



Redwood City Señors Softball Club  
Minutes for the July 6, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting

The July 2023 meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Vice-President Pete Lewis. The meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center. Board members present were Pete, Bill Picht, Rick Bowlby, Deb Coyne, Randy Gavron, Mike Lake, Pat Michael, and Angelo Rizzato.

Absent – Dennis Logie    Guest – Paul McKowan

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Review/Approval of the June meeting minutes – There was one correction to the June minutes. Four canopies were purchased, not two. The June 2023 Board of Directors Minutes were approved. Monthly minutes are sent to all Directors and posted on the Club website.
2. Review of the June Treasurer's Report – There were some unusual expenses last month including several tournament costs. In an ongoing effort to smartly invest our assets, three accounts were closed and two were open. Angelo reports that the Club is healthy. The Report was approved.
3. Tournament Review – Paul, the Tournament Director, reported that the tournament was very successful. The feedback from the team managers indicated they were happy. The volunteers did great, a special mention to Brenda Guzman, Sergio Ramirez, and Kevin Dowling. The Club came out ahead financially. First place awards – 2 teams ordered windbreakers, 1 team wanted theirs in cash. We have several cases of new balls left over which will be properly stored for future use. The Snack Shack was well received although business was slow. The Porta-Potty at McGarvey Field was appreciated. There were only a few minor incidents which were promptly addressed. Next year, we will investigate fencing between Griffin and Bechet outfields to prevent balls being hit into the other field and disrupting the game. Paul announced that this was his last year as Tournament Director.
4. Holiday Party Update – Rick announced that the Party Committee had their first pre party meeting. They discussed the rising costs of the venue, mainly the food. Rick handed out a spreadsheet showing revenue and expenses for the past four years. Based on a 135 headcount, the Club could expect to subsidize the party more than \$7K. Bill wants a closer look at the numbers and asked Rick to show other options. The Committee is recommending we drop the silent auction this year. The \$65 entry price will remain unless further calculations require us to raise it. Angelo has assured us the Club is getting enough return on its investments to cover much of the rising costs and the loss of the silent auction.
5. One Pitch Tournament – Pete handed out two draft flyers, one with a raffle and one without. After some discussion, it was decided to drop the raffle from this year's One Pitch. It was also decided to have certified umpires at each field. Labor Day this year is on Monday, September 4. Pete handed out a task list and proceeded to fill in names for most of the assignments. The next big item is to figure out how we are going to run the snack shack at Bechet. Most likely we will pay someone to buy, prepare, and serve the food. Anna from the VMSC, who ran the tournament snack shack, might not be available. In that case, we will need to hire a caterer. Last year's chefs have retired.
6. Night League Update – Pete reports that Tuesday nights at the San Carlos Highlands field is going well. The league will end on August 15. We will then move to Hawes Park in Redwood City and play there until the field becomes unavailable due to construction. Deb will check on Hawes availability and check if any of the Red Morton fields are available after August 15.
7. Finance Committee – Angelo handed out a financial breakdown of Club funds that the Finance Committee will use to make recommendations on Club financing.
8. Giants Outing Update – Approximately 30 members and guests attended the Giants game on June 22. Due to low numbers, we canceled the bus, so everyone drove or rode to the game. There was talk about returning to San Jose next year.
9. Day Play Rule Clarification – Deb asked if a ball hit off an infielder's glove can be thrown directly to 1<sup>st</sup> by an outfielder. It was decided that a deflection is not the same as a relay, so the answer was no.

10. Round Table – Ed Sickinger provided a letter from his daughter who is soliciting funds to support three girls baseball players so they can attend tournaments across the country. The Club is very reluctant to set precedent of financially supporting non – softball and out of the area causes. We will tell Ed, no for now. Pat was contacted by Vintage Softball in San Jose asking for help in recruiting players for their Saturday League. While we would like to help Vintage out, we do not want to do a hard sell on our members. We did agree to let Day Play and Night Play know about the situation and they can follow up on their own.

The meeting ended at 9:04 PM. The next monthly Board meeting will be Thursday July 27, 2023.

Minutes submitted by Pat Michael, Club Secretary