



SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Arvid Peterson at Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City at 9:05a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Larry Kuberka, Dick Lemoine, Bill Buxton *proxy for Ernie Owen*, and Arvid Peterson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Carol Bowden, Bob Freeman, Wayne Mitchell, and Ozzie Ostrow.

FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dick Lemoine moved to accept the February 15, 2006 minutes as electronically sent. Bill Buxton seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *American League Committee:*

Rules:

Wayne Mitchell reported that he and Gregg Owens will do the American League Rules. There was a concern under of the rule of "Ejections". Under "Ejections", this rule was modified from "*An ejected player is automatically suspended from playing in his next regularly scheduled game.*" to; "*The League Board will act immediately to determine the necessary action to be taken. Any player ejected from a game due to conduct issues will not be allowed to play until the board has made their decision of action*".

Placement:

Arvid Peterson said that Larry Shriver, Wayne Valdiserri, John Selby will be doing the placement of players.

After a lot of discussion, because Wayne Mitchell needed a #1 rated player it was determined, that Larry would contact the NLC and Gordon Kinhead who is currently playing on Southwest Golf would be immediately be drafted to Wayne Mitchell's American League team. This decision was made based upon safety of the other National League players because of the skills that Gordon has exercised both offensively and defensively. Stan Ross from Desert Rose team was also mentioned as a possibility of going to the American League because of possible safety issues as well. The board's decision is to put safety above preference and to make sure that all players in the American and National Leagues be placed accordingly. Players who are coming into the league will be placed based upon their skills, but putting safety as precedence, before player or manager preference.

Also, managers will be evaluating their players and managers, and if the manager feels that a player or players need to be playing in the National League, they will so indicate. Remember, this is putting safety as precedence, before preference.

Draft:

Bob Freeman will appoint individuals to help him and will be meeting with the managers to get some feedback before the fall draft to outline how the draft will take place. It was also agreed, because the draft is a league event, that the Sun Cities League president be present as a moderator during the draft proceedings.

Information:

Mike Graham will be handling all the information since he has been doing this already.

Managers:

Dick Lemoine reported that he will establish a list of those players who would like to be managers.

- National League:

No representative was present, so no report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNUAL BANQUET PLANNING:

The annual banquet will be on Friday, March 24 this year at Palm Ridge and will be at 11:00am. Managers have tickets. There was some discussion on the format and some concerns on attendance since some of the managers have not sold many tickets. We need to come up with a new format. There was some discussion about why, this year it is being referred to as, "The Hall Of Fame Induction Luncheon". No further action taken.

SUMMER SOFTBALL PLAY:

Dennis Farrar reported the he and Tex Wells are canvassing players to find out if they want to play during the summer sessions. Dennis has almost completed canvassing the National League, and will finish this possibly this week. Dennis also has asked Rich McAndrews to help him with the 2nd session. Tex Wells has started canvassing the American League but no target date on completion. We are looking at approximately 6 teams in each League.

The first session will go from 4/18 thru 6/8, the second session from 6/13 thru 8/3, and the last session will go from 8/8 thru 9/21. These dates are only targeted dates of play, and any field maintenance may interrupt some of the playing time. No further action taken.

FIELD REQUEST:

Carol Bowden would like to request to have some of the women who would like to play on another day besides Tuesday/Thursday be able to play more ball, if they desire. Sun City Club President, Bill Buxton has offered the Sun City field on Friday mornings if you want to use it. Carol Bowden will check with the other players to see if this would be okay with them. Bill said that the field is immediately available on Friday mornings. No further action taken.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Dick Lemoine agreed to work with a committee of possibly three other ladies who would be willing to set up their own league. No further action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

HALL OF FAME SELECTION:

Dick Lemoine is suggesting that the Sun Cities League Board reconsider the procedures of nominating and electing a Hall of Fame candidate. After a lot of discussion, and suggestions, the board felt that there was a need for a change on how the Hall of Famers are selected. Arvid Peterson asked for a motion to have the League form a committee to reevaluate the selection process of Hall of Fame nominees. Dennis Farrar so moved. Motion seconded by Bill Buxton. Motion carried. Dennis Farrar, Dick Lemoine, Larry Kuberka, Tait Douglas, and Loran Swanson have been asked to review the current nominating process and report back to the League with their findings.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Ozzie Ostrow brought before the League that he would like to suggest that we 1) starting in January of next year, start the first game at 9:30 a.m., because the safety factor of the field condition, and 2) Ozzie would like to see pitchers not deliberately walk batters in the opening innings, but rather save the intentional walks to the last inning or two if the game is on the line. It was the board's decision not to make a ruling on this issue, but have this taken and discussed at the American League Manager's meeting before the draft, and that each manager instruct their pitchers not to intentionally walk batters in the earlier innings of play.

FORMING NEW LEAGUE:

Dick Lemoine has suggested that we form a new league on Mondays which would comprise of American League players rated 2's and 3's and National League players. This new league will also be comprised of any women who would like to play on this day. This would give more players the opportunities to play softball if they wish. This will also be a co-mingling league between Sun City and Sun City West. Dick said that as of right now they have enough players now to field at least four (4) teams. This league may also be interested in playing the current Friday coed teams. A sign up sheet will be put out and Dick will chair a committee to pursue this. This new forming league will also come under the umbrella of the SCSSL. Dick will report at the next board meeting on the progress.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BALL:

Carol Bowden has been approached on forming teams on comprised of Sun City, Sun City West, Sun City Grand, Pebblecreek and other women teams to play on our fields during the summer. Carol will request the days she would like and get back to the clubs.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun Cities Senior Softball League (SCSSL)

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, April 12, 2006, 9:00am
Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City