) Nominations were solicited for new board members as current board will not continue forward to 2025. Please consider volunteering for board positions.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Audit Committee - An audit was performed per Club Bylaws and according to procedure published on our website. Our audit was two fold and presented by Joe Masterlerz. Our softball Club account was audited by Joe Masterlerz and he had no adverse findings or discrepancies. One suggestion was that Groupworks votes be entered into minutes for permanent recording. Jim Schultz performed the audit for our club CAC fund, following policy and procedure he had no adverse findings or discrepancies. The audit reports are published on our website.
- b) Uniform Committee (Temp) - Keith Whalen presented options on big screen and the Home/Away jersey concept was determined to be the most effective strategy moving forward. This will be put to a vote on Groupworks. Thank you to Keith and Fred Warbington for their efforts for on this club project.
- c) States Tournament UPDATE - 8 teams formed with small sublist. Teams were equalized to with 0.10 of each other, managers in place, 60 minute games, rules submitted, food arranged a stamp format will be put in place for tracking and outside purchase purposes and drawing table and items determined. Volunteers always needed and appreciated. Gary Lowy forming Ump assignments. Lorraine formalizing scorekeeping assignments. Brian Ogston heading field prep. Kevin Fredericksen to coordinate announcing.
- d) Fall League - Gary Lowy, Umpires and Lorraine Scott, Scorekeepers have resigned so volunteers are needed for these positions for the Fall/Winter season. Monday and Tuesday will remain the same as current season. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are currently undetermined and new format will be worked out.

IX. OTHER

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Tom Shahan, seconded by Tim Kiste. Unanimously approved. Meeting ended 4:47pm.

NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED, FALL OF 2024

Respectfully submitted, Camille Holland, softball club secretary