

# Sun Cities Senior Softball League Joint Board

Meeting Minutes from March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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

**Guests Present:** Bob Brain, Leo Breton, Dennis Farrar (for Bill Nyblade), Dennis Raczak

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Stouthamer at 9:00 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:**

Bill . Buxton reported that his committee has made some wording changes as well as the item approved last meeting about emergency subs. They also added a clarification on the pitcher's box. He will give the changes to Mike Graham on Thursday to be incorporated into the existing rules document. We had a long discussion about players arriving late but took no action. We also talked about subs batting at the bottom of the order and decided to leave the rule as is.

### **· American League Placement committee**

Board . Sponsor Mike Graham provided information on the modification to the existing process for players that were not drafted in the last draft. They will be re-evaluated just like new players by the placement committee before going into the placement pool.

### **· National League Committee**

Bill . Allen talked about the discussion by the National League committee approving the co-mingling with Grand for the summer session.

### **· Equipment and Supplies Committee**

Bill . Allen explained that Earl Zopf will assist Ray Early with uniform distribution for the Sun City West club. This gives them American league and National League support. In Sun City, Ray Keller supports the American league and Steve Letko and Steve Griswold support the National league.

### **· Hall of Fame Committee**

Board . Sponsor Bob Stouthamer reported that the announcements will be made on Monday. We discussed the lack of interest in the banquet and what we can do about it. Mike Graham will generate a survey to see what the players would prefer. (Different times, different types of banquets etc., different costs) Survey attached.

## **· Old . Business**

### **· Uniform Sponsor handling**

Mike . Graham made a motion, which was seconded by Bill Buxton to have all shirt sponsors handled by a committee supporting the league board and drop the concept of

Sun City sponsors and Sun City West sponsors. Income from sponsor fees and expenses for shirts will be shared on a 1/3 Sun City and 2/3 Sun City West basis. This would not apply to anything about fees associated with supporting shirts. The motion was passed unanimously. Bob Stouthamer made a presentation to the members present where 6 or 7 sponsors would be assigned to a given person on that committee. They would handle all activities for those given sponsors including inviting them to events, soliciting funds and providing them information about the visibility they get for their sponsorship. All members on the committee would report through a member on the league board. We will discuss more details at the next league board meeting.

- **Tri-Cities league sponsors and summer league sponsors**

Mike . Graham presented information about possibly using our sponsors we have that are waiting to sponsor a team and using them to sponsor and provide shirts for both the Tri-City league and the summer league. Bob Stouthamer felt that additional sponsors would be too much burden to handle at this time. He suggested that we use the existing summer jerseys and replace them with the shirts that get freed up when we buy new shirts for a given sponsor. The board agreed that we should charge \$225 each year for a sponsor and \$450 for a new sponsor.

- **Tri-City league update**

The . tri-cities league has played three games and the competition has been close and everyone is really enjoying playing together. The only complaints have been about tournament players that don't show up.

- **Summer league status**

Work is . ongoing to co-mingle with Grand for our summer league. Both the National and American league are anxious to participate. 71 American league players have signed up. We have a meeting in the afternoon to discuss more details. Looks like maybe 12 American league teams. National league may be only 10.

- **Picture day report**

Bob . Stouthamer explained that we owe appreciation to the person that takes the pictures. It sounds like the number of players asking for individual pictures is a small percentage.

- **Liberty field clubhouse dedication**

The . dedication of the Liberty field clubhouse went very well.

- **Golf tournament update**

The golf . tournament is on schedule and the deadline for entries has passed.

## **New . Business:**

- **Substitution rule discussion**

Mike . Graham discussed the fact that it appears that the National league doesn't have a huge problem with substitution, but the American league has quite a problem. The issue will be worked at the managers meeting this Friday.

- **Synchronization of schedules**

We agreed . that we need to synchronize start dates, end dates and possibly game times between the 2 leagues. The only other item we need to worry about is the spring fling with the Sidewinder tournament.

· **League business handling during the summer**

Bob . Stouthamer will be available during the summer and if we need a special meeting we can create an ad-hoc meeting. We need to make sure we have equipment for the summer. (Balls, marking line etc.) Bill Buxton mentioned that Sun City West is using Gypsum, which could be softening the field. Bill will get the specific trade name and product name that we use at Sun City.

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**From the . Floor:**

Bob discussed the fact that we address a lot of American league issues at the League Board meeting and maybe we should have an American League committee to handle most items and just present the findings to the league board. No decision was made, but we will discuss in more detail before the next meeting.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully . submitted,

Mike Graham