

Sun Cities Senior Softball League
Joint Board
Meeting Minutes from February 16th, 2005

Board Members Present: Bill Nyblade, Bill Buxton, Bill Allen, Glen Carroll, Jim McGuire, Ira Mallory, Bob Stouthamer, Mike Graham

Guests Present: Matt Szydowski, Ray Early, and Loran Swanson

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Stouthamer at 10:00 AM. The meeting minutes with attachments were distributed to all board members but they had been approved electronically 3 weeks ago.

Committee Reports:

· **American League Rules Committee:**

Board Sponsor Bill Buxton informed the board that he has organized his committee to review the existing rules. Committee members are Ken Skinner, Peg Swanson and Paul Nagelson. He presented a proposal on change for emergency substitutes. After discussion by the board, the rule will be changed to state that anyone that subs due to an injury in a game will not be charged with a substitution for that game so they can still sub 2 times that week. The topic of uniforms was discussed and the committee agreed that they need to be role models and help encourage everyone to wear their uniform properly. Shirts tucked in, socks up.

· **American League Placement committee**

Board Sponsor Mike Graham provided information on the process used to place players in the American league as well as several problems in getting new players and injured players placed on teams. The process involves matching openings with players waiting to be placed. The board approved using the following technique. Player ratings are determined by when a player was drafted with the exception of new players. A returning player that wasn't drafted in the last draft is treated as a new player. New players are rated based on observation in Green Team games and new player orientation practices by the placement committee of Loran Swanson, Bob Morgan and Mike Graham. Players will be placed onto teams in the order they enter the pool. Vacancies will be filled based on the order the vacancies were created. Vacancies are created after missing 4 consecutive games (byes and rainouts don't count) or immediately when an injury will result in a player being out more than 2 weeks. If more than one player of the proper rating is in the pool when there is an opening, the manager will have their pick from the pool. They may pick a player with a rating lower than their opening if they wish. (For example pick a 2 to fill a 1 vacancy) The committee voted unanimously to allow no right of refusal so when a player of the proper rating is available the team with the opening must choose a qualifying player from the pool.

· **National League Committee**

Board Sponsor Bill Nyblade indicated he had no new data from the committee other than they are having a lot of injuries this session.

· **Equipment and Supplies Committee**

Chairman Jim McGuire turned the floor over to Ray Early after stating that all items are in great shape. Ray stated that both Sun City and Sun City West both have 9

dozen new Dudley 375 compression 44 core balls. SCW has about 3 dozen and SC has 5 dozen of the old balls. We need to follow up with Ray Keller on jacket orders. Bill Nyblade had complaints about the Alpha 1 jerseys choking the players. They aren't due until 2007. No decision was made to replace them early.

- **Hall of Fame Committee**

Board Sponsor Bob Stouthamer reported that he has been attending meetings of the Hall of Fame Committee and they are working on the selection process for this year. Bob reported there were quite a few applications being reviewed.

No Old Business

New Business:

- **Banned Bats**

Mike Graham reported that the current criteria from our previous board are more restrictive than ASA. After much discussion, the board gave Mike the action item to republish the document published on 2/10/04. The new document will state that allowable bats will either have an ASA 2000 or 2004 sticker or be listed on the approved bat list. All wooden bats are also approved. In addition, any bat deemed legal must have enough identifying marks to allow us to make a determination if it is legal or not since the umpires can't be expected to invoke the 3rd criteria in the ASA document.

- **Player suspension**

Robert Gulick has been suspended from the league due to improper conduct/language on the field. Bob Stouthamer called Bob to explain and tell him that if he wishes to appeal, he should contact Mike Graham.

- **Sponsors**

We had a discussion on the current process of having Sun City and Sun City West sponsors with different committees managing the sponsors of each city. Many reasons were given as to problems with that process. Mike Graham will invite Bob Brain to the next board meeting and Bob will invite Dennis Raczak to discuss sponsors. Everyone agreed it would make better sense to have a single approach to deal with sponsors where revenues and expenses were shared in our customary manner. The item was tabled until next meeting with Bob Brain and Dennis Raczak can attend.

- **Tri Cities league**

Mike Graham reported that we have only had 1 week of competition, but the reaction to that play was favorable. We will continue to monitor response to the league as input to future decisions regarding co-mingling with Grand.

- **Golf Tournament**

Bob reported that the 2nd Annual SCW golf tournament would be held on a Sunday April 3rd at the Sun City country club. The event is open to all Sun City and Sun City West members as well as sponsors. There will also be a banquet associated with it.

- **Mixed league and 70s league**

Both leagues are not associated with either club or the league itself. Sun City West provides the field for the mixed league and both fields are used for the 70s league. There is no desire by the league board to influence either league. However, if there is interest for a true Co-Ed league (equal numbers of men and women per team) then the league would be interested in helping that happen.

- **Banquet**

Doug Wright is directing the banquet and he has the tickets ready to be handed out to the managers next week. Tickets are \$10 each. The respective clubs will pay for the additional expenses based on the number of attendees for each club. Those expenses are \$2 for each attendee to cover the full cost, \$12 for each sponsor and guest that attend and \$12 for each Hall of Fame attendee that isn't actively playing. Matt Sydowski should not have to pay this year. Also \$60 for the entertainment.

- **Summer league**

We are looking into co-mingling of the summer league with Grand. Details are still to be worked out, but we will have a meeting involving Grand, Bob Stouthamer, Mike Graham, Carl Johnson and another National league player from Sun City West on February 28th. Possibilities to consider are how many sessions, multiple divisions, some sessions co-mingled and some not and more days per week. We might have a season ended tournament to pass time between the end of our season and May 1st when Grand is ready.

From the Floor:

Pictures are scheduled for next week. If we have a rainout, they will be rescheduled.

Invite everyone to the dedication game on the 26th. Games start at 9:30, the formal activities start at 11:00. KOY will broadcast the event. Hot dogs will be served at about 12:00.

The meeting ended at 11:45.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday March 16th at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Graham