



**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:02a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, welcomed all board members and guests.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Dobbins, and Ray Early.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mike Hester made a motion to accept the September 10, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2007 of \$7,559.03. There is a credit union balance as of September 27, 2007 of \$28,717.94. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$26,912.82. Club balance as of September 27, 2007 is \$4,789.01. Total balance is \$60,419.77.

Carol Bowden made a motion to accept the treasurer's reported. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Art Nelson reported that he talked to Earl at the Recreation Center and that there is a form CR-8A that we need to submit to hire someone to oversee our treasury. There is no limit as far as salary, and would be left up to the board as to decide the amount that this person would receive. After some discussion Lyle felt we should let the new board members for the coming year decide on this matter. The rest of the board was in agreement. No further action taken at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

Warm-up Area 3rd Base Side:

This project is still ongoing.

Memorial Hall Of Fame Wall:

This project is still ongoing.

Electricity to Picnic Area:

Art Nelson reported he talked to Cindy and why Russ Boston can make the sole decision on not approving this project. Art has not heard back from her and will contact her again. So, this project is still up in the air, and no decision has been made at this time.

Bleachers:

Bruce Brady reported on installing some new plastic chairs with backs on them. These chairs come in different colors. After a long discussion on this project, Lyle Bakken made a motion for us to purchase total of 18 wide chairs in green and that these chairs will be installed in both bleacher areas to see how well they hold up to our Arizona weather, before we decide complete both bleacher areas. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Benches:

Bruce Brady brought up the idea of purchasing two benches to be placed permanently on each side of the backstop. After a lot of discussion, Lyle Bakken made a motion for us to purchase two green metal benches, 8 foot long to be installed on each side of the backstop between the dugouts and home plate. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Maintenance Crew T-shirts:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras would like to have the T-shirts in yellow that would say Liberty Field Maintenance Crew" on them with our Club logo. The board agreed to order 12 shirts in various sizes with nothing smaller than a large, and a couple of XXL. No further action taken.

Batters Boxes:

Bruce Brady said that the new batters boxes will be installed at Liberty Field on Friday, October 5. If anyone wants to come out and see this, you are welcome. These new in-ground boxes will help preserve the ground both under and around box area. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Palm Desert: Mike Hester reported that all is set for the players to reciprocate to play the teams at Palm Desert on November 17, 2007. The bus is \$1000.00 plus the cost of putting up the driver overnight. Each person that goes will have to split the all costs.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that the Cardiac Kids Invitational is February 2, 2008 and is ongoing.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Carol Bowden reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament is still ongoing and will be held February 9-10, 2008.

Opening Fan Appreciation Week:

Bruce Brady reported that we should move our Fan Appreciation Week to October 30 and November 1. SCWSSC will furnish the hot dogs and drinks during the games for these two days.

Mike suggested that we send a letter to all the sponsors inviting them to see their team play and have a hot dog and drink.

The League is discussing on having Halloween costume days on October 30 and November 1. The players could come in Halloween dress if they wish and this would be optional. After some discussion the board decided to let the League Board handle this and the board would support their decision. No further action.

Pancake Breakfast:

Bruce Brady apologized for missing the last committee meeting and that the next meeting will be on October 11 and Liberty Field at 11:00am.

They will serve pancakes and bacon from 8:00am to 11:00am is on November 10. Volunteers are needed and Bruce will contact Nadaburg School to help us. The cost will be \$3.00/per person (all you can eat).

Bruce said they are working on kid's price and it was decided to have kids under 12 eat free but not advertise this. Carol said that she will check on getting four sandwich sign boards to set out. No further action at this time.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported he has ordered the 18 t-shirts that will be used for league supported functions, but they haven't come in yet. Because SCWSSC is paying for these shirts they will sport the SCWSSC logo. Ray said that we are in good shape on uniforms and would not have to buy balls until after the first of the year. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Carol Bowden reported that she has sent contracts to Van's and Windermere. Carol said that she has Desert Rose contract back. Additional copies will need to be made.

Carol spoke to Cranston Jeweler's and they are waiting to get the approval on the correct Seiko watch to be used on their billboard.

Carol spoke to Jerry at Fast Signs and Carol is going to go over and check on the bid that they are giving us on our billboards. Carol will also check on the cost of making sandwich boards for us. Wells Fargo billboard will be coming down.

There was a lot of discussion on the status of Southwest Golf Cars and to get some clarification on the letter that Art received. This being said, Mike Hester said that John at Desert Golf Cars is ready to supply us with a new car every year that has a box on the back and would also perform all maintenance as needed. After a lot of discussion the board has decided that Art will get back to Earl in the legal department of the Recreation Center as to the status of the letter he received from SW Golf Cars and report back to the board for further action as needed. No further action at this time.

Team Sponsors:

Carol reported that she received some interest from Sandy and Lou at Ken Meade wanting to be on the list as a team sponsor. Carol will follow up on this. Lyle reported that Northern Trust is paid and current as a team sponsor. No further action.

Membership:

Lyle Bakken reported in the absence of Ken Skinner that we now have 287 paid members of which, 28 are new. No further action. Lyle also said that dues are due January 1.

Umpires:

In the absence of Ken Skinner no report was given.

Women's League:

Carol Bowden reported that Karen Hill has not returned and will give her report at the November meeting. No further action taken.

Friday Co-Ed League:

In the absence of the delegate, no report was given. Art Nelson said that Friday League needs to submit a letter to the SCW Board requesting the field and the times needed. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Hall Of Fame League Banquet:

Mike Hester reported that the Hall of Fame candidates have been picked. John Doherty is head of this committee. The HOF Nomination Form will be in the next newsletter.

Non-playing Coach/Manager:

Mike said there are two non-playing coach/managers. Which are Wayne Mitchell and Ed Eckardt.

Rules Changes:

Mike Hester reported the rule changes that will be adopted this year are as follows:

1. Adopt the one piece home plate that was used during the summer play.
2. Adopt the ASA rule that allows a runner to be used as a courtesy runner ONCE PER INNING. However, an "R" must be designated on the score sheet for each player needing a runner prior to the start of the game.
3. Adopt that pitcher (only if needed) after 2 outs can put a "non-charged" runner in to run for the pitcher to allow them time to get their protective gear on.
4. Adopt the rule to allow the pitcher to move from one side or the other of the pitching rubber to help with the sun problem.
5. Adopt that the league will not buy the bat. The players will provide their own bats as they do now.

Some of these rules are being adopted in hopes to help speed up the game. No further action.

Rules Committee:

No report.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Co-mingling:

Art Nelson reported that the Sun City West Recreation Center has approved our bylaw change concerning the co-mingling rule. This proposal is posted at Liberty Field and if approved by the membership at the November 14 meeting we will no longer need to address this issue again unless there is a petition to revisit in the future. No further discussion at this time.

Board Expenditures Limits:

Art Nelson also mentioned that he would like the board to consider changing the amounts that the board is allowed to spend without membership approval. This being said, Bruce Brady made a motion bring before the membership at the November 14 meeting the following:

1. Increase the amount allowed for the operation of the Club without membership approval from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00
2. Increase the emergency amount allowed the President may approve a maximum limit President can approve from \$250.00 to \$500.00.
3. Any amount over \$500.00 must have board approval.

Motion seconded by Mike Hester. With a roll call vote by each member the motion carried, 4 to 1.

Art Nelson instructed Dennis Farrar to post the proposal on the bulletin board.

After much discussion on these issues, Mike Hester suggested that the 2008 Board sit down and implement an annual budget and expenditure plan. No further action at this time.

STATISTICAL PERSON OR PERSONS:

There was a lot of discussion on this issue and Mike Hester suggested that we table until the next board meeting. No further action at this time.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson reported that the following members have put their names into nomination for the SCW Board for 2008-09.

They are:

Carol Bowden Joel Muldoon
Rich McAndrews Cal Shirey

There were no nominations at the meeting, and the floor will be open for nominations along with the elections at the next general membership meeting on November 14, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

TROPHIES:

Art Nelson reported that he received a call from Paul Nagelson saying that Bill Atherton has some trophies he would like to donate. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that they should donate them to the Boy's & Girls Club's, Special Olympics, or similar programs would probably welcome this donation. No further action taken.

PHOENIX COYOTES TICKET SPECIAL:

Carol Bowden received a call from a gentleman who would like to offer special discounted tickets of \$20.00 to a Coyotes Hockey Game. Carol Bowden will call the gentleman back to see if it's something we need to pursue, if it is Carol will e-mail the board with the details. No further action taken at this time.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Lyle Bakken ask if he still wanted him to pursue getting Charley Arme to be our guest speaker at the Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on March 28, 2008. The board is in agreement to ask him to volunteer to be the guest speaker and Lyle will pursue this. No further action taken.

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Players Cruise:

Mike Hester revisited the issue of the American League players that will be gone during the first four to five games of opening season. A player that goes on this cruise is exempted from the rule that says you cannot miss more than five games. Mike reiterated again that the players going on the cruise will know which team they will be assigned to before they leave. No further action taken.

November Newsletter:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that the next newsletter will be coming out in November and if anyone has anything they would like to put in this newsletter be sure to get it to him no later than October 19. Dennis would like to have this newsletter in the dugouts the last full week of October. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 5, 2007 • 8:00AM • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will Wednesday, November 14, 2007 • 6:30pm • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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