

BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 2, 2004

President, Jim Pavolko, called the meeting to order. Directors present included Mel Scheibel, Glenn Carroll, Bill Allen ,Lyle Bakken and Dutch Walton. There were 16 guests in attendance.

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Lyle Bakken reported that the audit was completed for year ending 2003. Both the CR7 and audit reports were submitted. Lyle suggested that receipts received at UPS be signed with an indication of what was copied. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. ( **Motion Passed** )

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Current membership is 270. Approximately 30 players have not paid their dues.

**Sponsors :** Jim Pier reported that all sponsors have paid. Currently Jerseys are replaced on a 4 year rotation. A motion was made and seconded to use the existing "Sun City West " jerseys for the Tri-Cities League instead of the surplus sponsors jerseys.( **Motion Passed**)

**Marketing/Planning:** Greg Johnston reported that Piper Jaffry has signed up for the 15<sup>th</sup> fence panel. Panel sponsors will receive priority toward team sponsorship based on their sign up date. Greg suggested that a single page flyer be made to serve as an introduction to bill board sponsorship. He will draft some samples to be reviewed.

**Building:** Dick Lemoine reported that the projection for completion of the clubhouse would be the first week in March. A sign "NO CLEATS ALLOWED" will be made and posted at the entrance.

The Recreation Board has agreed to allow the refrigerator, microwave, table and chairs to be included as part of the building cost. A meeting will take place on February 3, 2004 with Liberty Buick to finalize their sign location on the building. The Kachina logo has been refinished and will require a finished protective resin coating. A bid is being obtained to clean the outfield fence panels.

**Uniforms/Equipment:** The sidewinders and Mel Schiebel will each provide 2 dozen practice balls for Liberty Field.

**Field Maintenance:** Jerry Bianchi will handle the field maintenance duties. Any plastic protectors on the top of the fence will yellow in color when they are replaced.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Happy Trails will be denied the use of Liberty Field.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A tentative date of March 21, 2004 has been set for the dedication of the club house. A committee consisting of Jim Pavolko, Dick Lemoine, Matt Szydowski, Bob Stouthamer, and Eddie Eckardt will meet with Rec Board representatives to discuss the details of the event.

Dick Lemoine reported that the contractor had offered to donate a large ball shaped marker to be place at the clubhouse entrance.

Ken Skinner and Fred Suess will organize the Spring Fling. The objective will be to get 8 teams composed of National League players to compete.

The annual banquet is set for April 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm in the Social Hall and Jim McGuire will chair the event. The consensus of the Board was for no entertainment.

Dick Lemoine submitted his resignation from the Marketing Committee. The Board accepted the resignation and commended Dick for his work in spearheading the bill board program and the building of the clubhouse.

**LEAGUE BOARD MEETING** - February 9, 2004 at 9am in the Par 4 room at Pebblebrook.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** - February 16, 2004 at 1PM in the Lecture Hall.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** - Monday March 1, 2004 at 8Am in the Lecture Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Dutch Walton  
Secretary

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2004**

President, Jim Pavolko, called the meeting to order. Directors present were Bill Allen, Glenn Carroll, Mel Schiebel, Lyle Bakken. Absent were Fred Suess and Dutch Walton. 44 members in attendance.

Carl Elitz from the Recreation Center addressed the group giving high praise to the Sun City West Softball Club for providing a fine example to other clubs in the community. He complimented Matt Szydlowski for his liaison work with the Recreation Center.

Minutes from the Sun City West Softball Board meeting were suspended. The treasurer's report was given by Lyle Bakken and was approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership-** Loran Swanson and Lyle Bakken spoke to the issue of players delinquent with their dues. Lyle provided a list of those players delinquent and advised the managers to remind the players to pay their dues.

**Sponsors -** Jim Pier reminded the members to support our sponsors.

**Marketing/Planning-** Greg Johnston asked for ideas for the future planning. Five boards are left to be filled on the fence at Liberty Field.

**New Clubhouse-** Dick Lemoine reported that the new building is on target for completion the first week in March. He urged our Club to support our sponsors and make referrals.

**Equipment-** Ray Early reported that we have one month inventory of the 525 core balls and after that the 375 ball will be used. Three sets of jerseys will be replaced next year pending Board approval.

**Field Maintenance-** Jerry Bianchi had no report. Mel Schiebel suggested that all players should know the location of the valves at the field to shut off the water to prevent flooding. Ken Skinner suggested that the infield be wet down each evening.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The dedication ceremony for the new Clubhouse will be held on March 21, 2004. Several games will be played as part of the program. The Dedication Committee will meet with the Recreation Center personnel to finalize plans.

The "Spring Fling" will be held March 5, 6, and 7, 2004 at Liberty Field. Matt Szydlowski will be in charge of the umpires. Volunteers are needed. Matt advised the Club that only qualified food handlers can be used if money is charged. Donations are an acceptable alternative.

Jim McGuire reported that the annual softball banquet will be held April 15, 2004 starting at 10:45AM at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West. Managers

will be selling tickets and proceeds will be returned by April 6, 2004 to either Glenn Carroll ( National League ) or Mel Scheibel ( American League ). The caterer is yet to be selected.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- ASA bat standards will be adopted for League play. There is no policy for dented bats. ASA uses a 2 1/4 inch ring to check bats for round.

- The Spring golf tournament will be held April 26, 2004 at the Briarwood Country Club at 12:30AM with a shotgun start. The cost for golf and dinner will be \$55. Sponsors will be involved. Members and spouses not playing golf can attend the dinner only at a cost of \$20 for each person.

- There were three resignations and the members present thanked them for a job well done.

Jan Struck resigned as American League newspaper reporter.

John Doherty resigned from the Newsletter, a position he has held since 1997.

Dick Lemoine has resigned from the Building Committee.

- Managers need to check the score sheets at the conclusion of their game.
- Members should be using the web site to keep abreast of Club news.

Meeting adjourned 11:30AM

Respectively submitted,  
Bill Allen, (acting secretary)

## BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Pavolko. Directors present were Mel Scheibel, Glenn Carroll, Bill Allen, Lyle Bakken, Fred Suess, and Dutch Walton. There were 6 guests in attendance.

The minutes were approved as read.

Lyle Bakken gave the Treasurer's report. He reported that to date 16 bill boards have been sold. A total of \$140,254 has been given to the Recreation Center as payment toward the new clubhouse. This includes money from the sale of the bill boards as well as the donations from the players and Liberty Buick. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Membership-** Current membership is 270. All American League players have paid their dues. Several National League players remain delinquent. These players appear to be those returning from extended injury periods.

**Equipment-** Ray Early stated that the inventory of the "red "Club baseball caps sold by Joyce Fano is low. The Board authorized the purchase of and additional two dozen caps. Proceeds from the sale of these caps will go to the Angels of the Outfield fund. The Board also authorized Ray to purchase four dozen special logo t-shirts for sale at the clubhouse dedication.

**Building-** The new clubhouse is expected to be completed in time for the dedication on March 21, 2004. A cost estimate is needed on the concrete for the patio so it can be poured at the same time as all the other walkways, etc.

### OLD BUSINESS

The auto referral idea was rejected by the Board..

The Spring Fling is set for March 5, 6, and 7, 2004. Bill Allen has done an excellent job of organizing the event. Eight teams will play a double elimination tournament. The winners will receive a t-shirt.

The building dedication is scheduled for March 21, 2004. The committee will meet with Rec Center personal to iron out the details.

The annual banquet will be held on April 15, 2004 at Palm Ridge Recreation Center starting at 10:45AM. Jim McGuire will be coordinating the event. Lyle Bakken and Rich Wells will be handling the door and Bill Allen and Dutch Walton will be taking tickets at the food line. **All managers are requested to meet at Liberty Field at 9AM Monday March 15, 2004 to pick up the tickets that they will be selling to their players.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Lions Club was given permission by the Board to post a notice on the bulletin board at the field to announce their pancake breakfasts that they sponsor twice a year.

The cleaning of the mats in the outfield will be the responsibility of the Club for the next two or three years. Bids will be obtained to contract the work.

