



SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE  
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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Carol Bowden, Sharon Lemoine and Bill Nyblade.

### **MAY MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Larry Kuberka moved to accept the May 10, 2006 minutes that were electronically sent. Dick Lemoine seconded. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **- American League Report:**

#### **Draft:**

Arvid Peterson reported that Mike Graham sent him a new list of the AL managers for the upcoming season. The American League managers are scheduled to meet on October 2 and the draft will take place on October 4 in Sun City West at the Men's Club in the Stampede Room following the Sun City West Club board meeting at 10:00a.m. Dick Lemoine reported that as far as he knows the draft will be set up as it was last year. Arvid Peterson as a league president will be the moderator for the draft.

Starting the 2006 Season the AL will play at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City on Thursdays, and Liberty Field in Sun City West on Tuesdays.

#### **Rules:**

##### **HOME RUN RULE:**

After some discussion on whether to change the AL Home Run Rule or leave it as is, Ernie Owen made a motion to keep the Home Run Rule as it currently reads in the rules, "any ball hit over the fence" is a home run. Motion seconded by Dick Lemoine. Motion carried.

##### **COPIES OF PLAYING RULES:**

With the start of the new season on October 24 each player will receive a copy of the playing rules based on the league that the player is assigned to. The board will address this again at the October meeting and update any changes or corrections and then make copies.

Each manager will receive enough copies to distribute to their teams. Each player needs to familiarize themselves with the rules as each player will be required to umpire and be a scorekeeper.

**Information:**

Arvid Peterson reported that Mike Graham will still continue to supply the information for the AL. This will include the ratings from the previous year.

**Placement:**

Any new player joining the league will still be required to go through two (2) practice sessions with Loran Swanson and two (2) Green Team sessions before they are drafted in the AL, or are assigned a team in the NL. Dennis Farrar mentioned that he has heard that the Green Team sessions will start on October 23 if the Sun Bowl Field in Sun City is released for play. Just to reiterate the League stand is, and has made it clear that, safety comes before player placement preference.

**- National League:**

Bill Nyblade reported the NL will have at least 12 team. Bill would like to know as soon as possible the players that are not drafted in the AL so he can make arrangement to get them placed in the NL if they choose. Some players will not return until November 1 but will still be assigned a team.

Also any player that can not play due to health restrictions may be assigned a team as a coach (umpire/scorekeeper) if players requests. Bill has also requested from the AL a copy of their schedule so the NL can so as to coordinate the days of play. The NL Committee will probably be setting up a little tournament games during the Holiday breaks.

**NL Runner from Home Rule:**

Bill Nyblade mentioned that some of the NL players would like to eliminate the runner from home rule. After a brief discussion the League Board said that the NL needs to do what's best for them. Players sign waivers when they join the League to play and the players are held responsible for their own injuries, not the recreation centers or softball clubs and its members.

Bill Nyblade reported that current NL players, Ernie Miller, Chuck Holt, and Don Rasmussen would like to be put in the American League draft for the 2006 fall session.

Starting the 2006 Season the NL will play at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City on Tuesdays, and Liberty Field in Sun City West on Thursdays.

**Remember the first day of League play is October 24 and runs thru January 11, 2007. The Spring Session would start on January 16.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW LEAGUE HATS:**

The Sun City Softball Club board has agreed to purchase new league hats, on the basis that each hat does not exceed \$6.25 each which is to include the embroidering, and that there be no designation on the hat as to which community the player resides. The Sun City West Club board has voted to purchase new hats based on the same criteria. In addition, players wanted to add the American Flag on the left side of the hat. Dick Lemoine passed around the three overwhelming designs that Paul Turley made for the league board to review and to pick which one they would like. The board unanimously picked a design that will be embroidered on the new hats.

After some discussion, Dennis Farrar made a motion to have the League Board approve the purchase of new league hats with the cost to be around \$6.25 each, with the design numbered one with the hat being the color of Navy Blue as we currently have, with the addition of, the American Flag to be put on the left side of the hat. Motion seconded by Ernie Owen. Motion carried.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Dick Lemoine brought up that Carol Bowden as requested that the women would like to be recognized as a division of the Sun Cites League with the requirement to follow League Rules and regulation as the AL and NL currently do.

Dick Lemoine made a motion that the women's teams be a league of the own, but fall under the League umbrella and pay their dues to the community they reside in. Women would still be able to play on the current Tuesday–Thursday teams, if they choose. Motion seconded by Larry Kuberka. Motion carried.

Avid Peterson thanked Carol Bowden for all the work she has done this past year to help increase and promote the women's softball program.

