

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Men's Club at 8:00a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ron Blackwell, Carol Bowden and John Doherty.

**JANUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Board members briefly read over the minutes for approval. Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2005 meeting and January 9, 2006 special meeting concerning the billboards. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:**

Bob Stouthamer reported in the absence of Ken Skinner the following membership status as of February 6, 2006:

**Total members in good standing: 256**

**Detail breakout:**

American League (Active & Sub List)	111	Inactive (Injured List)	13
National League (Active & Sub List)	84	Inactive (Injured List)	14
Woman's League	34		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>=SUM(ABOVE)</b>	<b>=SUM(ABOVE)</b>	
	<b>229</b>		<b>27</b>

**Players that didn't pay dues (renew) 41.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail. The report was reviewed. Dick LeMoine moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Jim McGuire.

Motion carried. Lyle is still working on getting the 501(c) issue resolved and will write a letter and have Bob Stouthamer sign it to get this taken care of.

**Clubhouse Report:**

Lyle Bakken reported that as of February 6, 2006 the balance due for the Liberty Field Clubhouse is \$10,748.12. The board will present a check for the final payment for the clubhouse and include a picture, when it happens. Dennis Farrar moved to accept the clubhouse report as presented. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

**Budget / Finance:**

Jim McGuire reported that he wants to have the Budget and Finance reports placed on Lyle's computer, so as Treasurer Lyle can track expenses. Jim also was concerned that we are going through a lot of balls with all the games that are being played. Bob Stouthamer has agreed to discuss this with the president of the Sun City Club, Bill Buxton to advise him of the situation. No further action taken.

**Uniforms / Equipment:**

Jim McGuire suggested that the umpires of each game wear a black and white striped referee shirt like that worn in football to alleviate some confusion due to similarities with players' jerseys. Discussion followed. No action taken.

**Billboard Marketing:**

Dick LeMoine reported that Arrowhead Honda, Budweiser and Paul Tone have all signed 3 year contracts. In addition, Windermere is signing another 3 year contract for a second board. Other sponsors that are up for renewal have to go to corporate to get approval. George Karras has consented to be the point of contact for Dick's position as Billboard Sponsor Chairman when Dick steps aside. This will make George the main contact for billboard sponsorship.

**Team Sponsors:**

Ernie Mueller is continuing to oversee and work with Bill & Joan McKenna in maintaining the contact list of the team sponsors along with a priority list of potential sponsors.

**Field Maintenance:**

George Karras reported he has talked to Todd Patty on getting a maintenance shed and Todd has no problem with putting the shed down the left field line. He would like to go to Home Depot to see if they would like to donate one in exchange for advertising on the side. George has also painted the drinking fountains in the dugouts. The recreation center has agreed to purchase the lime needed to lime the field for each game. This will save our club \$300-\$400 per year. George also has put up screens behind home plate to help with the fly ball issues that we had. George has assigned 7 people to water and secure the field at night. There is one for every day. In addition, George has 6 people who have agreed to

open the field for the day. George brought an idea that he would like to see signage on the back of each spectator stand with the signs saying Liberty Field, and possibly the Sun City West logo. Along with his signage, George mentioned he would like to have a place on the signage for an erasable whiteboard to put messages on. After some discussion, it was decided that blue would be the color to match other field signage, and that we should get Dennis Raczak or Paul Turley to work up some designs. Concern and discussion of safety issues at our field will be addressed at the same time. Todd Patty said that they would like to laser level the field each year. No future discussion.

### **Special Events:**

George Karras will continue to work with Ken Skinner on special events.

### **Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:**

Dennis Farrar passed out an updated planning calendar to those present. This planning calendar allows us to plan and prepare ahead. No further action taken.

### **PLANNING 70's TOURNAMENT:**

George Karras reported that everything is set. There will be four teams total. George was able to get a good deal on Pepsi and Frito-Lay products, and had other players helping him with this effort. It amounts to getting the pop for free, so all the money's made on the pop will be 100% profit. No further action taken.

### **UPDATE ON RAMADA PROJECT:**

Dick Lemoine reported that this project is still ongoing but should be completed by the end of the year. It is probable that this project will not cost the SCW Recreation Center any additional monies if we continue to actively pursue those involved in this project.

### **GOLF CAR OPPORTUNITIES:**

Dick Lemoine reported that the Nadaburg School's PTSA is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Pebblebrook Golf Course on Saturday, February 25, 2006. There will be flyers posted at the clubhouse for more information. They are in need of golfers, and golf cars. So even if you don't play golf, and would like to donate your golf car for this tournament please talk to Dick Lemoine. No further action taken.

### **TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:**

Dick Lemoine reported that they are about one third full for registrations for golf so they need to get in their registration as soon as possible. The maximum amount of golfers has been determined to be 144. No further action taken.

### **CLUBHOUSE SECURITY STATUS:**

Dick Lemoine reported that the security of the clubhouse is being pursued by re-keying and recoding the locks. As soon as this is finished Bob Stouthamer will be given the code

and the keys to be distributed as he sees fit. Dick reported that the cost of this project will be in the neighborhood of \$100.00 to \$300.00. No further action taken.

### **SPRING FLING PROGRESS:**

Bob Stouthamer reported on the spring fling progress. He commended Rich McAndrews for the outstanding job he is doing for the National League. John Doherty will type out a questionnaire to be given to the managers of the American League. The American League is scheduled to play on Saturday, March 4 & 5. No further action taken.

### **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Jim McGuire reported his recommendations, and Bob has volunteered his wife, Gail, to type the bylaw changes. Bob will then make copies available.

### **HALL OF FAME BANQUET UPDATE:**

Jim McGuire reported on the Hall of Fame banquet details. After some discussion, it was determined to let Jim pick the menu to be served. Jim also passed out cards with various restaurants to get free dinner certificates. Jim asked Dennis to make up flyers to be posted at the clubhouse. Jim will send Dennis the verbiage he would like to have on the flyer, and Dennis will make up eight or nine of these.

### **PICTURE DAYS UPDATE:**

Bob Stouthamer reminded everyone about the picture days on which team pictures will be taken at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. The American League will have their pictures taken on February 21 and the National League pictures on February 23. There is more detailed information about this in the February newsletter. No further action taken.

### **PRIORITIZE LONG RANGE PLAN OBJECTIVES:**

Bob Stouthamer passed out the objective list. Bob asked that each board member prioritize at least four objectives on the list. Bob will then compile the priorities, and send the board members the results. These objectives will also be brought up at the next general meeting on February 20. No further action taken.

### **OUTFIELD SEEPAGE UPDATE:**

Bob Stouthamer reported that this has been an ongoing problem for months. George Karras reported that they are going to shut off the water to this area, to see if the area still has a problem. If it is determined that there still is a problem they will start to dig up the outfield in this area to take care of this issue.



### **BILLBOARD SPONSOR CONTACT UPDATES:**

The following changes have been made as follows:

Ernie Mueller now has Sun Country CU, Van's Pro Shop, and Piper / Jaffrey.

George Karras now has both Windermere boards.

No other changes were effected.

Bob asked Dennis to update the form by adding another column "Date of Last Call".

### **EVENT SCHEDULING GRID**

Bob Stouthamer has agreed to maintain an activities calendar. If you need to use the field for an event, please, go through Bob Stouthamer before you commit so he can put it on the calendar. Once it is on the calendar, that's it.

### **SPONSOR CARNIVAL:**

October 28, 2006 has been set up for the Sun City West Softball Club to have a "Sponsor Carnival." This event will include a pancake breakfast, and will allow Billboard sponsors and team sponsors to set up tables, which will be provided, to promote their businesses. The suggested cost would be \$5.00 for the breakfast. This will be open to the public and could possibly have a Halloween Theme. Carol Bowden has agreed to check with some of the women players to see if there is any interest, and to try to get them involved in this endeavor. Carol will report back her findings. Bob Stouthamer is also going to bring this up at the next General Meeting. More on this as we move forward. No further action taken.

### **UNIFORM DISCUSSION FROM LAST MONTH:**

There was a lot of discussion on this issue. The feeling was, if we make it mandatory that the sponsors pay for new jerseys after the four year term, we would loose some of these sponsors. Jim McGuire moved that we leave the current arrangement and price on how we bill team sponsors, as is. Ernie Mueller seconded. Motion carried. No further action was taken.

### **SUMMER LEAGUE COORDINATORS:**

Bob Stouthamer has asked Dennis Farrar to set up the summer league play. Bob would like Dennis to work with Richard (Tex) Wells, or another player from the American League who would be willing to help Dennis coordinate teams and a playing schedule. Dennis will call Tex to see if Tex is willing to work with Dennis on this again this year.

### **SCSSL RESPONSIBILITY:**

John Doherty reported for the American League Committee on the AL Rule updates that will be presented at the next Joint Board Meeting on February 15. Copies of these rules will be emailed to those folks who are involved in the process to edit and make changes. The committee will then present these rules to the League Board. The AL committee is proposing that once the rules have been changed and adopted, a copy of the new amended rules be given to each player.

### **FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING**

Bob Stouthamer has asked Dennis Farrar again to work up a PowerPoint presentation to be presented at the February 20, 2006 general membership meeting. Dennis has agreed to

help Bob on this, and Bob will send Dennis the agenda for him to put together. No further action taken at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No one reported any at this time.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Discussion was brought up about the length of the meetings. It was suggested that maybe we should have committees for various projects, and have them report their recommendations, and suggestions to the board at the meeting. It was a consensus of those left at the meeting that this may help speed up the meeting, as everyone feels the meetings are getting too long. Any ideas? No further action taken.

**NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:**

Monday, March 6, 2006 @8:00 A.M. @Men's Club (*Stampede Room*)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Dennis Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ernie Mueller. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Farrar, Secretary