

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

President Rich McAndrews at Beardsley Center Room 5 called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rich McAndrews, Carol Bowden, Rich Wells, Jan Strock, Bob Williams, Chuck Hendrix and Joe Oliver.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Laurel Andrew, Art Nelson, Ken Skinner, Lyle Bakken and Mike Hester.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: Rich McAndrews made a motion to waive the reading of February's minutes; seconded by Wells.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich Wells/ Lyle Bakken
Lyle Bakken submitted the included Treasurer's Report for review:

CREDIT UNION BAL - \$ 24,632.84
CLUB OPERATING BAL- \$ 5,201.54
REC CENTER BAL - \$ 27,519.72
TIN CUP BAL - \$ 4,422.41

TOTAL \$ 61,776.51

Lyle Bakken went on to briefly discuss the Tin Cup, inasmuch as there have only been 50 registrants thus far. Bob Williams stated that he would make sure that the National League was reminded of the tournament. Lyle also mentioned that some of the billboard sponsors were delinquent in their payments. The issue of billboard upkeep and maintenance was discussed, and it was felt that the Daily News-Sun billboard would be refurbished because of its condition. A motion was made by Carol Bowden and seconded by Rich Wells to approve the billboard work.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cards of appreciation were received from both Bill Bromley's family, as well as Bosom Buddies, for the Club's involvement in the Cardiac Kids and the Breast Cancer research tournaments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Laurel Andrew

Laurel had nothing new to relate concerning the Women's League but did remind the board of the upcoming Cancer Survivor Day March 7th. The event will begin with a walking event, with a \$5 entry/donation, beginning at 7:30am, followed by a softball game at 9:30am.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

The new field misters are ready to go and will be ready for Day In The Park. Paving stones will soon be laid for the new Ramada area. Rich McAndrews stated that he had met with the local resident who had been experiencing balls landing in his yard. The possibility of screening being put up was discussed. However, nothing final has been determined or approved. It was further mentioned that those individuals using the field along with a batting tee must hit from the area of home plate, and not to use any portion of the fencing as a backstop for the ball.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SPRING FLING- The Board commended Bob Williams and his wife Kay for all the work they did in the National League's twelve-team participation and coordination, and further Bob recognized Duane Newkirk for his assistance.

It was mentioned that the unfortunate accident in which Dennis Farrar was injured in a collision with Roy Burgess somewhat dampened the day, but that the teams continued on to a successful event. The American League, likewise, enjoyed a fun day at the park, with four participating teams.

CANCER SURVIVOR DAY-

Ken Skinner did a brief follow-up on this event, mentioned earlier in the minutes, and the Board elected to purchase four (4) \$25 gift certificates for Rosie's Italian Restaurant. Raffle tickets for the gift certificates will be drawn at the event on Saturday, March 7th.

DAY IN THE PARK:

Joe Oliver told the Board that he had sent out 62 letters inviting and reminding sponsors and advertisers about the upcoming Day In The Park on March 14, and asking that they participate. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 people will participate in the event. Rich Wells will coordinate the setting up of the event, i.e., tables/refreshments, etc., and his group will begin about 7:00am. All those ball players serving as workers or as just attendees are asked to wear their game jerseys. Carol Bowden told the Board that the Daily News-Sun and the Independent Newspapers, promoting the Day In The Park, would run special ads. Chuck Hendrix will be putting together signboards advertising in various parts of the city. Carol Bowden states that the Posse will handle traffic control. A motion was made by Rich

Wells and seconded by Rich McAndrews that, instead of sponsors just receiving the traditional pictures, they receive small plaques of recognition for display. The motion was passed unanimously. Rich McAndrews stated that he, personally, would contact the sponsors concerning Day In The Park and the Tin Cup golf tournament.

TEAM PICTURES: Carol Bowden

The team pictures are scheduled for March 17th and March 19th at Liberty Field and, as mentioned earlier, plaques with the Sun Cities logo will be given to sponsors for a cost of \$30 per plaque, paid for by the club.

LEAGUE BANQUET: Carol Bowden

Carol states the banquet will be held at the Sun Dial Auditorium in Sun City and the event will be Pot Luck. The program will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on March 25. Linda Graham will be the Coordinator.

SEASON ENDING SOFTBALL DAY: Art Nelson

Art states that there are four games lined up for play on April 11, but that the League Board must make final approval. Art states that interested players need to sign up. Joe Oliver made a motion that refreshments (hotdogs & hamburgers) be supplied by the Sun City West Club. Rich Wells seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

PALM DESERT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: Ken Skinner

Ken states that the event is scheduled for April 25th and that Ken Boyd will manage a 60's team and Chuck Davelis will manage a 70's team. The teams will consist of the first 60 players who sign up. The Board voted unanimously to provide refreshments for the event. Ken went on to say that the summer Sun City Grand softball league would be having sign-ups.

UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT: Rich McAndrews

A motion was made by Carol Bowden and seconded by Joe Oliver that the Board authorize the purchase of 12 batting helmets for player protection, for the cost of \$168. The helmets will be of two colors with varying head sizes. The motion was seconded by Rich McAndrews and approved.

BILLBOARDS: Joe Oliver

Joe Oliver stated that he would follow up on new advertisers and renewals. Discussion was had as to whether billboard owners should have some priority over others as to sponsor selection. This matter has been tabled at this time.

LEAGUE BOARD: Carol Bowden

Carol reports that the new shorts worn by the women are acceptable.

FRIDAY LEAGUE

Rich McAndrews reports that there are internal issues and conflicts within the league. However, these issues are not problems that the Board will handle.

NEW BUSINESS; Rich Wells

Rich reports that there are 30 members who have no liability waiver on file. Bob Williams will follow up on this for the National League and Rich Wells will do likewise for the American League. Ken Skinner suggests that we adopt a smaller waiver type card. This will be further discussed at the April meeting. The Board stated unanimously that all guests must sign a waiver before using the field.

Ken Skinner briefly discussed the potential of having an online camera security system, which would allow the observation of the field during non-use time.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be April 6, 2009 at 7:30am in the Saguaro Room, Beardsley Recreation Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Strock