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

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Men's Club at 7:55a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Carol Bowden, Mike Hester and Ken Skinner.

FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dennis passed out copies of the minutes for those who could not get them via email. Board members briefly read over the minutes for approval. Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of March 6, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 266

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	114	Inactive (Injured List)	11
National League (Active & Sub List)	112	Inactive (Injured List)	15
Woman's League	40		
Totals	266		26

Players that didn't pay dues (renew) 38.

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported a beginning balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of March 4, 2006 is \$10,298.09. The report was reviewed. Jim McGuire made a motion to except the treasures report as given. Ernie Mueller seconded. Motion carried. Lyle Bakken passed out the National League Spring Fling Income/Expense Report that was detailed by Rich McAndrews. National League reported a total income of \$621.23. Total expenses \$308.52, leaving a net profit of \$312.71. Jim McGuire of the American League turned in their monies and receipts for Lyle to report at the next meeting.

Lyle had quite a stack of paperwork to go through that the IRS sent him. Lyle is still working on getting these IRS issues resolved.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken reported that as of March 6, 2006 the balance due for the Liberty Field Clubhouse is \$5,700.00. Lyle stated that we are waiting on \$9,500.00 to come in on the billboards that will more than cover the balance due on the Clubhouse. Jim McGuire moved to accept the Treasurer's and clubhouse report as presented. Seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire reported that we are on Budget and well on track. No further action taken.

Uniforms / Equipment:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report.

Billboard Marketing:

Bob Stouthamer asked those present to update the Billboard grid. George Karras will be assuming the Billboard duties when Dick Lemoine steps away.

Team Sponsors:

Bob Stouthamer gave Ernie Mueller a list of team sponsors and will be the board contact point from the board standpoint. Ernie will continue to oversee and is working with the coordinators, Bill & Joan McKenna. Some discussing came up about changing the fees for team sponsors. The board has recommended no change at this time. The current \$475.00 initial cost and \$250.00 for renewal is the board's recommendation. We will continue to bill team sponsors in May in hopes to receive the monies before fall play. This time line will allow us to get new jerseys in time for fall play, if needed. Bob Stouthamer is going to write a letter to Lund Cadillac thanking them for all that they are doing for us.

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that he has been in contact with the recreation center persons on putting up rails on the bleachers. Also, the water fountain in the home dugout has been repaired. George was concerned about who to contact for tournaments. Bob Stouthamer said that we need to start with Ken Skinner first. Dennis Farrar was approached after the last general meeting by a couple of players who expressed a desire to donate money to help with some of the projects that we would like to work on. Particularly the storage shed. Some discussion followed with a board consensus that we set up a special fund for donations. This special fund would be to help fund field projects that we are working on. Players who donate to this fund could be recognized, or remain anonymous, if they wish. All players wishing to donate would need to go through George Karras first for details.

Special Events:

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

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Bob reported that if you need to add anything to the planning calendar please do. This calendar will be at every meeting. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS**BILLBOARD SPONSOR CONTACTS:**

Bob Stouthamer passed around the billboard grid and updates were added if needed.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

Ken Skinner and George Karras have volunteered to work and get the wheels going on this. This will be on October 28, 2006. Bob Stouthamer will attempt to get Beardsley Park. More details will be coming up later.

RAMADA PROJECT UPDATE:

In the absence of Dick Lemoine, Bob Stouthamer had nothing to report.

TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Mike Hester reported that the registration is going good, but will be limited to 144 golfers. They are giving a golf car away as one of the prizes. Mike also reported that they are starting to work on the 2007 Tin Cup Classic and this will be at the Briarwood Country Club and there is also the potential of Lexus as a corporate sponsor so that the entire tournament will be a write-off. This sponsor wants to donate a car to raffle off as one of the prizes. There are some other things in the works. Mike said that this year the SCW Softball Club could expect to see around \$2,000.00 – \$3,000.00 and next year it could go as high as \$20,000.00.

HALL OF FAME BANQUET UPDATE:

Jim McGuire reported that some of us are having trouble getting the restaurants to donate. Bob mentioned that we need to write thank you's when someone donates. If we don't, we may find ourselves not being able to get donations in the future. It was also suggested that we purchase door prizes to give away. It was also suggested that we make business cards to give to potential sponsors or to businesses when asking for door prize donations. The business card could say something like: "Thank you for your community support" or "Your community involvement means so much to us and we thank you". Ken Skinner can make up these cards for us. These cards would also display our logo. Dennis Farrar gave some names of individuals that may help us with the entertainment. Apparently the entertainment that Jim had lined up has backed out. Jim will be at Liberty Field on March 16 to collect tickets and money from the managers so he can have a hard count on the number that will be attending. Bob Stouthamer has agreed to write the letter if Jim gets him the Names, addresses of each potential door prize donor. We can't continue to beg and not thank. Bob suggested that maybe we poll those in attendance at the banquet to see what the people want.

SPRING FLING UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer thanked Rich McAndrews of the National League and Jim McGuire from the American League for their outstanding job of setting up the Spring Fling Tournament. Jim McGuire thanked Ken Skinner for his yeomen duties and George Karras for keeping the field in tip-top shape for play. Jim also thanked all the managers for their outstanding service.

NEW BUSINESS**APRIL TOURNAMENT:**

Bob Stouthamer passed around the master calendar to add special activities.

There will not be a tournament the first weekend in April due to the Tin Cup Golf Tournament.

Bob Stouthamer asked Ken Skinner to start working on getting teams for the Westside Food Bank Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 15. Ken will get other players to assist him on getting these teams set up. There is a \$125.00 donation per team to play with proceeds going to the WFB. SCW will have 3 teams and Edward Jones that will be in our division. Grand will have 4 teams. This will be a double elimination if possible. No further action taken.

NEW JACKET (Proposed):

Bob Stouthamer presented a potential new jacket for the SCWSC. This jacket is lined better, and has cuffs instead of a the ring of elastic around the wrist. Because of the quality, this jacket could go for as much as \$50.00. It is red and will be embroidered with the SCWSC Logo on the back. There is a setup charge of \$125.00. Jim McGuire moved to pay the setup charge. Seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried.

LADIES LEAGUE FINANCIAL REQUEST:

Carol Bowden has requested that the club give Loran Swanson up to a \$300.00 fund to purchase t-shirts to help promote and recruit Women's Softball. Lyle Bakken made a the motion. Seconded by George Karras. Motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES:

Bob Stouthamer said that it was overwhelming response at the General Meeting on February 20, 2006 that the club wants stadium seating. However once the building is paid for, we should probably look at getting the foul poles and new foul lines first. The board felt that we should start using our funds that the recreation center has on our behalf. Otherwise we could find some of the monies being allocated for other uses or projects that are not SCWSC related.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No one reported any at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

By-laws:

Bob Stouthamer is still working on retyping the bylaws.

Printing costs:

Lyle is concerned about the club's printing cost. If you get something printed at the UPS Store please get the tapes to Lyle so he knows what the printing is for. Sun City should be paying of 1/3 of the printing cost of the newsletters and other printing for the league.

Team Pictures:

Bob Stouthamer has no invoice from Sun Photo for the team pictures. Bob will get the pictures to Dennis Farrar or Glen Carroll for distribution to the National League.

Clarification on field use:

Anyone who has a recreation card in Sun City West can use the field, except during scheduled play. Players on the Friday Co-ed teams do not have to be a member of the SCWSC, but must hold a SCW Recreation Card to use the field or be a guest of a card holder. No action taken.

Retired military tournament:

Jim McGuire had a thought for a retired military tournament. Some discussion but no action taken.

NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:

Monday, April 3, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Jim McGuire moved to adjourn. Seconded by George Karras. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary