



Annual Membership Meeting Minutes January 5, 2023
Redwood City Señors Softball Club

The Annual Membership Meeting was held at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center in Redwood City. The meeting commenced at 7:10 PM. Four of the Board members were present, and one was on the phone: Rick Bowlby (phone), Pete Lewis, Dennis Logie (President), Pat Michael, and Bill Picht. Twelve additional Club members were present: Gordon Bell, Sharon Cassidy, Kevin Coyne, Bob Elwood, Brenda Guzman, Debbie Kutch, Pete Kutch, Mike Lake, Ron Okada, Dan Sigala, Mike Simon, and Hiro Tarumi. All attendees were verified to be members.

Dennis welcomed everyone and Pat reviewed the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Pete Lewis reviewed the 2022 Financial Report. The Club's financial situation is solid. The 2022 balance was \$15 less than 2021.

Pat reported that we had enough attendees to establish a quorum.

Dennis gave a State of the Club report saying that during 2022 there was good news and some sad losses. In all, the Club lost 10 members or prior members. Most significant was the passing of Jack Hoover who was a founding father of the Club and instrumental in starting up the Northern California Senior Softball Association (NCSSA). Jack was the Club liaison to Redwood City Parks and Rec and is a large reason we maintain to this day a close relationship with the City. We also lost Allen Statler, Con Maloney, Don Schroyer, Bob Eddy, Mike Kapchuk, Ron Baughman, Jim Bechtold, Sid Maytorena, Bill Hayes, and a spouse of one of the members, Gaby Pretes. During the year we added several new players keeping our membership number at approximately 280. We sponsored three Club tournament teams. The oldest member in the Club is Ron Fredlund. Ron is now 103. The oldest active member honor remains with Dick St Denny. Dick will turn 98 this March and is still going strong. We had several softball and social events during 2022 including a potluck luncheon for Dick's birthday, an outstanding Holiday Party at a new venue, Señors Games, the 1 Pitch Tournament with the largest signup ever but on the hottest day ever, and a successful Summer tournament where players were provided bottled water not available at other tournaments. All this while conducting Day Play, Night Play, and Saturday Play which supports 7 teams. Donna O'Farrell retired from her Club Recorder duties. The SF Giants outing did not happen last year probably due to a weak Giants team and ongoing Covid concerns. A new Club website is in the works and should roll out in the next month or so. Dennis recognized all the volunteers who help and said he is looking forward to 2023.

Pat handed out ballots for the 2023 Board of Directors election. Attendees voted, Brenda collected the ballots, and verified all nominees received enough votes to be elected. Mike Lake will join the other seven members of the Board.

Dennis then asked the attendees if they had anything to say.

Pete Kutch gave a review of the Holiday Party and provided a financial report that showed the Club subsidy to cover the costs was less than a thousand dollars. The bulk of the 110 attendees had a good time with lots of compliments on the food, music, and venue. Some attendees took advantage of the discounted hotel room rates and spent the night. The party committee estimated that half their time was saved with the hotel doing all the preparation and clean up. Sharon asked why the number of attendees was so low. Pete explained that it could be Covid related. Pat said we were pleased that considering Covid, the increase in the price, and the change of venue, the number of attendees was as high as it was.

Sharon asked if the Club ever considered inviting other softball clubs to our events. Vintage in San Jose and Sacramento have similar clubs. Dennis said he has been in contact with them in the past and we have played home and away games with both San Bruno and Cupertino. We have not invited other clubs to our events since they are for our members and get fully supported.

Mike Simon thanked the Board for all they do and asked if new Day Play rules can be announced ahead of time, so players know what to expect.

Mike Lake noted that the Club pays for use of the San Carlos Highlands field. Did we consider Night Players to pay a higher fee to cover the cost? Pete Lewis explained we looked at it and decided the Club can pay for it. Pete is in communication with San Carlos to get the fields at a minimum cost.

Dennis then thanked everyone for attending and closed the session. Time 8:20 PM.

Submitted by Pat Michael, Club Secretary