

MINUTES for Softball Board Mtg July 17, 2026

Call to Order & Quorum Established

- Meeting Start time - 12:01pm
- Recorded by - Ken Silva

Attendees: Board Members

- Ted Schneider - President; Dave Swanson - Treasurer; John Nicodemo - Director of Membership; Jim Opyd - Director of Maintenance; Ken Silva - Vice President
 - Guest: Randy Radcliff, Softball Finance Committee
 - *Absent:* Bill Parker - Secretary
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Secretary's Report - Ted Schneider

- June minutes were not reviewed and approved
 - Tabled to September meeting
 - July minutes will be reviewed for approval prior to September meeting
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Treasurer - Dave Swanson

- The current cash balance is \$50,207, with 104 unpaid members out of 508.
 - \$21,800 collected from dues. Dues collection is ongoing with approximately one-third of members yet to pay.
 - There are concerns regarding delinquent sponsorship payments from Angela's Kitchen and Northwest Physical Therapy, though new leads are being pursued, including Manny's Landscaping and Palm West Community Church.
- Finance Committee
 - Randy Ratcliff presented work done by the finance committee to centralize project tracking and sponsorship management using Google Sheets.
 - Board members discussed concerns about critical files being stored on individual computers and agreed that records should live in Google Drive for continuity and shared access.
 - Ted noted that the long-range planning committee had formally added the turf project to its tracking list, although it is not yet part of the ten-year plan.
- Pinch Runners
 - Joanna Holzer's thank-you note.
 - Discussion about publishing similar notes in newsletters.
 - Recognition of the handmade cards prepared by Sue.
 - Discussion about the upcoming celebration of life.

- Request for jerseys
 - Jerseys will be paid for entirely by an anonymous donor.
 - Motion to approve Pinch Runner jerseys made by Ted
 - Dave seconded the motion
 - Voted 4-1, motion passed
 - Approved with conditions the usage must be clearly defined to ensure they aren't used inappropriately as game-day substitutes.

Director of Field Maintenance - Jim Opyd

- Coordination with CAM and Jamie Svoboda regarding scheduling.
- The need to repaint pillars before installing new pads.
- Foul Line Project
 - Motion to approve, but not to exceed \$6,000, for the purchase of materials for the foul line project made by Ted.
 - Dave seconded the motion
 - Voted 5-0, unanimous
- Other Projects
 - Discussions are ongoing regarding the replacement of outfield fence pads, infield replenishment, and potential repairs to the home plate structure.
 - Concern raised that replacing the home-plate platform may expose hidden rot.
- Uncertainty over whether club volunteers or contractors will perform portions of the work.
- The summer schedule has been adjusted, effectively gaining an extra week for facility maintenance before the picnic on October 31st.
- Operational Reporting
 - The board discussed "participation reports" required to track facility utilization.
 - Clarified that this reporting allows the club to avoid using check-in cards.
 - There was a brief mention of a separate initiative by Scott Kibby, who is analyzing player ratings and stats based on game write-ups.

Director of Membership Services - John Nicodemo

- Team Sideline - transition from MYL
 - Discussed the transition to Team Sideline for managing league operations, noting improvements in efficiency and data control.
 - All Fall leagues will use Team Sideline
 - Recommend support sessions to help members create accounts and manage the new system.
 - Managers need to use the new system and the potential for delays if they do not.
 - Noted the importance of archiving records from the old system and the need for a backup of all club member information. All MYL records have been downloaded.

- Need to decide on where / how they will be archived.
 - Will monitor who has access to personal information and logging activities.
 - System has the ability to restrict access to individuals - but we are still learning.
- Commissioner discussion
 - Discussion on commissioners
- Reviewed participant numbers
 - Concerns were raised about the accuracy of Batting Statistics and the need for better input from all leagues.

John nominated Howard Sumner be given the Presidents Award for all he has done with the Softball Club- Most Notably for all the pictures he takes and provides for the players each session

Ken seconded the motion

Motion approved 5-0

Vice President - Ken Silva

- Picnic Update
 - Discussed the budget for the picnic and the need to manage costs effectively.
 - Cost of the picnic, including increase in rental costs.
- Bucket Hats
 - Board approved an order in different sizes
 - Note the importance of managing inventory and ensuring all hats are paid for by the end of the year.

President - Ted Schneider

- Field Use
 - Address the participation of non-members, such as family members, in practices and games.
 - Need to have a clear policy on guest participation and the potential need for waivers.
 - Discussed the importance of having a clear policy to avoid liability issues.
 - Will consult with the peer council for recommendations on updating Chapter 13.
- Handling Disparaging Comments and Code of Conduct
 - Need to address disparaging comments made by former players and spectators.
 - Recommendation to send out an email blast to remind members of the code of conduct. Include the importance of maintaining a positive environment for all members.
- Nomination Committee

- Need to find a new nomination committee chair
- Consider tapping the Hall of Fame committee for potential candidates.
 - Required to have active and motivated members in key roles.
- Emphasized the importance of having active and motivated members in key roles.
- Safety Committee
 - Seeking recommendations from the safety committee for handling players with medical or behavioral concerns, including guidelines for participation and required disclosures.
 - Potential to reach out to other clubs who may have similar guardrails in place, IE woodshop.

Meeting adjourned at 14:38 pm

- Motion made by Ken Silva to adjourn
- Seconded by John Nicodimo
- Voted 5-0, unanimous

**** Next Board Meeting is September 18th at Noon, Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron**