

Sun Cities Senior Softball League Joint Board

Meeting Minutes from October 19th, 2005

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

Guests Present: Matt Szydowski for Bill Allen, Ernie Mueller, Ray Early, Dennis Farrar, John Doherty 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:** - The draft went very well and we have 13 teams with 12 players on each team and 4 people in the placement pool. There may be a couple of players that will miss the first 4 games and will fall into the pool. The committee has a draft of a charter and will present it to the board at the next meeting for their approval. The committee should also either present a separate document with the placement process or incorporate it into the charter. The National League should probably document their process for formulating their teams and present it as well. Both the American League Committee and the National League Committee are considering changing the number of members for their committee. We reiterated the existing process of playing 2 games on the green team and attending Loran's practices twice before players are placed. That procedure is documented in the October 11th 2004 meeting minutes. The American League Committee and the National League Committee should have someone attending those sessions to insure both committees can determine which league the new player should be assigned to. Bob suggested that the 2 committees have a joint meeting at least once a year.
- **National League Committee** –The National League will start with 12 teams, 6 with 12 players and 6 with 11. After Thanksgiving they should go to 13 teams. The committee is requesting that the American League notify the National League committee when the draft is complete and who is available. That didn't happen this time.
- **Equipment and Supplies Committee** –. They had nothing to present.
- **Hall of Fame Committee** –Bob suggested that rather than present plaques to the Hall of Fame members, we present them with an etched glass pyramid. The example he showed was a small one and the cost for it would be \$22 in bulk orders. The single cost was \$60. The larger one lists for \$100. Everyone thought that moving to the pyramid was a better idea than the plaques. We discussed whether we should purchase them for previous Hall of Fame members. The general consensus was yes, but we need to take the issue back to our clubs since it involves expenditures from both clubs. The current cost for Hall of Fame plaques is split 50/50 between the two clubs. However, for previous members, each club would purchase for their members. We also need to decide whether or not we will also purchase for deceased members. The topic was brought up about how the Hall of Fame selection process currently works. In summary, the general membership does the nominating and the Hall of Fame members evaluate and make the selection. It was emphasized that it is important to make the nominating document as thorough and complete as possible since those documents are the basis for selection.

Old Business

· Summer League Shirts

Ernie Mueller has contacted Lund Cadillac and they will provide 12 sets of shirts for the summer league. They do not want to go with different model names on the Jerseys. All Jerseys will be the same except for the colors. They will also provide hats each year. They will also replace half the jerseys every year, so no Jerseys will be over 2 years old. They would like to see at least standings and possibly write-ups of the summer games in the paper.

Field Reopening dates

The Sun City field will reopen on Friday October 21st. The Sun City West field will reopen on October 23rd for the ladies.

· Tri City League Update

We are going to publish the questionnaire in the next newsletter. The newsletter should be out by early November. We don't have many responses to the questionnaire thus far. The previous year's league was fun, but unbalanced between Grand players and players from our clubs. We will try and balance the numbers between Grand and our players in the future.

· Intentional Walk Suggestion

The proposal by Paul Nagelson concerning intentional walks was discussed and it was felt that it wasn't a significant problem and the managers should be allowed to use their discretion. No rule changes were recommended.

New Business:

· League Board Structure

Bob started a discussion about several options for the league board. One suggestion was made to limit the number of members from each club. Another suggestion was to meet less often or only when needed. There was no real consensus on making any changes.

· Team Sponsor Responsibilities

Bob explained that the Sun City West Rec. Centers were concerned over co-mingling of funds with our approach with sponsors. Therefore we will go back to having Sun City sponsors and Sun City West sponsors. We discussed which sponsors would be Sun City sponsors. The sponsors for Sun City will be: Gonstead, Ken Meade, Sunshine Sprinkler, A.E. Lewis, Brenda's Kitchen, Daily News Sun, Denny's TV and Newton's Automotive. Because there are only 8 Sun City sponsors, any sponsor that is dropped due to lack of teams will come from the Sun City West list. If we add a 27th team, then that will be a Sun City sponsor and will be recruited by Sun City. Then we will alternate dropping of sponsors if we need to.

· Banquet Questionnaire

The 2006 banquet has already been booked, so the questionnaire won't help for this year. Dennis Ferrar will include the questionnaire in the next newsletter and we will evaluate the responses to see if any other alternatives are better.

Correspondence: None this month.

Non-scheduled items: From floor:

Ray Early showed the new uniforms that have just been purchased.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mike Graham