

# Sun Cities Senior Softball League

## Board of Directors

Minutes from January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Board Members Present:** Bill Nyblade, Ray Keller, Bill Buxton, Bill Allen, Glen Carroll, Mel Schiebel, Jim McGuire, Ira Mallory, Bob Stouthamer, Mike Graham

**Guests Present:** Matt Szydlowski, Ray Early, Loran Swanson, and Ken Skinner

Ray Keller called the meeting to order at 9:00 as the former President.

The first item was election of new officers for the joint board. Bob Stouthamer and Bill Allen were nominated for President and Bob Stouthamer was elected. The only nomination for Vice President was Jim McGuire and he was elected. The only nomination for Secretary was Mike Graham and he was elected. Everyone acknowledged Ray Keller for the fine job he has done in the past year.

The minutes for the December meeting were read and approved by the board.

The Operational Procedures for running this league board were read and approved. This includes the delineation of duties between the club boards and the league board. Bill Allen clarified three points in those duties that needed to be modified. Those Operational procedures and responsibilities are included with these minutes. From a detailed discussion, it was decided to eliminate the item 5 under the Sun City and Sun City West Softball Club's section. A section 6 was added under the American and National League Committees that stated "Apprise the joint board of any rule changes".

Ken Skinner made his presentation on a revision to the Hall of Fame selection process. It is similar to the old process except it eliminates the League board member from being required on the selection committee and it limits the number of members to be added each year to a maximum of 2 with no minimum required. Those guidelines are attached. The board approved the adoption of this process with the stipulation that any changes to the process need to be approved by the league board. The selection committee will be comprised of a chairman elected by the existing Hall of Fame members and 4 Hall of Fame members. A new 4 members will be selected each year and the chairman can serve up to 2 years.

We discussed the proposal from the Sun City West Club to drag the field between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> games each day. The point was made that more discussion on dragging the field to insure that the person doing the dragging is trained on the proper methods. We are going to modify our schedules to include 10 minutes during that break to allow for dragging the fields. Each Club board needs to come up with a process to support dragging the fields.

Bill Nyblade notified the board about a change in the National League rules for an illegal substitute. It entails the person being removed from the field with no substitute and an automatic out each time they come to bat.

Mel Schiebel brought up the subject of the mixed league and how a person would get in

by either club or the league board. They just play on the Sun City West field. Any person that wants to play needs to contact one of the 6 managers. They are currently adding 2 new teams to the existing 4 to allow for more players.

The suggestion was made to include the phone numbers from both fields in the schedules. Ken Skinner already has them on the schedules on his web site.

The suggestion was made to have each new player receive a copy of the rules (American or National) when they receive their uniforms. We need to provide copies to both clubs to insure this happens.

The topic was brought up about the number of National League players needed for the next session and how they may have too many players for 13 teams. Since they don't have firm numbers for next session yet, we will wait until they know for sure before we move the overflow players from the American League draft to the National league.

We made the following assignments of sponsors for the given committees:

- American League Rules Committee sponsor – Bill Buxton
- American League Placement Committee sponsor and chairman – Mike Graham
- National League Committee sponsor – Bill Nyblade
- Equipment and Supply Committee sponsor – Jim McGuire
- Hall of Fame Committee sponsor – Bob Stouthamer

We decided to change the meeting date and time to 9:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month so the next meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Assume it to be at the Sun City West Men's Club unless Bob tells us differently.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Graham