

Sun Cities Senior Softball League  
Joint Board  
Minutes from September 21st, 2005

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

**Guests Present:** Ernie Mueller for Bill Allen, Loran Swanson, Ray Early for Jim McGuire, and Ron Blackwell

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Stouthamer at 9:00 AM. The meeting minutes had been approved electronically 3 weeks ago, but were verbally approved

**Committee Reports:**

- **American League Committee:** - Bob Morgan is the chair. Members are Loran Swanson, Peg Swanson, John Doherty and Ron Blackwell. No changes are expected in rules or draft procedures at the present time. The draft will occur on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Currently the draft number is 4 over the magic number of 12 per team for 13 teams. There are 5 new American league managers: Bob Brain, Phil Damico, Joe Prendergast, Art Nelson and Ray Early. Ron Blackwell and Peg Swanson will be on the rules committee and a couple of others will join the Rules committee. The committee will create a statement of scope for the committee once they get together. The American League committee will contact Carl Johnson after the American League draft as to who would be available.
- **National League Committee** – Have a few people that have checked in for the fall, but they will probably have to do phone solicitations again. They will create teams on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Looking at 11 teams to start, but will add teams if needed during the season. They will coordinate their schedule with the American League schedule. Subs in April were a problem. They will look at ending season around the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and having a tournament at the end.
- **Equipment and Supplies Committee** – We should have enough balls for the fall. We have all sponsor fees and all jerseys except for V.F.W. Once they are in, the incomes and expenses will be calculated and monies settled between Sun City and Sun City West.
- **Hall of Fame Committee** - No report this month. Balloting should occur after the first of the year.

**Old Business**

- **Monetary distribution of sponsor and Uniform expenses**  
Once all the invoices have been paid, a delta will be calculated and appropriate payment made to the appropriate club..
- **SCSSL Women's Team Update**  
They have 41 active members. They have ordered 3 sets of uniforms. Since their uniforms will be color coordinated, the shorts and shirts will be considered a uniform and turned in when new teams are formed. However, it may not be as often and our other leagues. Cost for socks and visors will be \$20.40 and Sun City will pay that

amount for each new player when they sign up. Cost of the uniforms (pants and shirts) will be 1/3 to Sun City and 2/3 from Sun City West. They should start playing their games the latter part of October on Sundays. They will have a tournament the first week of November to support Breast Cancer research. The governor might attend. There will also be a league between Sun City Grand, our women, Traditions and Pebble Creek. They will play Saturday afternoons when we host and mornings at the other locations.

- **Field Closing Dates**

Both fields are closed as of Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> and will not reopen until we start on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

- **Sun Life Magazine article**

Gary Kelly was not present to provide status, but we believe he needs input to create an article.

### **New Business:**

- **Update Uniform replacement schedule**

The schedule has been balanced to even out the number that come up for replacement in a given year. In the future, we should make sure we check with the clubs before making changes since it has budget impact to the clubs. We need to think about the fact that clubs have to subsidize the purchase of uniforms if we accelerate the schedule. We probably shouldn't worry about balancing the schedule, just stick to our schedule. We need to insure that there is a schedule for when a sponsor has to sit out a season to insure it is distributed equitably. The National League committee needs to develop such a schedule. The board agreed that we won't rebate any money to a team that sits out a season.

- **Practice fields during shutdown**

Practices have been approved for Tuesday from 11 – 1 and Friday from 9 – 11 at the Surprise field down in the hole on Nash street. Waivers must be signed to practice there. The women will practice at the little field from 11 – 1 on Tuesday and Thursday. The Guys and Gals team will play on the little field on Monday and Friday from 9 to 11.

- **Future Summer league considerations**

1. We should try and schedule games for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session to start no earlier than 8:00 because of the sun at the Sun City West field.
2. Several people are concerned that teams loaded up when they got subs. Next year, the board needs to do something to make sure subs are replacing like rated players.

- **Uniform distribution for fall season**

We decided to eliminate the process of handing out uniforms early in the fall. Uniforms will be handed out at the first game. Managers need to inform their players of that fact after the draft and team selection process.

- **Summer league shirt discussion**

Ernie Mueller is going to ask Lund Cadillac to purchase shirts for the summer league. If they can provide all 12 sets of shirts that would be great, but as a back off

position, we will use the shirts that have been retired from our regular leagues as an alternative or to augment from what Lund provides.

- **Tri-City league discussion**

Bob Stouthamer is going to contact Joe Carucci about the Tri-City league and see if they are interested in our spring proposal to have Sun City West and Sun City players sign up and then let an equal number of Sun City Grand players sign up. The board would like us to pursue continuing that league. We need to get information on the web site and on the bulletin boards as soon as we talk to Joe. Asking Traditions is an option. We need to make sure everyone knows when we will play before we sign up.

- **Fall schedule**

A draft of the fall schedule was presented and the following specifics were approved by the board:

1. There will be no time change in the middle of the fall session. First games will start at 8:30
2. The American league will play at Sun City on Tuesday and Sun City West on Thursday; the National league will be the reverse.
3. We will play games on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> even though we have a lot of subs. Maybe some relaxing of sub rules can happen for those 2 days.
4. In order to allow the returning players to get in sooner, we will end the season on January 12<sup>th</sup> and start the Spring season on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Correspondence:**

- There was a memo regarding intentional walks and some potential rule changes. It has been forwarded to the American League committee for the discussion and will be discussed by the managers at the draft.

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

Ray Early made a pitch for enforcing uniform rules. After discussion, it was decided to make sure that “tucking in the shirt and pulling up the socks” is in the rules and that the managers will make sure their players follow the rules.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday October 19th at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Graham