

# Sun Cities Senior Softball League Joint Board

Meeting Minutes from May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Board Members Present:** Bill Buxton, Glen Carroll, Bob Stouthamer, Mike Graham,  
and Bill Nyblade

**Guests Present:** Matt Szydoski for Bill Allen, Dennis Farrar, Loran Swanson, Ray Early  
for Jim McGuire, 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:** - Nothing to report.
- **American League Placement committee**
  - Mike Graham reported that almost all of the items previously covered by the Placement committee will now be handled by the American League Committee. However, placement of new players in either the American or National League needs to be addressed.
- **National League Committee** - Nothing to report this month
- **Equipment and Supplies Committee** - No report this month
- **Hall of Fame Committee** - No report this month

## Old . Business

### · **Handling of League Sponsors**

Alpha One . may not be a sponsor this next year. We are waiting on their decision. Because of a problem with their jerseys, they would not be used in the fall if we have too many sponsors. Bill Nyblade requested that the jerseys be replaced 2 years early but approval was not given to do so.

A motion . was made and approved unanimously to have a cut off date of September 1<sup>st</sup> for Uniform sponsor incomes and expenses. All monies will be collected by the Sun City West club. 1/3 of the income will be sent from the Sun City West Club to the Sun City Club. Expenses for new shirts will be calculated and the Sun City Club will compensate the Sun City West Club with 1/3 of the cost. To eliminate extra checks being written, the transaction will be handled with 1 check for the difference. If the cost of the jerseys is greater than the incomes, the check will be from the Sun City Club to the Sun City West club. If the cost of the jerseys is less than the income, the check will be from the Sun City West club to the Sun City club.

The board . unanimously approved a process where invoices will be sent to all sponsors by at least May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year with a due date of June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will allow a grace period of July 1<sup>st</sup> before we take action to replace a sponsor. We will allow some long term sponsors a little more grace period, but the Sponsor committee will follow up and try and resolve any late payments.

Al . Connolly and possibly Don Gault from Sun City will help out on the Sponsor committee. Gary Kelly is going to lead the effort.

- **Banquet Survey** - The Banquet Survey is ready and approved. It will be handed out in November.

- **SCSSL Ladies Team Update**

Loran . said he has 37 ladies that want to play in the ladies league. 5 are from Sun City and we need to advertise more in Sun City. There is a possibility of us having 2 to 3 teams and playing with Sun City Grand who has 2 teams. Until they have a firm league, they aren't being encouraged to join the clubs yet. That should happen in the fall. Loran would like to have them led by a woman, but that currently isn't feasible. Traditions and Pebble Creek may also be possibilities for a league. Loran would like a 4 team tournament in November.

- **SCW Field Closing Dates**

October . 3<sup>rd</sup> thru October 17<sup>th</sup> the Sun City West field will be closed. Dates are not firm yet, but best we know. Irrigation system should be reworked and possibly the infield.

- **SCW Field No Smoking Facility**

The Sun . City West Recreation centers are enforcing the ban of smoking at the field. An area has been set aside on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side past the golf cart parking. One of the tables taken over there will be returned back to the field.

- **Fall session dates to remember**

October . 25<sup>th</sup> is the start date. All other dates are still open. The American League Committee will set the draft date, but the date to hand out uniforms needs to be set yet.

· **New . Business:**

- **American League Committee**

Bob . Morgan will be the chair of the new committee. Peg Swanson, John Doherty, Ron Blackwell and Loran Swanson are members. Bob Stouthamer or Bob Morgan will talk to Ernie Owen since he was asked and enthusiastically accepted. The committee has 2 items they need to resolve before the fall. The first is how many players per team and the second is whether to change the substitution rules. Bob Stouthamer offered a strawman charter for the committee. Items are: Establish, review and recommend any and all rules for appropriate changes where deemed necessary. Maintain current list of active players for the American League. Recommend disciplinary action for club members where committee deems it is necessary. Prepare for and conduct American League Player drafts in October and January or when required. Arrange for and assign managers to insure each team has a

manager. Evaluate and assign players both new and those returning from injury from player pool to teams as needed. This process should include a plan that is published and provided to each manager to insure a fair and equitable system while maintaining a competitive balance in the league. Publish schedules and maintain rosters. Establish sub-committees as needed. Make recommendations to the League board where needed. The Committee needs to use this information to create a charter similar to what the National League presented. To be consistent with other committees, Jim McGuire will be the executive sponsor for this year. Until November, Loran will fill in for Jim in this responsibility.

· **Sun Life Magazine Article**

Gary . Green volunteered to write an article for the Sun Life magazine. He is requesting ideas for the article. Mike Graham volunteered to provide some data from the database. His email is [garykelly59@yahoo.com](mailto:garykelly59@yahoo.com). Comment was made that our league is the largest league in the U.S.

· **Summer league rules**

Prior to . the discussion on rules for the combined summer session, the topic of what rules we follow in the summer was discussed. Everyone agreed that we should follow the published rules which includes the “reversing the last inning” rule. The summer is a good time to try out new rules, but they must be published to avoid confusion. We will test out the rules during the 1<sup>st</sup> session and review. The rules for the next summer session will be published on the bottom of the schedule. They will be:

1. Infield fly rule will be used.
2. No clock will be used. We will play 7 innings and an 8<sup>th</sup> if tied at the end of 7. Games will be scheduled 75 minutes apart.
3. We will have a max of 4 runs per inning except the last.
4. Courtesy runner can run 3 times per game.
5. Substitution: Every attempt should be made to have National League players sub for National league players and that we follow the same rating rules we use in the American League if at all possible.
6. A runner will be allowed from home plate if needed.
7. All other rules apply as published.

**Non-scheduled . items: From floor:**

Ray Early . ordered enough balls to take us to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ray Early made the suggestion that we consider a fancier shirt in the future. It would cost an additional \$10 per shirt. The suggestion was turned down.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully . submitted, Mike Graham