



**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Dobbins, Karen Hill, Ray Murphy, Mel Schiebel, Ken Skinner, and Richard Wells.

OCTOBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Carol Bowden made a motion to accept the October 1, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Lyle Bakken 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 October 31, 2007 of \$26,478.27. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$31,912.82. Club balance as of October 29, 2007 is \$4,705.67. Total balance is \$63,096.76.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurer's reported as given. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

Warm-up Area 3rd Base Side:

Art Nelson reported that George Karras has talked to Todd Paddy and the only thing we can do is grass and between fence and the sidewalk. The idea is to get rid of the rock and make it look like the first-base side. Todd Paddy has estimated the cost to be about \$1000.00. A CR-13 will need to be submitted to the recreation center for this project. Rich McAndrews made a motion to follow through with this project. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Art Nelson also reported that he has met with Peacock Landscaping and they will install the retaining wall like is on the first-base side of the field at a cost of approximately \$5,250.00. Art Nelson reported the details of this project and will become before the General meeting on November 14, 2007.

Memorial Hall Of Fame Wall:

Art Nelson reported that we would like to have George Karras get prices on this Hall of Fame bulletin board. This item has been tabled pending on pricing. No further action taken.

Electricity to Picnic Area:

Art Nelson reported that the recreation center has given us the go-ahead to put electricity to the picnic area. Art Nelson has a drawing that he will submit to the recreation center for approval. This project will be added to the CR-13. No further action taken.

Bleechairs:

Art Nelson reported that there are a lot of good comments on the few Bleechairs we have installed in the bleachers on both sides. This being said, we will need another 35 to complete the project at the cost of \$1399.65.

Lyle Bakken made a motion to complete the seating project. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

Field List of Rules:

Art Nelson reported that George Karras would like to post a list of field rules when using Liberty Field. Art Nelson went over list of rules. The board feels that the list of rules that George has presented is okay, except, we want to be able to hit off the brown batters box to see how well it will hold up. The list of field rules will be posted inside the fence by the water fountains in each dugout. No further action taken at this time.

Replacing Flagpole:

Art Nelson reported that Mike Hester has done some research on replacing our flagpole in left field. Art Nelson will table this item until the next meeting. No further action taken at this time.

Other Field Issue:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras has talked Todd Paddy about where the infield meets the outfield grass and that the grass area is a little higher. Todd Paddy said that he will work on this to even this area out. Also Bruce reported that Todd Paddy does not want golf cars parked on the first-base side in the gravel by the sidewalk. George Karras will see Todd Paddy to have the use no parking signs installed. No further action taken.

Outfield Grass Cutting:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras and Todd Paddy have discussed cutting the outfield grass. Todd Paddy has expressed his concerns of only being able to cut the outfield grass once per week. Todd Paddy would like to cut it at least twice per week. This being said, it was reported that currently the recreation center is cutting the grass after the Monday practice, and after the co-ed games on Fridays. No further action taken at this time.

Special Events:

Palm Desert: Ken Skinner reported that they are ready to go. They have two teams, the managers are selected, and is scheduled for November 17, 2007. No further action taken.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Ken Skinner reported that the list keeps growing. Ken said that there are now 58 players who qualified to play in this tournament. This tournament will be held on February 2, 2008 and is ongoing.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Ken Skinner reported that they may not have enough players to play both Friday and Saturday. However they want to keep Friday open at this time and see what happens as the tournament gets closer. This tournament will be held February 9-10, 2008.

Opening Fan Appreciation Week:

Art Nelson thanked everyone who took part in the opening week festivities. This was a huge success and a lot of fun for all.

Pancake Breakfast:

Bruce Brady reported that the Pancake Breakfast for our sponsors will be held on Saturday, on November 10, 2007. They will serve from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and everybody is lined up to help. Because of the overseeding of Beardsley Park he has asked that we do not parking cars on the grass. Bruce Brady has assured Todd that that this will not happen. Bruce Brady has requested that Liberty Field be closed from 6 a.m. to 12 noon in support of the pancake breakfast. Bruce Brady made a motion that Liberty Field be closed from 6 a.m. to noon in support of the pancake breakfast, and to show our support of our sponsors, all players are asked to wear their team uniforms. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Tin Cup Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that Dick LeMoine is still on the cruise and the tournament this year will be held at Palm Ridge. Deer Valley Golf Course has been secured all day for play. This year there is a fashion show at Palm Ridge Recreation Center for those who will not be participating in the golf tournament. There is no date set for the Tin Cup at this time. No further action taken.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early was absent and Lyle Bakken reported that the uniform equipment is high this year because new league caps were bought this year. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Carol Bowden reported that she and George Karras have met with Fast Signs that will be replacing the other sign company that was doing our billboards. Fast Signs sent a proposal. The cost will be \$972.00 per panel and we are supplying the panels. Blank panels will be put up its cost is \$75.00 each. Each panel is guaranteed for three years against failure. Five Signs of also agreed to pick of old panels and deliver the new ones. There are normally three panels per sign which comes to a cost of \$2916.00 per sponsor.

Carol Bowden made a motion that we accept Fast Signs proposal to do our billboard signs in the outfield. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried no further action taken.

Team Sponsors:

Carol Bowden has spoken to Mary Lee McGee and Lona King with Windermere Realty and they are excited about sponsoring a team.

Carol Bowen has a current list of team sponsorship and it is included on page 8 of these minutes for your information. Dennis Farrar recommended that Carol Bowden write up an operational procedure of how the team sponsors and billboard sponsors are selected and that this procedure be followed. This operational procedure will be a board approved. Because of all the confusion we have had in the past with sponsorship we need to set up a procedure that will be consistent with all sponsors being treated the same.

— Southwest Golf Cars Issue:

There was a lot of discussion on how to handle the controversy of sponsorship between Southwest Golf Cars and the Sun City West Softball Club. Art Nelson said he will send it to Southwest Golf Cars reminding them that their team sponsor renewal in the amount of \$250.00 was due in October. If they want to continue their team sponsorship they will need to pay this amount to be current.

The board discussed this issue further and it's the decision of the board that whether they continue as a sponsor or not, we are no longer in need of a golf car and will be returning it to them. No further action taken at this time.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that as of today, we now have 297 paid members. No further action.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that there is now 12 members in the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Umpire Association (SCSSLUA). Ken Skinner said that he has set up an umpires schedule for the opening day. and that the umpire clinics are now held every Monday at 4 p.m. at Liberty Field in Sun City West. All-league players are invited to attend. Carol Bowden will also supply Ken Skinner with a list of the Northwest Valley Women's League games so that Ken can assign umpires for the games at Liberty Field.

Friday Co-Ed League:

Ray Murphy reported that our Friday League is alive and healthy and we played three games starting a 10 a.m. The teams are comprised of American League, National League and women; however "one" rated players in the American League are not allowed to participate. There is now a replacement list for those individuals who would like to be placed on a team. The placement list can be found through the league web site at www.azssoftball.com and click on the calendar, Friday/70s League link. This league is self-governed and is not controlled by either the Sun City West Softball Club, or the Sun Cities Softball League. To play in the Friday lead all you need to do is have a current recreation card from Sun City, or Sun City West. We do have playing rules, player roster, and game schedule and they are also posted to the web site. Ray Murphy has agreed to be the Friday coed league commissioner and if there is a situation that needs to be settled Ray will get involved.

National League:

Rich McAndrews reported that we are now up to 161 players. No further action taken.

Rich McAndrews has requested that Art Nelson secure a room for him to hold the National League managers meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. No further action taken.

WOMEN'S OPENING DAY:

Carol Bowden reported that they have enough teams to have three games. There will be hot dogs and buns, and each team is responsible for what ever else they want to bring. Ken Skinner has provided umpires for all three games. Bruce Brady has set up a maintenance crew to have the field prepared and ready for play. No further action taken.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Hall Of Fame League Banquet:

In the absence of Mike Hester, Dennis Farrar reported that the Hall of Fame Banquet is schedule for March 28, 2008 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. John Doherty is the chairman of the HOF Committee. The HOF Nomination Form will once again 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 Report:

In the absence of Wayne Mitchell, Art Nelson reported that he has not heard any complaints in the rules that were adopted starting with the fall play. No further action taken.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Karen Hill reported that they have taken the Hot Flashes and the Sparks and divided them up. The Hot Flashes are no longer part of the league. There are two teams which consist of the Fames and the Sparks. We will be playing by the rules set forth by the West Valley Women's League. No further action taken. After a lot of discussion, the question came up to whether the women were under the jurisdiction of the league, or under the jurisdiction of the Sun City West Softball Club. Art Nelson reported that he has done some research on the status of the women's league program. After much discussion, it was concluded that the women's league program is not part of the Sun City West Softball Club because they do not draw from our sponsor's list program for sponsors; and make their own decision without consulting the board. Therefore the board feels the women's program operates independently just as the Friday Co-ed League teams.

Art Nelson said that the women's program in our league should function as a league between Sun City, and Sun City West women players, and do not play, nor participate as a part of the Northwest Valley women's program.

Be it resolved, Rich McAndrews made a motion that we look at our current women's program, operating independently as the Friday League Co-ed League teams, and that the women will be can have representation at our monthly board meetings as the Friday League. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CHARTER CLUB MEETING:

Rich McAndrews brought up that if you have an incident on the field you need to take the incident report to the pool monitor at Kuntz Recreation Center.

Rich reported that the IRS has come up with a new electronic form (990-N) which is filled out for clubs who have gross receipts are normally \$25,000.00 or less. Lyle Bakken is aware of this as he got the letter also. No further action taken.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Co-mingling:

Rich McAndrews reported that the bylaw change for co-mingling has been posted since September 13, 2007. This is a waiver allowing Sun City players to play our field.

Board Expenditures Limits:

Rich reported that this bylaw change as follows:

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.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson reported that the Joel Muldoon has decided not to run. So the following members have put their names into nomination for the SCW Board for 2008-09.

They are:

Carol Bowden, Mel Schiebel, Rich McAndrews, Cal Shirey, and Richard Wells.

Art Nelson will open the floor for nominations at the General meeting on November 14, 2007, and the election will be the week after Thanksgiving on November 27 & November 29 at the Liberty Field clubhouse.

At the general membership meeting Lyle Bakken has requested that Art Nelson have the general membership approved him as the club accountant. Lyle will not have a vote on the board, while just be in charge of the books. No further action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Incident Report:

Art Nelson reported that we've had two incidences at the field where people have fallen into a gap of the modified bleachers. This being said Art Nelson gave George Karras the approval to spend up to \$500.00 to correct this issue. No further action taken.

Shading the First Base Dugout:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that he would like to see us put a see-through white tarp behind the first-base dugout to help control the sun at the later games. The dugout tends to be a little warm and the shade trees are not providing enough shade to keep the dugout cool enough for the players.

Bruce Brady will check with George Karras to see if he can possibly get a rollup shade for that area. No further discussion at this time.

MR. LUND PASSED AWAY:

Art Nelson reported that Mr. Lund of Lund Cadillac recently passed away. Ernie Mueller and Art Nelson will go to Lund Cadillac on November 14 to give a presentation in appreciation of all their support.

PEPSI CONTRACT:

Lyle Bakken reported that Pepsi has not paid their annual fee of \$2000 for pouring rights in Sun City West. Pepsi has not paid this year and Lyle has talked to Cindy four times on this issue. Cindy has called them. Technically, if Pepsi does not pay this amount by December 31, Pepsi will lose their pouring rights in Sun City West. Lyle Bakken has agreed to talk to Matt Szydlowski on this issue to see and if we can get this resolved. No further action taken at this time.

COFFEE & DONUTS:

Lyle Bakken reported that the last time the donuts were purchased from the American League Ray Early gave him a bill for \$29.95. Lyle asked Ray why he didn't take the money out of the jar. Ray replied there was not enough money in the jar to cover the expense. Lyle paid Ray. Lyle has been given the approval to pay an individual for the donuts if there is not enough in the jar to cover the expense. No further action taken at this time.

AMERICAN LEAGUE REPORT:

Art Nelson reported that the American League managers meeting will be January 2, and the draft will be January 4, 2008. Both meetings will meetings will be held at the Men's Club in Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 3, 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, November 21, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to adjourn. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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SPONSOR LIST - 2007

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TEAMS:

1. Windermere - (corp.)
2. Windermere – Lona King & Marylee Magee
3. Canyon State – Ron Cameron 584.2850
4. Farrar Chiropractic & Acupuncture (NL)
5. Larry & Rachael Ott (NL), (9/07)
6. Lou & Sandy Cryer – Ken Meade, (10/07) 602.402.4568

Possibilities ????:

Altavilla Pizza
Ace Hardware
Hole-In-One
Avondale Toyota
Fletcher Music
Crooked Putter
Air by Dean

From Loran Swanson:

2 men & a Truck
Remax Team
Madison House – Pat Horton 584.1999 x19

Billboard:

M&I Bank (tba)

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