

12-09-02

Sun Cities Senior Softball League (Joint Board)

The meeting was held in the Men's Club of Sun City West and called to order by President Matt Szydlowski at 10:30 A.M. In attendance were Directors, Jack Borst, Wayne Mitchell, Dick LeMoine, Greg Johnston, Gene O'Boyle, Ray Keller (in place of Jim Rabbott) Bob Luebben. Guests present were Red Klingensmith, Tait Douglas, Mel Schiebel, Lyle Bakken, Richard Chieelly, Steve Boinski, Ed Eckardt, Mike Graham, Don Gault, Ray Murphy, Bob Check, Jim Pier, Loran Swanson.

The minutes of the 11-11-02 meeting were read and approved with the following correction, (the Steel Corp. ball price of \$45.88 per dozen is \$24.00 per dozen).

Also Dick LeMoine reported that a day after the 11-11-02 board meeting he received fifty (50) dozen of the Worth 44 core, 525 compression Yellow/green colored balls which was the original order, therefore, a motion was made and approved to rescind the motion that was approved at the 11-11-02 meeting which read:(send the balls back and only order enough of the 44 core, 525 compression yellow/green colored Worth balls to last to the end of the fall/winter session, also investigate a new ball that is supposed to be the same compression and core ratio manufactured by the Steel corp. at the cheaper price of \$45.88 per dozen as quoted by the Rep.). Also related to the issue, a motion was made and passed to rescind the motion that was approved at the 11-11-02 meeting which read: (to introduce the DePere Ball to the National League First Session of the Summer League of 2003. The ball will be used for one full session and the Board will take notice of how the ball is accepted, before final judgment is made on its continues use).

Sponsor chairman Jim Pier reported that to date all but one sponsor is paid up and that sponsor intends to continue sponsoring a team.

The president reported that a National League player was suspended for 1 game for his conduct. This being his first offense the one game penalty was appropriate.

League Coordinator Loran Swanson reported that he anticipates 20 more people coming back for the Winter/Spring session. He said a new survey would be taken of the managers to see what size team (in numbers) they are in favor of. Also he questioned what the league was in favor of if there are more people/players for the draft than is required for the teams. The decision of the board was; In the American League draft if there are people left over after the teams are drafted, the people involved would be given a choice to play in the National League or be placed in the American League Pool for placement when a vacancy on a team exists. The present league roster stands at, S.C. 125 and S.C.W. 264 for a total of 389. The Winter/Spring teams will be drafted and formed on Monday Jan. 13th, S.C.W. Men's Club, Stampede Room, American League to commence at 10:00 A.M., National League to follow (approx. 12:30 P.M.) The new session of the league will begin Tuesday, Jan. 21st.

National League Representatives Jack Borst and Gene O'Boyle reported that with the shortened daylight hours this time of year it was becoming a problem to get in all the scheduled games. After discussing possible solutions of changing and shortening the games allotted times the board decided; to avoid confusion, the present schedule would not be changed at this time. The issue will be discussed with the managers for a possible solution. The newly (2003) appointed officers for the Sun City Senior Softball Club are: President, Doug Wright, Vice President, Red Klingensmith, Treasurer, Tait Douglas, Secretary, Carl Johnson. The newly (2003) appointed officers for the Sun City West Softball Club are: President, Wayne Mitchell, Vice President, Greg Johnston, Treasurer, Lyl Bakken, and Secretary Mel Schiebel.

Under old business the President made an apology for the board for the methodology used in not inviting the complainant to appear in person but only acting on the written complaint. The complainant accepted the apology.

American League Rules Committee chairman, Wayne Mitchell reported that a rules committee meeting was conducted on Tuesday Nov. 26th. In attendance was Ray Murphy, Dick LeMoine, Jack Borst and Bob Luebben. There were three items on the agenda. 1. Related to a letter received from member Tait Douglas regarding equipment in use (bats) and safety issues. 2. Related to a letter received from Tom Aloï regarding the interpretation of a playing rule as it relates to an automatic out for a player that started but left or was removed from the game. 3. When a player wants to change teams. The recommendations of the Rules Committee referring to the three agenda items were as follows: Item number 2. The league does not receive protests but as a courtesy to Mr. Aloï the requested questions were answered advising him that the rule was properly interpreted. Item number 3. If all parties are in favor (both managers and players) a change could be made. Any future requested changes by the same person would involve automatic penalties. After discussion the board passed a motion not to accept the Rules Committee recommendations related to Items number 2. and 3. As to Item number 1. A lengthy discussion took place, hearing every ones input (which included comments from the guests) the Board passed the following motion: The Sun Cities Senior Softball League has banned the use of the Miken Ultra (Gray Bat) . This rule is to take effect starting December 12, 2002. This means that the bat is not to be used by any league member for any purpose (practice or otherwise) on the Sun Bowl or Kuentz fields.

The Planning Committee chaired by Wayne Mitchell discussed the problems involved relating to the growing size (in numbers) of the league. Following are the recommendations of the committee:

- . Find another field to play on
- . Add to the weekly days of play
- . Have two Byes

Director Bob Luebben then presented a letter to the board with recommendations for the league to consider installing three Permanent Standing Committees.

- . A Safety Committee
- . A Complaint Committee

. A Manager Selection Committee

Bob outlined the benefits and reasons for each committee. Because of the time factor and the many considerations to be decided concerning the issues, the board passed a motion to table the requests to the next meeting. The letter is to be a part of and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Director Luebben then read a letter to the board stating that he is submitting his resignation from the following positions and committees:

. American League Representative

. American League Rules Committee

. American League Team Manager

The reasons for his resignation and the effective dates were outlined in the letter, which is to be placed on file.

The next scheduled meeting of the board is set for January 13, 2003, S.C.W. Men's Club, at 8:00 A.M.

They're being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert R. Luebben