

## **Stone Creek Softball Club**

### **Quarterly Business Meeting - June 12, 2024**

#### **Call To Order - Bill Walby**

Bill called the meeting to order – 46 members checked in.

#### **Approval of minutes completed by Cindy Good**

Mike Miller motioned to approve the previous minutes and Glen Burnham seconded the motion.

#### **Treasurer's report – Bob Lissau**

The current cash balance is \$13,665. The operating surplus for the 5-months ended 5/31/24 was \$7,755.

#### **Commissioner's report – Gary Johnson**

Gary updated the club with the last season winning teams and the current season teams. There will be a team rebalancing in 2 weeks if considered necessary.

#### **Vice President report – including field report – Phil Coraci**

Work was completed on the field during the break and the grass was treated and fertilized. The home plate area is low. The plan is to dig out the home plate area, and rebuild the supporting platform underneath after the current season ends. The mat will likely be replaced at the same time. There will be aeration to the outfield grass and top dressing with sand this summer. Work will also be done to reduce the lip along the infield/outfield edge.

Phil thanked Jose and Pam for painting the foul lines, Randy and Karen for weed whacking, Gene for watering and caring for the field, and everyone else that helps out.

Phil stated that he met with Brightview earlier in the morning and they did a “wet check” of the field sprinklers. He is still working with Brightview to have a new controller installed so that the club can vary watering times depending on the weather. A request was submitted to the HOA for the new sprinkler control box. Phil stated that if the field conditions are too dry or too wet to let him know and he can change the watering times.

Phil reminded the club to clean out the dug outs after each game, turn off the fans, and properly lock the shed with the latches. Bill added that Phil and Gene put a lot of effort into maintaining the field.

Bill and Phil continue to meet with the HOA to have them take care of the field according to the agreement between the HOA and BrightView. Not all the agreed to procedures are being done currently.

#### **Old Business**

**AED instructions.** John Debatty picked up a working AED machine from the Reunion Center for the meeting. Mike Gypp gave a comprehensive demonstration of how to operate the AED machine and other emergency steps.

#### **New Business**

### **Proposed Rule Change**

Bill addressed a possible rule change for runners from home. The change would be that if the runner tries to advance to second base they would be called out. There was discussions regarding this possible change, and the change request was motioned by Curt Gottardi and seconded by Gerald Merante. The vote was 13 in favor and 25 opposed. The motion did not pass.

### **Women's Division**

A new schedule was submitted for the women's games and practices. Games are on Wednesday and Saturday, with practice on Thursday. Peeps gave an update on the status of the women's division, and indicated that the hope is to have 3 full teams in the fall. Peeps thanked the board and everyone who helps out with this division.

### **Inclement Weather**

Currently the practice is to suspend play if lightening is detected within 5 miles of the field. This is at the direction of the umpires and the commissioner. A proposal sent in advance of the meeting outlined using a 10 mile radius and the WeatherBug app to make play suspension calls. A majority of members agreed to use the 10 mile radius and the WeatherBug app. This will be used going forward.

### **Nominating Committee**

The current board member terms will be up at the end of 2024. Bill asked for 3 volunteers to be on a Nominating Committee to administer the process of candidates (and elections if necessary). Volunteers should contact Bill. Officers will be chosen at the November meeting.

### **Process for rule changes effective 1/1/25**

If anyone has a proposal for a rule change, please email to Bill by 8/31/24. These will be accumulated and sent out in advance of the September meeting. After discussion in September, they will be voted on at the November meeting.

### **Grouper Program**

Bill briefly mentioned a program for club members that are 65 and older who are part of certain Medicare Advantage programs that was outlined in an advance document to the meeting. If qualified, the club member will receive their softball dues reimbursed from a company called Grouper. The softball club would receive \$500 for participating in the program. Bill is working with Grouper currently and will be getting additional details of the program out to the club.

### **Club Expo**

Bill thanked Ray Good, Lamanda LaRosa and Ron Wojak for representing the club as ambassadors at the expo. There were 8 new potential players that expressed interest.

### **Umpire updates from Don Roberts**

Don indicated that runners must completely cross the white line in order to be safe (runners foot must touch the ground behind the line).

Don asked if it was OK for the umpires to go back to using white shirts in the summer due to the heat. Everyone was in agreement.

Don stated that currently judgment calls are not adjusted by another umpire. This was discussed. Members were asked if they wanted to allow judgement calls to be overruled by another umpire. By a show of hands, 24 people were in favor of changing and 5 were opposed. The umpire will have the option to overrule another umpires call going forward. It is still only managers that can appeal a call by approaching the umpires and discussing the call.

**News and Welfare**

Nothing was shared.

Future meetings are scheduled on 9/18/24 at 12:30pm and on 11/13/24 at 2:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned.