

2-11-02

### **Sun Cities League Meeting (Joint Board)**

The meeting was called to order by president Mat Szydlowski at 10:55 A.M. in the Kuentz Craft Room #2, S.C.W. In attendance were directors Bob Luebben, Greg Johnston, Jack Borst, Dick Lemoine, Wayne Mitchell and Jim Rabbot. Absent, Gene O'Boyle. Guests present were Ken Skinner, Jim McGuire, Ray Murphy, Loran Swanson.

Because of another appointment Ken Skinner requested to be placed on the agenda early and was so acknowledged. Ken related to the board some of his past experience with relation to softball rules and how they relate to the league, some of the pitfalls in revising the rules to often and specifically he addressed the courtesy runner rule as it applied to the American League.

The minutes of 1-18-02 board meeting were presented and read. There being no corrections the minutes stood approved .

League Coordinator, Loran Swanson reported that presently there are Two-hundred fifty-one (251) S.C.W. members and One-hundred nineteen (119) S.C. members for a total of Three-hundred seventy (370) members in the league.

Bob Luebben, Chm. Hall of Fame Committee gave a report. He stated that the committee members are Ray Keller, Charles McKasson, Steve Griswold and Ken Skinner. The application for nominees has been up-dated and distributed to all team managers. The date to have the applications returned to the committee was set for February 15<sup>th</sup> after which time the committee will meet and choose the two that will be inducted to the League Hall of Fame at the 4-11-02 seasons-end banquet.

Bob Luebben then gave a report on the American League Courtesy Runner rule that was revised and dated January 18, 2002. Bob reported that there were challenges to the rule as posted by some of the managers. To resolve the issue, with the approval of the President, Bob had a managers meeting on 1-28-02 in

which ten of the thirteen managers along with the President attended.

Clarification on the intent of the rule was accomplished at the meeting, was then printed and dated 2-11-02, shown to the managers, initialed and presented to the League Board for action. A motion was made to approve the rule as read and presented effective 2-14-02. The revised rule is expected to be posted at the ballfields on 2-12-02.

Bob also reported that he had received feed-back from a number of league members that were dissatisfied with the rule **D. 1. General** which pertains to a time limit and only being able to score 5 runs except for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning only when one team is behind more than 5 runs and has no way to win the game because of the restrictive nature of the rule. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the rules committee would take that into consideration when reviewing all the rules for adoption at the beginning of the fall/winter season of 2002-2003. Dick Lemoine reported that the clay used around the batters box and the rubber mats used for practice at the S.C.W. field have been well received. He suggested that the S.C. board members take that information back to their board for possible consideration.

The president then appointed Wayne Mitchell as the chairman of the American League Rules Committee. He gave authority to the chairman to appoint the remainder of the committee (total of five) and suggested that he may wish to consider Ken Skinner and Bob Luebben as possible members. It was pointed out that in order to distribute any new rules to the membership at the beginning of the fall season the rules would need to be printed by the beginning of October.

Reported that Dave Oliver is the Summer League chairman. Verne George, Glenn Carroll and his wife Livonia will assist Dave in having the summer session run smoothly.

After a review of the By-laws it was noted that inadvertently a Board Vice-President was not elected at the 1-18-02 board meeting. Jim Rabbot was nominated and elected to the position.

Discussion then led to the problem of when a team falls below the required twelve (12) persons per team. It was decided that when a player is going to be absent from team play for a lengthy time for whatever reason he will be replaced from the pool player availability list giving the manager his choice from the list taking into consideration the player ratings. Like ratings may be used if available otherwise a manager may have to use a pool player with a lower skilled rating. The practice of trying out a player first to see if acceptable will not be continued.

Reported that Greg Johnston and Jack Borst are the National League representatives. Team assignments in the National League had been completed within the past few days. Greg mentioned some concerns on how things were handled regarding notification of the surplus players after the American League draft. It was noted that any surplus players left over after future drafts will receive a prompt call to notify them of their status and their choices, by the president or his designee.

Reported that the National League Rules Committee is chaired by Greg Johnston and the remainder of the committee is Carl Johnson, Bill Nyblade, Jim Tramel and Joe Calcagno.

The rules committees from both leagues will consider coordinating the schedule the same for each league, being either two sessions or three per season ( fall thru spring).

Jim McGuire gave a report on how things are progressing with regards to the April 11, 2002 banquet. Five caterers have been contacted. The committee will decide on which to use. On February 28<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at each field there will be a Managers meeting to distribute the tickets and receive instructions on the procedure to follow.

Bob Luebben reported back to the board on the monetary decisions that were made and motions passed by the Sun City Board at its February 4, 2002 meeting.

Reported that the Planning Committee is made up of the following: Matt Szydlowski, Dick Lemoine, Greg Johnston and Wayne Mitchell. Matt led a discussion on the possible use of new fields for expansion of the league. What pre-requisites are needed to be able to take such action and the direction the league must strive for to accomplish such goals. Strong consideration would also be considered to extend the days per week of play.

A serious incident took place in the National League involving the conduct of a player recently, that was brought to the Boards attention. After due consideration the Board decided to suspend the player for a two week period. The president will notify in writing the person involved of the suspension.

Jim McGuire had prepared some suggested rules changes which he presented. No action was taken but Jim was informed to submit his recommendations to the Rules Committee for consideration.

It was noted that the S.C.W. Club had expenditures of \$4170.00 above income last year mainly due to heavy uniform expenditures and a \$2000 payment on the Bleachers Sun Screen. It is anticipated that this years estimated expenditures will put them in the red by \$2950 as reported by the budget committee Chairman Wayne Mitchell.

The next meeting is set for March 11, 2002 in the Mens Club, Stampede Room, S.C.W. at 11:30 A.M.

There being no further business the meeting stood adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Robert R. Luebben, Secretary