The SCW fire department will be contacted by Ken Skinner and Bob Stouthamer and asked if they would be willing to train our people on use of the AED.

Rich Wells reported that the summer softball will consist of three sessions. The first session will be April 20 to June 8, 2004. It was suggested that National and American League players be combined for the second and third sessions. This matter will be taken up at the League Board.

John Doherty and Ken Skinner suggested that the Newsletter be published only three or four times a year and mailed to the members in order to achieve more comprehensive coverage. The Board endorsed this idea and the matter will be pursued.

**LEAGUE BOARD MEETING**- Monday March 8, 2004 at 9AM in Beardsley Park ( outside in the picnic area)

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**- April 5, 2004 at 1PM in the Stampede Room at the Men's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Dutch Walton, secretary

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
May 3,2004**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mel Schiebel. ( President Jim Pavolko was detained by an earlier appointment and joined the meeting in progress). Directors present were Lyle Bakken, Glen Carroll and Dutch Walton. Directors Fred Suess and Bill Allen were absent. The guests in attendance were Matt Szydowski, Wayne Mitchell and Dick Lemoine.

The minutes were read and approved.

Lyle Bakken gave the Treasurer's report. The current bank balance is \$5,183.67. There were 254 in attendance at the Spring Banquet and the net cost of the function was \$75.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership-** the membership remains at 236.

**Sponsors-** Jim Pier recommended ( by letter) that the Club have the sponsors pay for the team jerseys starting this year. As a result of the discussion that followed a motion was made by Walton and seconded by Schiebel that the sponsor fee be increased to \$225 and that the new sponsors fee for their first year would consist of only the cost of new team jerseys. Their annual fee for the subsequent years would be \$225. **MOTION PASSED**

Bill board sponsors will continue to receive a priority whenever a new team sponsor is required.

In addition, the board decided that there would be no time limitation to sponsors.

A letter will be written by the Board to each sponsor informing them of the new annual fee increase.

**Budget and Finance-** Covered in the Treasurer's report.

**Marketing Committee-** Dennis Racak will assume the Marketing Committee responsibility. Desert Rose, a decorative concrete company, has committed to a bill board and there is a real estate company that appears ready to sign up.

**Uniforms and Equipment-** The issue of the balls was discussed and it was the consensus of the Board that the current balls were of such poor quality that they should be replaced. A motion was made by Carroll and seconded by Bakken that the current inventory of balls be returned to First American Sports, pay any restocking fee and purchase 12 dozen of top quality 44 core 375 compression balls. **MOTION PASSED**

**New Building-** Revised completion date is June 1, 2004. Pavolko and Szydowski will meet with Russ Boston of the Recreation Center and ensure that a professional building inspector be obtained to finalize the inspection of the new building prior to the turnover from the contractor.

**Field Maintenance-** Lemoine volunteered to work on the design of a small building to replace the “plastic shed” now by the first base dugout. This building would be compatible with the Club House architecture and be used to store balls, bases, lime, etc. It would open onto the field. Lemoine stated that the building could be obtained at no cost to the Club.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-** A motion was made by Shiebel and seconded by Bakken to appoint three Board members to serve as a nucleus for next year’s golf tournament committee should the Board decide to sponsor one. **MOTION PASSED** Pavolko, Allen and Walton were appointed.

The Board decided to reject the “adopt a platoon” idea, since it could have political implications.

**League Board Meeting-** September 13, 2004 at 9AM at the club house at Liberty Field.

Meeting adjourned

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Monday September 6, 2004 at 8AM in the club house at Liberty Field

Respectfully submitted,  
Dutch Walton



**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
October 5, 2004**

President, Jim Pavolko, called the meeting to order. Directors in attendance were Glenn Carroll, Mel Schiebel, Fred Suess and Dutch Walton. Lyle Bakken and Bill Allen were absent.

Members present-75 Quorum- 51

The current membership is 253 and dues are due on January 1, 2005.

**BUILDING UPDATE-** Bob Stouthamer informed the Club that speakers remain to be purchased before the audio system can be installed at the new building. A bulletin board and clock are ready for installation. The Board will determine a date for a formal dedication.

Club members are asked to patronize the businesses represented by the sponsors.

**UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT-** Jerseys have been obtained for the three newly sponsored teams in the American League.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE-** Clay will be added to several places in the infield. The sprinkler modifications, warning track and picnic pavilion have all been funded, but the projects have been deferred until 2005 .

**NEW BUSINESS-** Ken Skinner made a motion, seconded by Jim McGuire that the Sun City Softball Club be allowed to commingle with the SCW Softball Club for the 2004-2005 season at Liberty Field. Article V11 of the Club's by-laws requires this action.

**MOTION PASSED** Yea -70 Nay-5

Mel Schiebel informed the Club that by the end of the year 70 people will have completed AED training.

Mel Schiebel proposed a by-law change for consideration as follows: THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF A MINIMUM OF THREE PLAYERS EACH FROM THE AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES. The proposed change was posted at Liberty Field on September 14, 2004 and a vote will be held in November.

In the discussion that followed several members made strong arguments against adopting such a by-law change since the Board is concerned with Club issues and not issues pertaining specifically to the American or National Leagues.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted,

Dutch Walton

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

October 23, 2004

President Jim Pavolko called the meeting to order. Board members present were Bill Allen, Lyle Bakken, Mel Schiebel, Fred Suess and Dutch Walton. Guests in attendance were Mat Szydowski, Ken Skinner, Dick Lemoine and Wayne Mitchell.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the October 21, 2004 memorandum from Mr. Roger Lansberry of the Sun City West Recreation Department. The memo claimed that McIntyre, the contractor for the Clubhouse project, had understated by \$10,409.50 the original bid that was signed by McIntyre, Recreation Center and Club officials on October 29, 2003. The issue at hand is whether or not the Club should reimburse McIntyre for their mistake.

In the discussion that ensued, it was evident that there was significant rationale for not making any additional payments to McIntyre. First of all, the error on the bid was strictly the fault of McIntyre. Secondly, the Clubhouse, which was supposed to be completed on or about February 28, 2004 according to the October 29, 2003 agreement, is still not entirely completed. In addition, not all of the change orders, which added cost to the project, were not properly authorized by Club officials and several items that were included in the original bid have been omitted or modified with less expensive material.

A motion was made by Fred Suess, and seconded by Lyle Bakken, that no additional payment of \$ 10,409.50 be made to McIntyre to cover the error on the original bid. The Club's reasons for the denial of payment will be documented in a letter from the Club President to the Recreation Center management.

### **MOTION PASSED: 6 to 0**

A discussion was held on whether or not to allow the Recreation Center to pursue the purchase of a PA system for the Clubhouse. \$3,000 of project money has been allocated for the PA system purchase and it was thought that the Club might obtain the items at lesser cost.

A motion was made by Bill Allen to instruct the Recreation Center to cancel the purchase of the PA system. The motion did not receive a second.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,  
Dutch Walton, secretary

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
November 1, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Pavolko. Directors in attendance were Bill Allen, Lyle Bakken, Glen Carroll, Mel Schiebel, Fred Suess, and Dutch Walton. There were eight guests attending the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved as amended.

Treasurer Lyle Bakken reported a closing balance in the bank of \$5,774.78.

Bob Damato made a presentation to the Board showing tile pictures he had made with the thought that the new clubhouse might be a good subject. The Board agreed and Fred Suess will work with Bob on the project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership**- 264

**Sponsors** - Jim Pier reported that all team sponsors have paid. Jim stated that he will relinquish his duties once a replacement has been named.

**Budget and Finance**- Jim Pavolko suggested and the Board agreed that a Finance committee be established. This committee would incorporate the services of Lyle Bakken and CPA, Ken Klomhaus. They would give financial support to the to the Club's Treasurer.

**Marketing** - Billboard sponsor PG Direct has paid, but Century 21 has not. The Recreation Center has agreed to have their attorney pursue payment from Century 21.

Dick Lemoine suggested that the 8 foot space between the last billboard and the gate in the right field fence be sold as a "special deal". He will pursue the issue with Dennis Raczak.

