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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 3, 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:**

Ken Skinner, Matt Szydowski.

**MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:**

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of April 3, 2006:

**Total members in good standing: 272**

*Detail breakout:*

American League (Active & Sub List)	114
National League (Active & Sub List)	88
Woman's League	41
Members not assigned to teams	<u>29</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>272</u></b>

**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 29, 2006 is \$8,973.66.

Lyle also reported that he has received a letter from the IRS indicating that we are now approved for tax exempt under 501(c)7. This issue has been resolved.

**Clubhouse Report:**

Lyle also reported that we are clear and paid on the Liberty Field building, with a surplus balance of \$3,800.06. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

**Budget / Finance:**

Jim McGuire had nothing to report. No further action.

**Uniforms / Equipment:**

Jim McGuire had nothing to report.

**Billboard Marketing:**

Dick Lemoine reported that there are a few billboard monies left owing. All billboards that have not renewed will be coming down. Dick will get with George Karras to confirm which boards have not been paid so they can be pulled off of the outfield fence. Bob Stouthamer also passed around the billboard grid for members to update as needed. This grid will be passed around at each meeting for updates to be added as needed. George Karras will assume the billboard duties when Dick Lemoine steps away.

**Team Sponsors:**

Ernie Mueller reported that he has received additional 6 potential sponsors that he is added to his list that was given to him by Bill & Joan McKenna. So we have a list of 13 potential sponsors total on the waiting list. Dick Lemoine added that both Windermere billboard sponsors have expressed an interest in sponsoring a team as well and should be put on the top of the list. Bob Stouthamer reiterated the fact that we are trying to get all sponsor money in by the end of May and no later than July 1 if possible. This should give us enough time to pull from the waiting list should some current team sponsors choose not to renew.

Dick expressed some concern about how involved Southwest Golf Cars wants to be involved in our club. Dick said he has approached Desert Golf Cars and they are very interested in our club and would like to be a team sponsor and would not only be willing to sponsor a team but would provide us with a free golf car each year (*including maintenance*) to help us maintain our field. Discussion followed and it was suggested that Ernie Mueller contact Desert Golf Cars to see if they would like to be put on the potential list of team sponsors. No further action taken.

**Field Maintenance:**

George Karras reported that Mel Schiebel knows a lady in Sun City who has had experience on painting concrete and would be glad to paint the ball in front of our clubhouse. George Karras has been asked to check with Mel to get with the person to paint the ball for a quote.

George also reported he is ordering lime for the field and to get cushions for the wooden benches behind the backstop. No further action.

**Special Events:**

Ken Skinner reported that the Westside Food Bank Tournament is going as planned. The teams and playing schedule has been set up and posted at the field. There will be concessions, but we don't know what the concession will consist of. No further action.

**Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:**

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BANQUET RECAP:**

Jim McGuire reported that the banquet cost more than he anticipated because he had to change caterers. Most of the people were quite pleased with the meal from the comments that various individuals received. Lyle Bakken passed out a breakdown of income and expense of the banquet. Total attendance is as follows:

Sun City West: 112

Sun City: 91

Sun City West sponsors, billboards, recreation center, and the Hall of Fame: 36

Dennis Farrar was asked to send a thank you letter to Classic Catering for catering the banquet. Dennis also mentioned about the possible need to send out thank you letters to those businesses that donated door prizes for the banquet. Dick Lemoine reported that he had taking care of that on his end, of those businesses that he received prizes from. No further action.

**BY-LAWS UPDATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Bob Stouthamer passed around the Sun City West Softball Club suggested changes to the bylaws for the board members to go through and be ready to address these at next month's meeting. These changes need to get to Mike Whiting to be voted on, and if approved, be voted on by our members at our next general membership meeting in October. No further action taken.

**TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:**

Dick Lemoine reported that the golf tournament was held at Pebblebrook and there were 144 paid members (golfers). The Beer Garden and Dance were very well received. The dinner was catered by Classic Catering.

Dick said that over \$16,000 in cash was spent on prizes. The golf cart was won by Ron Johnson that was donated by Lexus. Ray Bond won the plasma TV, and the putting tournament was won by Ozzie Ostrow. Dick also mentioned that Paul Turley was given a crystal clock and 3 bottles of Turley wine for all the time, labor and dependability he has donated over the years. The gifts were paid for by the Tin Cup. There should be enough seed money to start the Tin Cup next year and we will be going corporate. Windermere and Lexus have expressed a desire to sponsor next year's tournament, which will be held at Briarwood Country Club. Next year our goal is to give away a car. No further action.

**SPONSOR CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:**

Bob Stouthamer reported that we have secured the Beardsley Park and its entirety for the Sponsor Carnival which is set for October 28, 2006. This will be a pancake cookout event and will be open to the entire Sun City West community for these sponsors, both billboard, and team to display whatever they want to advertise their businesses. We will be allowed to go in and setup at 8 a.m., and have the park from 9-3 p.m. George Karras and Ken Skinner will be chairing this event. Matt Szydlowski as the Sun City West Recreation Board will work with George and Ken on getting the word out to the community.

**RAMADA PROJECT UPDATE:**

Dick Lemoine gave an extensive report, which included that the Core Construction Company will build the Ramadas and they want to get involved in what we are doing. Core Construction Company has requested that we prepare our site and get ready to build. We will need somebody to do the blueprints so we can take them to Maricopa County and get the permits. Dick will be working on this, however this will be on hold over the summer months. What we have left to decide is how good of a Ramadas do we want to build. It has been suggested that the board get together on a given day and time to go out and look at other Ramada's in the area to get an idea or a feel of what we would like our Ramadas to look like. Core Construction felt that this was a great idea as well. Dick will continue to work with Larry Griffith to make sure that we stay focused on this project.

**WESTSIDE FOOD BANK TOURNAMENT:**

*(See Special Events)*

**SAFETY, RAILINGS, BLEACHERS UPDATE:**

Bob Stouthamer as turned in a CR-13 requisition for railings to be installed on both sides of the bleachers, and the Recreation Center is in agreement that this needs to be done as soon as possible because of safety issues. No further action taken at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BILLBOARD MARKETING COMMITTEE:**

Dick Lemoine will work with George Karras on making the transition over, as George Karras will be taking over for a Dick. George will set up a committee, and Bob Stouthamer will be turning to George Karras for the Billboard marketing committee report.

**BILLBOARD SPONSORS NOT RENEWING:**

Bob Stouthamer reiterated the fact that if the billboard sponsors are not renewing it is imperative that we get those boards down as soon as possible and get them recovered by Todd Walker. Dick Lemoine mentioned that Todd Walker has reduced his costs by 25%, and we will continue to use Todd as we have in the past. No further action.

**LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES:**

Bob Stouthamer suggested that maybe we should focus on the foul poles and the storage shed and at the same time start the design work on the stadium seating. After a lot of discussion, Bob asked for someone from the board to chair a Planning Committee for the Long-Range Planning issues. No one at the meeting volunteered at this time. No further action.

**NO PARKING RH JOHNSON BLVD.**

There was a lot of discussion on this subject, however, effective immediately there is no parking or standing on RH Johnson side of the ball field. Those who do not adhere to the posted signs will be ticketed by the Sheriff's Department. Please cooperate in this manner. Until then we will wait to see what happens out of this. No further discussion.

**MAY, SEPT, & OCT BOARD MEETINGS:**

Because of the library expansion, Bob Stouthamer reported that because we could not get the Men's club for the May, September and October meetings the meetings will be as follows:

May Meeting – Lecture Hall

September Meeting – Lecture Hall

October Meeting – It was suggested to get Bashas', if possible. Matt will check on this possibility and get back to us.

November & December – Men's Club

**POPCORN MACHINE:**

Because of the overwhelming response we've had with having popcorn at Liberty Field events, Dick Lemoine suggested that we purchase a Popcorn Machine on wheels. Some discussion followed. Jim McGuire made a motion that we buy a Popcorn Machine on wheels. Dick Lemoine seconded. Motion carried. Dick will go out and purchase an 8 ounce Popcorn Machine. No further discussion or action.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bob Stouthamer received an email from Carl Elitz that there is a mandatory Charter Club Meeting of club officers on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Bob Stouthamer said that we would get an update on new activities and be introduced to the new Activities Director, Cindy Nolton.

Bob Stouthamer also read a letter from Loran Swanson and thanking the club for the support of the women's teams. Some discussion followed, with no further action taken. Loran also turned in monies to the club that has been generated from the women's softball activities at the field.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Ken Skinner has been asked to revise the application is to include “would you be willing to help”. Ken said he would be happy to add the additional requested information if he was given the verbiage as to what the board would like to see on the application. Hopefully, this will encourage new members to get involved by volunteering in areas in which the club needs volunteers.

**NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:**

Monday, May 1, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Lecture Hall. Please note that this will be the last meeting until the September meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary

*Secretarial Note:*

**BOB STOUTHAMER RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY:**

After the meeting was adjourned Bob Stouthamer made his statement of a formal resignation as President of the Sun City West Softball Club. Bob stated that he feels that he has been inadequate or ineffective in his position as president during his second term. With those present at today’s meeting, the consensus was that all would like to see Bob fulfill his term. After a lot of discussion from each Board Member, and the guests present, Bob has agreed to stay on the Board until after the May meeting. After the May meeting Bob will step aside as President. This will mean that the Board will have to select a candidate to fulfill a vacancy position. No further action or discussion taken.