

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
JOINT LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City at 9:00a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Don Gault, Larry Kuberka, Arvid Peterson, and Bob Stouthamer (for Dick LeMoine).

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, John Doherty, Ron Blackwell, Bill Nyblade, and Carol Bowden.

DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dennis Farrar moved to accept the December 21, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Arvid Peterson. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for new officers and election with the follow results:

Arvid Peterson – President
Don Gault – Board Member
Dick LeMoine – Board Member
Larry Kuberka – Vice President
Dennis Farrar – Secretary

Newly elected president, Arvid Peterson administered the meeting from this point forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

National League Rule Change:

Dennis Farrar presented the following proposals on behalf of the National League committee as follows:

Under the canceled games, modify to cancel games/delayed and add the following

1) In the event games are delayed due to frost or other temporary conditions the game will be played after the delay and the reduction of innings played for the day may be implemented if the delay is more than 30 minutes.

Note: In the event there is a reduction of innings played, the board felt that the same amount of innings is played for each game.

Under batting order eliminate current language and replace as follows:

2) Batting order: the scorekeeper shall notify the home plate umpire immediately if a batter is hitting out of order and only the correct batter will bat. NO PENALTY.

Dennis Farrar moved to except these two proposals. Seconded by Don Gault. Motion carried.

American League:

– AMERICAN LEAGUE RULES PROPOSAL:

Ron Blackwell and John Doherty presented some proposed changes to the American League Rules. There are as follows:

1) Before being drafted or assigned to a team, all new players must play at least two games with the Green team at Sun City on Mondays. They must also attend two practices at Sun City West. Upon completing the sessions, all players shall be placed into the National League, unless determined by both American and National League committees, to be better suited for the American League.

Dennis Farrar moved to accept this proposal. Seconded by Don Gault. Motion carried.

2) An excused absence consists of a player notifying his manager that he is injured, going on vacation, or home for Christmas, etc., but he will return at an approximate date and wants to continue to play softball upon returning. The manager then must report this player as an excused absence, with the approximate return date, but he will remain on the team's roster.

Motion carried.

– UNIFORM PROPOSAL CHANGE:

The American League committee made the following change as follows:

· Players will not be allowed to play unless they are dressed in properly worn league uniforms. Once the game has started the manager will not be allowed to substitute for an out-of-uniform player. The team will be charged with an out each time the player would have come to bat. Any exceptions must be approved by the American League or National League in advance, and those players will be advised. This rule must be enforced by managers and umpires for the benefit of the sponsors and team pictures. The local media come to the field periodically, unannounced to take pictures of the players. Therefore, it is important that all players exhibit and look professional for the Sun Cities Softball League.

Note: This proposal applies to both American and National Leagues.

Bob Stouthamer moved to accept this proposal. Seconded by Don Gault. Motion carried.

Equipment & Supply:

Ray Early passed out a grid showing what teams are up for new uniforms. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNUAL BANQUET PLANNING:

Bob Stouthamer reported that the annual banquet will be on Friday, March 24 this year at Palm Ridge and will be at 12:00noon. Bob said this because the banquet is during lent this year that Jim McGuire, who is taking care of the details is planning to have fish, and more than likely beef as the entrées.

NEW BUSINESS

PICTURE DAYS:

League & February 23rd for the National League. All pictures will be taken at the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. So please mark your calendars. The women teams will also be included and are encouraged to take part. These team pictures go to the sponsors to thank them for sponsoring the teams. PLEASE, try to get the whole team there for pictures, if at all possible. Photos will be taken all day long by Scott Samplin of Sun Photography.

If you have a favorite team shirt you would like your individual picture taken in Scott said he can accommodate you. Please try to arrive at least a half hour before each game to allow time for the picture taking sessions. Scott is very accommodating; if you have an idea for a special photo just ask him, I'm certain he will help you out. Envelopes will also be available to present to Scott indicating items you would like to purchase along with the actual pricing. So bring cash or a check if you intend on purchasing personal pictures. All you need do is make out a check payable to Sun Photography and he does the rest.

STIRRUP SOCKS:

A suggestion was brought up that purchase and use Stirrup Socks that would accommodate those players of both leagues that have problems wearing the current nylon socks. Arvid Peterson said he would check with Ray Early on the availability and the cost of purchasing these socks instead of the ones we currently use. No other action taken.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Carol Bowden expressed her heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support in getting the women's softball off on the right foot. She said that the men have been great. She said that there are some things that need to be addressed and they should have these ironed out by next year.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, February 15, 2006, 9:00am

Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Larry Kuberka moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Bob Stouthamer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Farrar, Secretary