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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center at 1:05pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

INTRODUCTION:

President, Bob Stouthamer introduced his board members: Jim McGuire, Vice President; Lyle Bakken, Treasurer; Dennis Farrar, Secretary; Dick Lemoine, Board Member; Ernie Mueller, Board Member; George Karras, Board Member (absent).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Bob Stouthamer reported the following current membership status as follows:

Total members in good standing: 260

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	112
National League (Active & Sub List)	87
Woman's League	35
Inactive (Injured List)	26
Totals	260

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail. Lyle reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of February 18, 2006 is \$11,899.11. Lyle said that if anyone had any questions about the treasurer's report he would go over it with them in detail as he did not want to take meeting time to detail the treasurer's report.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken also reported on the Liberty Field Clubhouse as follows:

Total cost for the clubhouse \$228,158.04. This cost includes the clubhouse and patio area and all the permits, blueprints, printing and other items needed to build. The current balance due to the Sun City West Recreation Center \$8,248.12.

LIBERTY FIELD EVENTS:

Bob Stouthamer reported in detail with a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming events for Liberty Field.

January – Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Bob reported a total of \$691.00 raised for the Heart Foundation. This included entry fees to the players and items that were sold at the tournament.

February – Winter Classic Tournament:

Bob reported around \$225.00 raised for the Sun City West Softball Club from this tournament.

March – NL & AL Extended Spring Fling:

Bob also reported that this year's expanded spring fling will include the American League. The American League has approximately 60 players signed up.

April – Open:

Bob said there is a possibility of getting the recreation centers employees involved in doing a tournament during this month. No further action taken.

TEAM PICTURE DAYS:

Bob reiterated about getting your team pictures taken. The American League will be on February 21 and the National League will be on February 23. All pictures will be taken on the Sun City Softball Field. Bob said that this is one way we say thanks to the sponsors by giving them team pictures of their team. Please arrive early before your game to get your picture taken.

RAMADA UPDATE:

Dick Lemoine passed around some sketches of the proposed Ramada to be built adjacent to Liberty Field. Dick reported that the board has made presentations to the recreation center, and is working with contractors in the area to provide services at no charge to the recreation center or the Sun City West softball club. This Ramada will include picnic tables and barbecue. He also asked for suggestions from those members present as to what they would like to see on this project. This project looks like it may be well under way during this year.

OTHER LONG RANGE PLANS:

Bob mentioned that the board is trying to define the clubs long-range plan as to what we can do with the money that is coming in from the billboards once the clubhouse debt is paid. Bob reported that the board voted to paint the concrete softball in front of the clubhouse; however the recreation center has denied the request saying that the paint would not hold up. If we wish to continue with this project we will have to go to the outside and request bids.

PRIORITIZE LONG RANGE PLANS:

Bob took a vote of those members present with the following results as to the prioritizing of long-range plans.

The board voted as follows:

1. Ramada
2. Foul Poles
3. Bulletin Boards in the dugouts

The membership voted and expressed the following priorities:

1. Storage Building – Lots #1
2. Stadium Seating – Lots #2
3. Foul Poles – 17
4. Misting System – 10
5. Bulletin Boards in dugouts – 2

Bob is hoping that we can get the needed Storage Building donated. We will continue to work on this and keep the membership advised as to the outcome.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL:

The Board talked about how we can get the sponsors more involved in what we do. This event has been tentatively set for October 28, 2006. One of these areas would be to sponsor a carnival in which the sponsors would have an active part. This would include a pancake breakfast in which the entire public would be invited and involved. There would be a nominal fee for the pancake breakfast. The sponsors would be given tables and space in which they could display their goods and services to those in attendance. This will help our sponsors get the exposure that is needed, and that they deserve. This will not be held in Liberty Field. A location will be announced at a future date.

CO-MINGLING VOTE:

After a lot of discussion on pros and cons, a motion was made by Larry Ott to continue to co-mingle with Sun City as we do now. Motions seconded by Bill McKenna. Motion carried. A ballot vote was taken. Dennis Farrar and Jim McGuire counted the ballot votes with the following results:

80	- Yes
26	- No
2	- Abstained
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108	TOTAL PRESENT

Prior to the vote Ken Skinner presented a Microsoft Excel grid on the overhead screen to show the games and practicing schedule that would need to take place at Liberty Field if we were to split and just use our field for Sun City West players of the American and National League. Ken made a very compelling presentation.

The next co-mingling vote will be taken at the General Meeting in February 2007.

BILLBOARDS:

Bob Stouthamer thanked Dick Lemoine for his outstanding job in the Billboard sponsoring area. He also reported that George Karras would be taking over for Dick once the necessary individuals are trained to sell and follow up on Billboard advertisement. This will free Dick to focus on getting the Ramada project completed at Liberty Field. Bob reported that each board member has been assigned billboard sponsors that they will pursue and follow-up with on a regular basis.

SPRING SESSION ENDS:

The Spring Session will end on April 6. Please make sure you get your jerseys back to your managers on that day.

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS:

The first Summer Session begins April 18. Dennis Farrar and Tex Wells will be working on the summer schedule.

ANNUAL HALL OF FAME BANQUET:

Jim McGuire is heading up the banquet program. The banquet will be held at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center on March the 24th at 11 a.m. Banquet tickets are available through your team manager at the cost of \$10.00 per person.

Q&A:

Bob opened up the floor for a question and answer session and numerous ideas, comments and suggestions were heard. Some of the suggestions will need to be taken to the League Board. No immediate action was taken on any of the others.

Ken Skinner promoted the web site and asked everyone to check the site for the latest information.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will be in the fall. Please check the bulletin boards and the Newsletter for location, date and time.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary