

Stone Creek Softball Club

Quarterly Business Meeting - September 18, 2024

Call to Order - Bill Walby

Bill called the meeting to order at 12:30pm – 44 members checked in.

Approval of Minutes completed by Cindy Good

Valerie Allen motioned to approve the previous minutes and George Kaufer seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Lissau

The current cash balance is \$13,513. The operating surplus for the 8 months ended 8/31/24 was \$7,458.

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

The field continues to be fertilized. Aeration and top dressing will be done next month. There will be another check to see what sprinklers need adjusting or replacement. Future projects will be to re-build the home plate platform and replace the mat. This is expected to be done in late April 2025. Screening for the backstop and dugouts have been ordered by the HOA. The Club will look into ordering a finishing broom or mat to smooth the field between games. Phil has put flags in the shed for Club members to put on the field when you see ant hills. Phil spoke with Cheri Irwin regarding removing some cement along the first base dugout to prevent flooding of the pavement. Phil thanked the Club for all their help with the field. Special thanks went to Gene Cross, Bill Walby, Karen and Randy Collins, Jim Wenturine, John Debatty, and Duane and Rona Taylor. Phil indicated he was not running for the board position in 2025 and wished all the nominees good luck.

Old Business

Inclement Weather Practice

Instead of using the weather app "weather bug" the club will now use the new community system that was installed by the golf course for delaying or canceling games due to bad weather.

Women's Division Update

Peeps provided an update on the women's division. There are currently 31 women signed up, including 8 that also play with the coed division. There are some intra-community games scheduled in the next couple of months and Peeps will email the dates. The plan is to have 3 teams with 10 on each team.

Grouper Program

This optional program is for eligible club members that are 65 or older and have certain advantage plans. Bill suggested that if anyone was interested to see him.

New Business

Board Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee consisted of Jim Wenturine, Jack Coit and Roger Lanouette. The Committee received the following nominations which were announced at the meeting:

President - Glen Burnham

Vice President - John Debatty

Treasurer - Steve Cimo

Commissioner - Gary Johnson

Secretary - Cindy Good and Valerie Allen

Bill asked 3 times if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none. Nominations were closed. The voting for the Secretary position will take place at the 11/13/24 meeting.

Proposed Rule Change

There was a proposal to limit the amount of players per team to 12. There was a discussion held regarding the proposal. The main concern was that with 13 players, some players are not getting more than 4 innings of defensive play. It was mentioned that with a limit of 12 players and the current 7 team league, fewer people would be able to be on a team. It was noted that the HOA has indicated their preference to have as many interested residents play as possible. There is also potential scheduling concerns, particularly with the existing number of umpires, if we were to go beyond 3 games a day. Gary has not received any complaints from members indicating that they weren't getting enough play time. The Board is to consider options further before the next meeting on 11/13/24. Other options and/or voting on the proposal is to occur at that meeting.

Existing Rule Update/Reminder

Pitchers must move behind the screen after each pitch. A possible rule change was mentioned. The current rule indicates that the umpire will warn the pitcher once, issue a ball to the batter the second time, and a walk after that. Currently it is the umpire's call/judgment. There should not be anyone calling players to play/sub for them at any time. If players are needed, the manager should be contacting Gary so he can send an email to the Club. Home team is responsible for setting up and cleaning up the field. This is for the entire team and everyone should be helping. Players on the line to sub should be on the line 15 minutes prior to the game. A batter with a runner from home should move off home plate to not interfere with any plays at home plate.

Uniform Update

Robert Shaw updated everyone regarding the possible material, style, and writing on the new uniforms. The Committee (consisting of Herm Heinle, Steve Cimo, Bruce Davis, Robert Shaw and Mike Gyp) is working with Fred Hjelmeir's company for the uniforms. Additional shirts and hats can be ordered for individuals at the Club's cost. Samples of the shirts will be provided to try on for the correct sizes.

Fall Festival

The Club was informed that 2 additional volunteers were requested to help direct traffic for the vendors at the festival on 10/19/24. Please contact Bill if you are interested.

November meeting

Items for the next Club meeting will include the 2025 budget, members dues, election, and possible rule changes.

Other

Rick Hiney will be cooking a BBQ luncheon for the end of year season celebration.

Jeff Desilets brought up following all current senior softball rules and wants to discuss them further.

News and Welfare

Nothing was shared.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm