

Sun Cities Senior Softball League Joint Board

Minutes from November 16th, 2005

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

Guests Present: Bob Morgan, 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:** - Discussion was held about the next draft. It was finally decided that it will be on January 6th at 9:00. Bob will try and get a room at Sun City West. If he can't, Mike will try and get a room in Sun City. No pre-meeting will be held. Only 1 person in the current placement pool and he should be placed soon.
- **National League Committee** – Bill Nyblade was absent so Glenn Carroll presented. They had several changes they want to make to their rules and implement on 11/29/05.
 - They clarified that there will be a maximum of 12 players per team. **Approved**
 - They are clarifying the problem with runners running from home plate. They will create a 12 foot line and the runner will be out if the batter crosses that line. **Approved**
 - They are no longer limiting a sub runner to 3 times. They can only run once per inning, by no limit per game. **Approved**
 - They have too many catchers so if a team has 2 players that must catch, they will only count as 1 as far as subs is concerned. **Approved**
 - New players that only want to catch will not be assigned to a team unless an opening exists for a catcher. Since that may be in conflict with the Club's charter that was not approved. It was suggested that in that case, we don't accept their dues until they are ready to play some other position. We will try that and see how it works. Bob suggested that maybe we take those players that could only catch and put them in their own league. The board didn't see that as a viable alternative.
 - National League committee will be reduced to 4 in January. **Approved**
 - The National League Committee wants the new players to attend Loran's game first before they attend the Green Team games. It was tabled for further discussion. New players are encouraged to try out first before they pay dues but they may not be happening all the time. We need to make sure that players that haven't filled out a registration form fill out a waiver form. They suggest that the Green Team manager recommend which league a player should play in after the 2 Green team games. After discussion, it was decided that both the American League Committee and the National League committee would attend the Green team games and Loran's practices to help place players.
- **Equipment and Supplies Committee** – They had nothing to present. Ray only has 4 dozen balls left. Sun City has 9 dozen left. Ray will order enough to get them

week, plus 1 each time the Hot Flashes are home team, plus 1 for each week for the mixed league. We need enough to get us through April.

- **Hall of Fame Committee** –Nothing this time.

Old Business

- American League Guidelines and processes – We accepted the document with some modifications to certain sections.
 - Under draft rules Section E regarding the order of the draft; they will add a statement clarifying how the 3s draft first, then the 2s, then the 1s in the first round.
 - In section G, they will modify the sentence that says all teams should have a pitcher by the 5th round to say each manager needs to insure they draft a pitcher.
 - In section H they will modify the statement regarding “At draft end” to accommodate the fact that we might not have 11 full rounds of draft and a partial round.
 - In section J, they will drop the “on Fridays” since that day changes.
 - We discussed the potential problem of a player getting stuck in the placement pool since the managers get to pick from the pool, but suggested no changes since it may never happen.
 - Jim McGuire asked for a clarification on what a manager can pick from the placement pool when he is missing a 1 and a 3. He can pick a 1 if one exists, but if only a 3 exists he must pick from the 3s. Also, a manager may pick someone of a lower rating than what he is missing, but if he does that person becomes the higher rating.
 - Bob suggested that everywhere we say Sun Cities Joint Board to SCSSL board.
 - Functions and duties section D, change “and select players” to “conduct draft”
 - Everywhere they show responsibility for a task that they don’t directly perform, they should say “ensure;”
 - Ray asked if a manager gets to pick from the available qualified pool players when they need to receive a player and the committee clarified that is the process.
 - The committee intends to publish a synopsis of the duties on the bulletin boards.
 - They will change the verbiage for the write-ups back to what the National League has. “Work with the league reporter to help get game scores and game summaries to the paper.”
 - Jim McGuire brought up the subject about having the fields dragged after the third game. The Clubs will ensure that happens.
 - G. Change to Establish, format and conduct the draft.
 - Ensure that a copy of the rules goes to each field so we have a copy at the field.
 - Tenure of committee was discussed and decided that we won’t say anything about the tenure. I believe the final decision was to allow the committee to appoint their own chairperson and rotate people off of the committee periodically. The committee will pick their successors. If the league board feels there is a problem with the committee then they can intercede.
- New Player Placement process

- We have a problem when new players come into the league and who decides which league they are assigned to. An American league committee member or designee and a National league committee member or designee will attend both the practices and the Green team games to evaluate the new players and decide which league they will be assigned to. Carl Johnson has a form that can help keep track of whether a new player has honored all of the commitments before being placed. We will try using the form and see how it works. We need to address what happens in the summer time since Green team games and practices are not always conducted. Bob Wentzel will allow all new players to play the positions they want and up toward the top of the batting line up in the Green team games. The board agreed that there should be no fast track past the 2 + 2 rule for assignment.
- Hall of Fame Etched Glass pyramids
 - Sun City West has agreed to go to the new pyramids for Hall of Fame members and go back to prior members. It appears they are about \$100 per individual. Mike Graham will bring it up at the next Sun City board meeting since they have a large number of past members to buy the awards for.
- Tri City Questionnaire
 - Will be in the current newsletter. Preliminary numbers are 29 results, 15 yes and 18 say commingle. We shouldn't count suggestions from people that don't want to play.
- Banquet Questionnaire
 - Will be in the current newsletter

New Business:

- **Future Board Construction Format**
 - Bob recommended that we reduce the SCSSL board from 8 members to 5. The board voted to reduce the number to 5. The Club that has the president will have 3 and the other club will have 2. Each club will ensure they have at least 1 American League rep. and 1 National League rep.

Correspondence: None this month.

Non-scheduled items: From floor:

- Dennis lost his newsletter containers at the SCW field. They will find them and get them up. Also, Dennis will create a firm schedule for newsletter input and publication. Probably publish before the first of the month.
- Ray asked if it was okay to use old jerseys for George Karras's team. The board approved with the caveat that it be current sponsors only.

Our Next meeting will be Wednesday December 21st at 9:00 in the Acacia room in the Palm Ridge rec. center.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Graham