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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club at 8:04a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, Paul Nagelson.

APRIL MINUTES APPROVAL:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported a closing balance as of April 25, 2006 is \$9,271.81.

Lyle also gave the Tin Cup Golf Tournament report of an income of \$21,483.50 with another check from Northern Trust of \$250.00. The expenses were \$19,043.00. This leaves a net income of approximately \$2,690.00. This is in a Wells Fargo account to be used for the 2007 Tin Cup Tournament.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that we now have railings on both bleachers that extended from the top all the way down to the bottom. This was done due to safety issues.

George also posted the practice times of the field on the whiteboard posted on the outer screen of the third-base dugout.

Dick Lemoine also added that he had talked to Todd Patty and they are going to replace the clay at home plate, First Base, Third Base and the pitcher's area next week.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report on budget and finance but took his time to introduce the National League players on the board to the new board member, Bob Latzo. No further action.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

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

Membership:

Dick Lemoine reported for Ken Skinner the following membership status as of May 1, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 273

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	114
National League (Active & Sub List)	89
Woman's League	41
Members not assigned to teams	29
Totals	273

Billboard Marketing:

George Karras reported that he is taken down the boards as requested and Todd Walker had picked them up. Lyle Bakken also mentioned that PFG also needs to come down. Dick Lemoine mentioned that there is an inquiry about sponsorship from Avondale Toyota.

Team Sponsors:

Ernie Mueller reported that he has talked to John Forsythe from Desert Golf Cars about team sponsorship. There was some discussion on where to put them on the team sponsor lists because they do not sponsor a billboard. After a lot of discussion it was determined that we will put them toward the top of the list. Dick Lemoine will talk to Carol Johnson at corporate of Windermere Realty to see if they will reconsider being first to sponsor a team giving Desert golf cars priority because Desert Golf Cars is willing to provide us with a new golf cart each year with full maintenance. This will put Windermere second on the list for team sponsorship. If there is a vacancy for a team sponsor before the new season starts then Desert Golf Cars would have priority for team sponsorship. After some discussion it was determined that if a billboard sponsor also sponsors a team that if they dropped a billboard they must also drop the team sponsorship as well. Dennis Farrar made a motion to have Dick Lemoine check with Carol Johnson at corporate of Windermere to see if they would be willing to step aside their spot for team sponsorship giving Desert Golf Cars priority for team sponsorship. If Windermere is not willing to give Desert Goff cars priority in the sponsorship order, then Desert Golf Cars would automatically be placed at number two on the waiting list for team sponsorship. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. No further action taken.

League Meeting – April Review:

Hall Of Fame:

Dick Lemoine reported that at the last league board meeting he had requested to review the process in which Hall of Fame candidates are selected. The reason for the request was because some of the existing Hall of Fame members were having issues with some of the procedures of the Hall of Fame Committee. There was a lot of input at the March meeting, which carried over to the April meeting in which a committee from the league board was formed to check into these procedures. The league board therefore has established a committee to revise the procedures and the format in which Hall of Fame candidates are selected. In conclusion, the selected committee from the league board will establish new procedures and format to get more members actively involved in the selection process.

Dennis Farrar reported that League President, Arvid Peterson will be calling a special meeting of the committee prior to the next league board meeting to discuss the direction in which we will go forward. If you would like ongoing information on this, please check the Internet web site for the league minutes to keep updated on a regular basis.

New League Forming:

Dick Lemoine also reported that the Sun City Club, Sun City West club and the league board is in favor of possibly starting a new league on Mondays. This will be a small league and there will be a sign-up sheet to see how many players want to play. There's a possibility of having at least four teams. There will be more on this later at the league meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

SPONSOR CARNIVAL STATUS:

George Karras reported that he has formed a committee to go forward with the Sponsor Carnival on October 28, 2006. This committee will meet on Thursday, May 4. George also reported that we can only have people from Sun City, Sun City Grand and Sun City West in attendance otherwise we will have to pay for the park and the facilities that we are using. George also has meetings set up in June, September and October. George said that letters will be sent out to all billboard and team sponsors advising them of what this is, and how we would like them to participate. The main purpose of the carnival is to give the sponsors better access to our members, and to show the sponsors that we are trying to support them in our community.

CHARITABLE TOURNAMENTS:

Dick Lemoine talked to Linda Murray just before she left and she brought up that we're walking a real fine line when we have charitable events. The Recreation Board is not in favor of charter clubs getting involved in charities. We need charities, but we just need to be careful on how we organize it. In the future we need to look closely at charitable events, and to see how this may affect our relationship with the recreation center on how we do it.

Dennis Farrar also mentioned that when we do these charitable events in most cases we are playing an age bracket of our own children when these charitable events should be played within the same age group. Some other comments that was said was, "I thought this was a senior tournament"! There has been many balls hit into the tennis courts and even some of our own players have been injured when playing these tournaments with players that are much, much younger than us. In some cases the average age that we were playing against was 29. There is no doubt the safety plays an important part of these tournaments and that safety, both on our field and the surrounding recreation areas should be our first concern and take precedence. In conclusion, future tournaments played on Liberty Field will be screened as to the age and ability of opponent players and mandatory playing restrictions will be implemented as necessary to enforce the safety issues and concerns.

POPCORN MACHINE:

Dick Lemoine passed around a brochure and some internet print outs of various machines and prices. The popcorn machine will be stored inside the clubhouse when not in use. Dick reported that at this time there are two ladies who will keep a popcorn machine cleaned. Dick said that the popcorn machine that would fit our needs would probably run around \$1100. After some discussion, Dennis Farrar made a motion to buy an 8 ounce popcorn machine not to exceed \$1200. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. No further discussion or action.

NEW BUSINESS

UNIFORMS:

Ray Early reported on the possibility of getting new caps. Ray had a sample of what the new caps would look like, and reported that the cost would be \$10 each. Ray also said that the Sun City West caps that we have now are also \$10 each. We also can change the logo on the front of the cap if we would like. Dick Lemoine will take this report to the next League Meeting for a possible decision. The proposed cap

change started with several players complaining to the league that they would like to have better caps to wear with their uniforms. The newer caps do not hold up as well as the older ones. No further action.

ON-DECK CIRCLES:

Ray Early presented samples of on-deck circles for Liberty Field. The cost is less than \$600 a pair. The on-deck circles come with a limited five-year warranty. These on-deck circles would be taken into the clubhouse after used to protect them with hopes to give them longer use. Dick Lemoine suggested that if there are any of these on-deck circles on other fields that we take a look at these prior to purchasing our own.

Ray Early will find out where we can look at these on-deck circles or have the distributor present samples prior to purchase.

Lyle Bakken made a motion that Ray Early and George Karras look into this and if they are satisfied with the results that they go ahead and order the on-deck circles. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried. No further action.

FOUL POLES:

Bob Latzo gave a detailed report on foul pole sizes and cost. After a lot of discussion, the board agreed to have both Bob Latzo and George Karras get the pipe needed (32 feet from ground) and have the local metal shop weld up our foul poles to our specifications. The foul poles would include wings with wire mesh screen welded to the extended poll mounted in the ground and be painted yellow. The Sun City West Recreation Center maintenance department will install the poles once they are painted and ready to install. Bob has agreed to paint the foul poles before they are installed. Paul Turley has made a computer designed, and the a sail to go across a grillwork that has the stars at the top and white and blue ways of the flag down to the middle and lettering that will say "Liberty Field". The sails will be made of a Dacron material. After some discussion, Jim McGuire made a motion to have Bob Latzo follow up on this project with a competed target date by opening season, October 24. Motion seconded by Dennis Farrar. Motion carried. No further action.

FOUL LINES:

Paul Nagelson presented various options of having new foul lines put on the field. 1) using spray paint specifically designed for painting lines on grass. This would be sprayed on each time the recreation center cut the grass, or as needed. 2) using artificial foul lines with a 4 inch white line and the center. This would be permanently installed from the infield dirt area out to the fence on both sides of the field. The recreation center would maintain the foul lines no matter which way we go. Dick Lemoine said he had talked to Todd Patty on this issue, and Todd is tired of spending hours and hours maintaining the current foul lines which are fire hoses spiked in the ground. The sun deteriorates it, and the lawnmowers catch it. Todd is agreed to paint as needed our foul lines or install and maintain any artificial turf foul lines that we come up with. Todd would like to work on this project in July. After some discussion, the decision of the board is to have Bob Latzo work with Paul to go ahead on this project and sometime during the summer have a cell phone board meeting to make a decision on which way to go. No further action.

BALL PAINTING:

Dick Lemoine called Albrecht Construction to see if they would paint the ball. Dick is meeting with Albrecht Construction to talk "turkey" about giving Albrecht some notoriety for painting the ball. After some discussion, Dick is going to offer Albrecht a six-foot banner that we will fly somewhere on our field. We will buy the banner and fly it for a pure time. They'll also receive a free ad in the newspaper in

the fall. Dick is going to try to get basically, this \$850 job accomplished for free with a little notoriety. The board unanimously agreed. Dick will advise us on this project. No further action.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation Letter:

Jim McGuire read a letter from Bob Stouthamer on his resignation as president and from the board. Dick Lemoine will keep this in the files for future reference as needed. Dennis Farrar reported that he had posted a bulletin at the clubhouse to have any correspondence or references come to the new president Dick Lemoine or any of the other officers. On this notice is a list of all the current officers' phone numbers and e-mails. No further action taken.

Blue Book Inquiry:

Dick Lemoine received a letter of inquiry from Carl Elitz, Chairman of Charter Member Clubs requesting to know how many of our officers have a current blue book. Each officer of the board signed their name with the appropriate response yes, or no. This will be forwarded back to Carl for follow up. No further action.

Sound Equipment:

Dick Lemoine mentioned that he received an e-mail from Ray Early stating informing him that Bob Stouthamer had in his possession a cordless microphone and requested that he should return it. Dick forwarded Ray's e-mail to Bob to let him know of our request. Dick will talk to Bob if necessary to get the mic back.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that he was asked to see what the cost would be on getting a couple high round tables with chairs like is at the bowling alley to use inside or outside the clubhouse. Dick Lemoine mentioned he has asked Ray Early to check on this and to get back with him on the availability and costs. Ray will have this information available at the next meeting. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, September 4, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Lecture Hall • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

Please note that this will be the last meeting until the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Lyle Bakken move to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary