

# Sun Cities Senior Softball League Joint Board

Meeting Minutes from April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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

**Guests Present:** Dennis Farrar, Loran Swanson, Ray Early, and Gary Kelly

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:**

- The revisions to the American League rules were presented and adopted with no changes for substitution rules and the elimination of the section discussing a catcher's box. The board didn't feel that a catcher's box would be utilized and it required extra work to line.

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

- The items of concern from the Placement committee have to do with team sizes and substitution rules. Topics such as these will be handled in the future by an American League committee and presented to the board for a yes or no answer. See the item below on the committee.

### **· National League Committee**

Nothing . to report this month

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

No report . this month

### **· Hall of Fame Committee**

No report . this month

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## **Old . Business**

### **· League Sponsor responsibilities**

Gary . Kelly is going to be a fourth person to help with the sponsors. He, Bob Brain, Leo Breton and Dennis Raczak will each take approximately 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the sponsors and follow up on them. Gary needs to get with the other three and insure we get a definitive list of sponsors in the queue. We had a discussion about Sunshine Sprinkler not paying as well as PIR wanting to sponsor again. The board agreed that we shouldn't wear the uniform of sponsors that are not paid up. Also, sponsors coming back will go to the bottom of the queue. Billboard sponsors will be given highest priority.

### **· Tri-City league update**

For the . most part, the experience in the tri-city league has been positive. However, some reservations exist over play in that league. Bob Stouthamer, Joe Carucci and

Mike Graham met to discuss “critical success factors” for such a league. It is felt that allowing tournament players into the league is a problem and shouldn’t happen in the future. In addition, the ration of Sun City Grand players should be much closer to 50% than it is currently. (It is currently more like 75%) One option is to get firm commitments from Sun City and Sun City West players and then only allow the same number from Grand. Joe Carucci suggested that we limit the league to Grand Blue league players and National league players. The National league board members will solicit the feasibility of this in the fall, but the general feeling was that most of the National league players that want to play on Saturday will be playing in the 70’s league and the Tri-City league should avoid impacting that league. It doesn’t sound like we would have enough National leaguers.

#### · **Summer league status**

Both the . American and National league will start summer play on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> and end the first session on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The American league will have 6 teams and the National league will have 7 so they will have a bye each day. Everyone wants to have the leagues play together for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions. Currently the American league should have around 50 players and the National expects 72. The dates for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sessions will need to be set once we know better how many teams. However, all sessions must be complete by 9/16 at the latest. Sun City West needs to get back to us with their turn over date to the Rec. centers. If only 3 games are played during a summer session, then only 1 field will be used. If more than 3 games then we will use both fields each day. We will get the shirts back for the American league by 4/26. The National league already has theirs.

#### · **Banquet Survey**

The . banquet survey attached to last month’s meeting minutes was discussed and revised. See attached new survey. The section on Cost is being revised to simply ask if cost is a factor and if so, why. Also the question on not attending will be softened to ask if people have not attended in the past, why.

#### · **New . Business:**

##### · **Ladies Team**

The board . agreed that the League should support a woman’s team that will have members from both Sun City and Sun City West. The ladies will join their respective clubs and receive the standard issue of pants, shorts, socks and hats. The league will also support getting shirts for them from one of our sponsors that is in the queue. Loran has approximately 25 ladies with possibly 5 more soon. They will play against Grand this Friday at the Sun City West field.

##### · **Fall session dates**

The fields . need to be available for play as of Oct. 18th. Because of the conflict over a local World’s tournament, the American league will not start until Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. We will hand out uniforms on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The National league will decide whether they want to start on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. The National League will play at Sun City West on Tuesday and Sun City on Thursday starting in the fall. The

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- **Field Maintenance dates**

Sun City . field will be unavailable from Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Sun City West may be longer due to more work being done.

- **American League Committee**

The board . agreed to create an American League committee to handle the business associated with the American League (mostly rules and placement) with a separate committee. Jim McGuire suggested candidates for that committee. Jim suggested that there be 1 rep. for 1 rated players, 2 for 2 rated players and 2 for 3 rated players. Mike Graham will chair the committee, but not vote other than to break ties. The following are the first picks for that committee: Arnie Wright, Ron Blackwell, Loran Swanson, Ernie Owen and Hal Dubois. This committee will function for the next year on a trial basis to see if it works. We started to talk about substitution rules, number of players on a team and number of players at each rating as well as methods to determine ratings. That discussion was tabled and handed over to the American League committee to handle.

**Non-scheduled . items:**

**Letters:**

- Bob read a . letter about mandatory masks, shin guards and chest protectors for pitchers. It was brought out that this suggestion was soundly defeated in the past and we couldn't make it work.

**From . floor:**

The . position of where a base umpire should stand before the pitch was discussed. We agreed that the base umpire should stand close to the line when no one on first and behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman when a runner is on first base. This information needs to be conveyed to everyone.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully . submitted, Mike Graham

# Banquet Survey

Please complete this survey with your inputs on what would make our annual softball banquet more attractive to you.

**Date:**

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· **Time of year**

Before season ends

After season ends

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· **Day of week**

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Sunday

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· **Time of Day**

Morning  Afternoon  Night

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**Type of event:**

Casual event as we now have

Informal picnic type of event

Formal dinner/dance

Other

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**Cost:**

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Is cost a factor? If so, why:

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I have not attended previous banquets. If so, why:

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**Other . Comments**