



SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Larry Kuberka, Dick Lemoine, Ernie Owen, and Arvid Peterson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bud Herren Julie McGlynn and Bill Nyblade.

MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dick Lemoine moved to accept the March 15, 2006 minutes as electronically sent. Larry Kuberka seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *American League Committee:*

Rules:

Arvin Peterson reported that all players starting with the next season will be given a copy of the rules. This will be quite costly but should be effective, and eliminate future misunderstandings. A copy the rules updates and changes will be posted to the bulletin boards.

Dick Lemoine read a request by Jim McGuire who would like the board to look at allowing the rules to be a little more flexible for that eighth inning on ties. Jim would like to see an extra inning played to break the tie. Jim would like his request forwarded on to the rules committee for further review. This change, if any would be strictly for the American League.

Placement:

Arvid Peterson reported that Gordon Kinhead has been moved to the American League. There was one other player who will play in the American League, but has chosen to wait until next fall to start. Each player will go through two Green Team practices and two Loran Swanson practices and then will be evaluated and placed accordingly to their skill level. However, safety takes precedence, and each player will be placed in the appropriate league.

Dennis Farrar mentioned that since the Green Team will not be playing during the summer it was suggested that if a player or players want to play during the summer sessions they need to pay their dues and play on Friday in Sun City West. It was also further discussed and mentioned that this would not jeopardize anything we do during the regular season. During the summer we play more for the fun of it and this would give an opportunity for new players joining the league to practice. This would be for trying out different positions they would like to play, and for other players to see what skill level the player has.

Draft:

Arvid Peterson reported that Bob Freeman has selected and recommended that the American League managers meet on October 2 and the draft will take place on October 4. The first day of league play will begin October 24.

Information:

Mike Graham will be handling all the information since he has been doing this already, and will continue to provide us with statistics as needed.

Managers:

Dick Lemoine reported that there will be 5 managers for sure that will be leaving. Greg Owens would like to stay on as a manager, but not in the fall because he won't be back until November. Greg would like to manage starting in January. Dick said he feels that everything will work out okay.

- National League:

Bill Nyblade reported that everything is going well. Bill will set up the teams after the American League gets their teams drafted in case anyone from the AL wants to come to the NL.

OLD BUSINESS

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK:

A lot of discussion and the feeling was that Edward Jones who is sponsoring the tournament that us older players are going to get beat up. This tournament was set up with equal numbers AL and NL players playing each other on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15 with the championship game to be held in SC Grand on Sunday, April 16.

HALL OF FAME SELECTION:

Arvid Peterson reported that he and other board members were contacted about this selection process. Arvid read the letter he received dated March 30 from Ken Skinner who is seriously concerned that the League Board was forming a committee to reconsider the procedures for nominating and electing Hall of Fame candidates. Bud Herren was present representing the Hall of Fame members. After Arvid read the letter other board members had the opportunity to give their input on information they received. Dick Lemoine said that he would not be able to sit on the committee. Dick Lemoine addressed Bud Herren with some questions. Dick also reiterated that he is concern that the member selected to this years Hall of Fame was selected before the Hall of Fame members received their list of the nominees, and that Dick Lemoine and others knew of the section within two or three hours after selection, and before the other HOF members received the list in which to choose from. Bud agreed that this was true. Bud also feels that there needs to be change and that the League should provide the HOF members with candidates and then let the HOF members select those players that should be in the HOF.

Because the HOF Committee falls under the League Board and there has been a lot of suspicion of how the candidates are selected the Board needs to investigate and pursue this for the integrity and honor of the HOF members. The League Board has never questioned the nominee that has been selected, but moreover, the selection process. After a lot of discussion, be it resolved, that the League Board will reevaluate the procedures, processes, and methods in which future Hall of Fame candidates are selected, with no limitations on how many HOF members are selected each year.

The individuals chosen to review the selection process will be Dennis Farrar, Bud Herren, Larry Kuberka, Bob Latso, Ernie Owen, and Loran Swanson. Arvid will chair and let us know when the meeting will be. Arvid said that the meeting will be before the May League Board meeting. No further action.

SUMMER SOFTBALL PLAY:

Dennis Farrar reported the he has put together an 8th team and that the rosters are posted at the fields. This will eliminate the bye team. The first session will go from 4/18 thru 6/1, the second session from 6/3 to sometime towards the end of July, and the last session will go from July to September. These dates are only targeted dates of play, and any field maintenance may interrupt some of the playing time. No further action.

Dick Lemoine mentioned that we should consider give R. Kal and Lund Cadillac some paper publicity during the summer since they have been good at supplying our summer jerseys. Dick will talk to Linda Graham about getting at least the score results in the paper. All we need is who won and lost.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Arvid Peterson announced that the women would be playing on the Sun City Field either Monday or Friday morning after May 1. No further action taken.

ANNUAL BANQUET PLANNING:

Dick Lemoine said that we need to look at some change at what we are doing now to try to increase the numbers at the banquet. A lot of those who attended were pleased with this year's banquet. Arvid Peterson said that it will be the responsibility of the Sun City Club to plan the 2007 Annual Banquet and that they will discuss the planning at a future Sun City Club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

RETIRED PLAYERS – WHAT NOW?

Bill Nyblade suggested that players that are retiring from the game and would still like to be involved be assign to a team as "non player". Then assign them with a 00 number jersey in the color of the team jersey and let them coach a base, score keep, umpire and so forth to keep involved in the game. All of us have made many softball friends over the years of playing. We all are almost family and this would give those players the opportunity to mentally stay active even if they physically can't play the game anymore. After some discussion it was decided to pursue this endeavor. Bill will pursue this with the only stipulation that they must be a dues paying softball club member, and must have retired from the game. No further action.

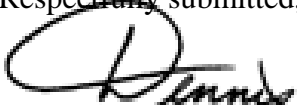
GUEST COMMENTS:

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ernie Owen moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dick Lemoine. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,



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

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 9:00am
Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City
(Please note that this will be the last League Board meeting until September)