

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2017

President Dick LeMoine convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and announced Dennis Horvath as a new member of the board replacing Ron Kolacek, who recently resigned.

Board members present: Vice President Cal Goings, Secretary Larry Reed, Treasurer John McFarland, Marcel Mantha, Lloyd Styrwoll, Dennis Horvath

October 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes had previously been reviewed and approved by the board and posted to the club website.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lyle Bakken presented the Treasurer's report.
- As of November 6, 2017, there is a club balance of \$240,822.69.
- Since the Sun City West softball club was formed, total income generated has been \$883,822.69.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report from Lloyd Styrwoll, seconded by John McFarland. Passed.

General Correspondence - President LeMoine:

- Information Technology Chairman – Rick Fish recommended that club member Bob Emerson be appointed the new I.T. chairman for our club. The suggestion was supported by board members. President LeMoine made the appointment.
- Liberty Field Construction – President LeMoine explained that the awning project for the barbeque and patio area along the third base side of the field had been stopped because of objections from the rec. center. LeMoine explained he met with rec. center representatives and resolved their concerns. He shared with club members the next steps to be taken to complete the project. He further shared the scope of the project, why it was needed, and the options for deciding the final design. LeMoine asked for member approval to create a maximum budget of \$30,000 to complete the work. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. After some discussion, the motion was passed.

Billboards, Banners, and Sponsors:

- Dick LeMoine and Lyle Bakken met with the new owner of Fast Signs, which makes our field billboards and banners to discuss the rapid deterioration of some of the signage vinyl they produced. The rec. center had expressed an opinion the signage was making the field look shabby. Originally, the owner agreed to replace the deteriorated billboards, but then reneged on that commitment. As a result, LeMoine is looking for a new sign vendor to replace Fast Signs. Replacement of the defective billboard vinyl is on hold until a new vendor can be selected.
- John McFarland stated that the new uniforms which have been ordered will be arriving this week. He also said he will be ordering 300/52 rated softballs for the winter/spring session as a "test" to determine if the club will switch to that ball on a permanent basis. John also said that Dave Ryg has volunteered to be in charge of uniforms for the club.

Field Manager:

- Ken Skinner reports the worker who has been cutting the grass at the field for many years is retiring. Ken "passed the hat" at the meeting to collect money for a "thank you" gift for the retiring worker.
- Ken mentioned he needs someone to be in charge of the popcorn program at the field and asked for a volunteer to take on that service to the club.
- Ken shared upcoming events at the field to include ladies' team games on Nov. 11 and a one-pitch tournament on Dec. 28 & 29.
- Although the work had to be dismantled due to rec. center directive (see correspondence above), Ken complimented Roger Pribnow for his work to design and direct the construction of the project.

Board Elections:

- Craig Hone, Bob Lee, Randy Settje, and Jim Roch were the only nominees to replace the four current board members whose terms expire the end of this year. Members elected all four by affirmation vote.

Tin Cup Golf Tournament:

- Chairman Ori McDonald reports the tournament will be held March 18, 2018. He said initial work on the tournament is going well. He asked anyone who would like to sponsor a hole during the tournament to contact him to get set-up. McDonald also stated that as a result of requests, he is working with Rick Fish to establish a website page listing all the results of the tournament.

American League:

- Chairman Ori McDonald expects to have 14 or 15 teams for the winter/spring session. He states the designated umpire program is working well.

Central League:

- Chairman Randy Settje expects to have 13 teams for the winter/spring session. He also reported that, in addition to the designated umpire program, the league also has established designated scorekeeper and scoreboard operator programs.

National League:

- Chairman Bill Goldspink shared there is a lot of volatility of players in the league making it hard to determine how many teams the league may have in the winter/spring session. He said the designated umpire system is also working well in the league.

70's League:

- Dan Burke reports 2 divisions have been established in the league based on skill level. He expects to have 9-10 teams between the two divisions. Dan reports things are working smoothly in the league.

Ladies' Team:

- Carol Bowden stated the ladies' team will be hosting games on Nov. 11 at Liberty Field. She also mentioned our softball club will again be part of the recreation center's spring "Happy Camp" events. Club volunteers will be at Liberty Field the first three Mondays in March at 6:00 p.m. hosting visiting children with basic softball instruction and ball games.

Angels in the Outfield:

- Barbara McFarland shared that sales of "Angels in the Outfield" t-shirts have been good. When the new umpire program is established in the co-ed league, the "Angels" t-shirts will be the umpires' uniforms.
- Barbara stated the excess equipment sales netted \$60 for her group.
- Barbara mentioned the children's Christmas toy drive will be extended until Dec. 11. She also clarified that used bicycles in good repair would be accepted as part of the toy collection.

By-Law Change:

- It was moved and seconded that language be added to the club by-laws that would expand the listing of permanent committees to include Central League, 70's League, Co-Ed League, Women's League, Summer League, and Angels in the Outfield. Motion approved.

Old/New Business:

- There was no business to conduct.

Special Note:

- At the conclusion of the meeting, club member Ron Power thanked the club for all the care and support shown to his wife during her treatment for cancer. Members acknowledged Ron with a round of applause in appreciation of his kind comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Larry Reed, Board Secretary

