

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE (JOINT BOARD)
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2003 MEETING

The meeting was held in the Men's Club of Sun City West and called to order by President, Ray Keller. In attendance were directors Jack Borst, Greg Johnston, Red Kingensmith, Mel Schiebel, Wayne Mitchell and Dutch Walton. Guest in attendance were Ray Murphy, Fred Suess, and Loren Swanson.

The minutes of the December 9, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Annual Banquet is set for Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at the Mountain View Recreation Center in Sun

City starting at 11:00 a.m. The cost is as follows:

Players \$ 8.00

Spouses 8.00

Outside Guests 10.95

Jack Borst suggested the rules committees be separate entities for the American and National Leagues vs. having a combined rules committee since rules for each league might vary. Any rule changes recommended by each committee would be brought to the Joint Board for approval. **A motion was made and seconded to maintain separate rules committees.**

In subsequent discussion Mel Schiebel was appointed chairman of the American League Rules Committee and Jack Borst was appointed chairman of the National League. Selection of committee members will be at the discretion of the chairman.

Red Kingensmith questions the logos on the recent shipment of caps. They are different than the old ones. The future orders of caps will request the "Old Logo."

On the subject of balls the board felt that purchase of 50 dozen balls at one time was too large a quantity. It was recommended in the future that balls be ordered only in amount required for one session. **A motion was made and seconded, to order balls sufficient for one session at a time, i.e. fall/winter- spring/summer.** Ray Early will handle.

There was considerable discussion on the use of composite bats from the aspect of player safety (The grey ultra I bat has been banned already.) Fred Suess presents data to the board showing quantitative analysis band on the velocity and kinetic energy effects of the composite vs. the aluminum bat. (Fred is a Metallurgical Engineer) The reaction time on line drive, to the pitcher is slightly more than half second and energy of the ball (how much it will hurt) is one third more with a composite bat.

Any decision on future use of composite bats (currently Ultra II), was tabled to the next meeting. **It was suggested by the board that those players considering purchase of a composite bat hold pending future consideration.**

The next meeting will be held at the Bell Recreation Center Bowling Alley in Sun City (team meeting room) on Monday, February 10, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dutch Walton
Secretary