**New Building Update** - Jim Pavolko and Matt Szydowski met with the Recreation Center management on October 29, 2004 . Matt and Jim presented a letter to them stating the Club's position not to pay the \$10,409.50 requested by the contractor, McIntyre, to cover their error on the original bid. In order to reach closure on this issue, the Club desires a letter from the Recreation Center stating their position. Matt Szydowski will pursue.

There are concerns that the new bulletin board does not have any protective covering. A motion was made by Mel Schiebel and seconded by Dutch Walton to have Dick Lemoine pursue bid for installation of a suitable covering for the bulletin board.

**MOTION PASSED 6-0**

**Field Maintenance**- Mel Shirley mentioned that the golf cart needed a new battery. The Board suggested that the matter be referred to Bill Bromley who previously has handled cart repairs.

The Board gave Mel Shirley authority to control or restrict play at Liberty Field in the event of weather related conditions.

Chuck Cain informed the Board of the wet outfield at Liberty Field due to excessive watering. Matt Szydlowski will pursue the matter with Todd Paddy at the Recreation Center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mats will be needed to protect the floor in the Clubhouse meeting room. Glen Carroll and Dick Lemoine will pursue resolution.

The proposed change to the by-laws stating that “**The Board shall consist of a minimum of three members each from the American and National League**” was tabled for future consideration. A vote must be held at a future general meeting.

The election for Board membership will be held on November 16 and 18, 2004 at Liberty Field. Candidates running for a 2 year terms are as follows: Earl Bell, Jim Henson , Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, and Bob Stouthamer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board approved the use of Liberty Field for the following groups:

55/60's - 10am to 12 noon on Monday

75's - 12noon on Mondays

Sun Cities 70's - 10am to 12:30 pm on alternate Saturdays

The Sidewinders request for use of Liberty Field for a tournament on March 3, 4 and 5, 2005 was denied by the Board due to a conflict with the annual Spring Fling Tournament.

The “Atherton Team” was given permission to use the field Sunday 1-3pm on November 14 and 21 for practice.

The issues of softball quality was discussed . As a result of the discussion, a motion was made by Glen Carroll and seconded by Mel Schiebel, that the League Board be advised by the SCW Softball Club recommends that they review the availability of a better quality ball, preferably the Dudley or Worth 525 compression /44 core ball.

### **MOTION PASSED: 6-0**

Representatives to the League Board will convey the Club’s position at their next meeting.

Jim Pavolko will handle the scheduling of the Clubhouse meeting room. The responsibility for opening the facility on game days will be assumed by Ray Early, Glen Carroll and Dick Lemoine.

The use of the PA system to announce games was discussed and the issue will be reviewed after the new system is installed.

The Clubhouse dedication committee will be as follows; Matt Szydowski, chairman, Ken Skinner, Dick Lemoine, Lyle Bakken Jim Pavolko Bob Southamer along with Recreation Center representatives Linda Murray, Dave Bennett and Larry Griffin. No definite date has been set for the dedication.

Dick Lemoine recommended that the following issues be brought to the League Board.

1. Substitutions in the American league be allowed to be placed anywhere in the lineup.
2. Managers should be give more discretion.

Jim Pier informed the Board of a unique therapy program that was available on tape/CD at a cost of \$299. He has utilized this program and requested Board approval to publish information on it in the Club Newsletter. A motion was made by Bill Allen and seconded by Mel Schiebel to allow publication of the requested material in the Club Newsletter.

**MOTION FAILED: 4-2**

Criteria for Newsletter advertisements were reviewed. Publication of an advertisement by a team sponsor will be \$15. Billboard sponsors will receive one free advertisement and pay per page copied basis for additional ads..

Matt Szydowski requested that the Board send a thank you letter to Ed Watts for his donation of the eagle to Liberty Buick. He also suggested that a letter be sent to Dana Moore thanking him for attending the Clubhouse inspection and presentation.

**Next Meeting** : December 6, 2004 in the Lecture Hall at 8:00am.

The meeting adjourned 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dutch Walton, secretary