**HALL OF FAME SELECTION:**

Dick Lemoine, President of the Sun City West Softball Club has requested that the League Board president or the Hall of Fame committee chairperson speak at the Sun City West Softball Club General Membership Meeting to be held on October 16 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center at 1:00pm.

Per our May 10, 2006 League Board minutes, Larry Kuberka wanted to clarify that there will be a Hall of Fame nominating form attached to the November newsletter. Dennis confirmed that the form will be attached. However, the November issue may be a little late getting in the dugout because Dennis will be out of town from October 27 thru November 6. Please, if you have any articles to be put in the November Newsletter, email them to [editor@azssoftball.com](mailto:editor@azssoftball.com). Dennis will make every attempt to get this posted electronically on the website before November 1. So please check your email. The normal deadline for the November Newsletter is October 20 (*please*). No further action taken.

Arvid Peterson mentioned that he will be meeting with the Hall Of Fame Committee in the next few weeks and will let the Board know what date this will be.

**SUMMER SOFTBALL PLAY:**

Arvid Peterson brought up that there were several people concerned about how the summer session was conducted. Moreover, they were concerned about the length of the sub list and why another team was not assigned. Dennis Farrar mention that he had no complaints about the length of sub list, and Dennis felt it was irrelevant and that many NL players were going to be in an out during the summer session and would like to have the opportunity to play ball if they were asked. Dennis also asked that each manager get their subs from the sub list first before going to the other teams. Dennis observed that the managers were doing this on a regular basis with the exception of the last session. The reason Dennis asked the managers to pull from the sub list first was, to give more players the opportunity to play more ball. After assigning managers and teams some of the players were asking what they needed to do to get on the sub list because some of the subs were actually playing four times per week while the assigned team players were only playing twice a week. We all know we try to keep the sub list to a minimum because the sub list has gotten the reputation that if you're on the sub list you will never get asked to play.

The main issue Dennis had was, that some players would be asked to be put on a team, and after playing five or six games and then would informed their manager that they were going to leave for the summer, or, they would sign up to play a session and never show up to play and never called to say they could not play. This wouldn't be found out until after the teams were made up.

When issues like this arise it leaves the manager in a position of having to get a sub to replace them, or have Dennis or Richard assign another player to that team. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish if the player that is leaving plays a position for which you have no subs on the list. Players need to be honest and upfront with the summer coordinators. There is a lot of time involved in setting up the summer league play and when challenges like this come up, it creates havoc that needs to be immediately addressed.

Bill Nyblade brought up that he was not objecting to Dennis Farrar setting up the National League summer play, but moreover concerned that the National League Committee was not included in the selection. Apparently Dennis was appointed by former Sun City West then president, Bob Stouthamer because Dennis had set out the 2005 session for the National League as well. Dennis never questioned his appointment thinking this had gone through the NL Committee before hand.

In conclusion, and after a lengthily discussion the League Board felt that there needs be a committee set up to address issues and concerns of the Summer League and the recommendations of any changes, including rules for summer play to the League Board.

Also Dennis would like to see some "lax" in summer play. Toward the end of a session sometimes it's hard to adhere to some of the rules that were set at the start of play due to player availability or other issues. The possibility of the "laxing" some of the rules, if the managers and summer play committee agree, could be acceptable.

The League Board has asked Dennis Farrar from the National League, and Richard Wells from the American League, to head up the summer play draft for 2007. In addition to Dennis and Richard there will be one more player from the American League and one more player from the National League to assist Dennis and Richard making this a committee of four.

Bill Nyblade made the suggestion that the League Board let Dennis and Richard make their choice of the person to assist them and who they would like to work with, versus, the League appointing the two other committee persons. Dennis mentioned that the persons selected should have access to a computer, and moreover, MS Excel, if possible. Dennis & Richard have accepted the appointment. No further action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ALL HANDS LEAGUE MEETING:**

Some discussion on whether to of an all hands league meeting which would include Sun City and Sun City West players for the purpose of passing out team uniforms and voting on league issues as one body was brought up. The current League Board felt that this was not necessary at this time. No further action taken.

**SUN CITY WEST ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Dennis Farrar, chairperson of the SCW Election Committee mentioned that their elections will be held on November 9 and 14. The committee members are: Dennis Farrar, Bob Latzo, Ernie Mueller and Jim McGuire.

**SUN CITY ELECTIONS COMMITTEE:**

Some discussion of who is on the committee and that they will make the decisions as to who and when at their next meeting.

**GUEST COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to address, Larry Kuberka made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ernie Owen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,



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

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 9:00am  
Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City (*if available*)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THIS DATE WAS CHANGED FROM OCTOBER 11 TO THE 18 DUE TO CONFLICTS. IF THE BOWLING ALLEY IS NOT AVAILABLE, WE WILL MEET AT ANOTHER LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.**