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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 18, 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, Ernie Owen, and Arvid Peterson.

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Carol Bowden, Bob Freeman, Linda Graham, Mike Graham, Bill Nyblade, and Gregg Owens.

#### **SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Ernie Owen moved to accept the September 13, 2006 minutes that were electronically sent. Larry Kuberka seconded. Motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

##### **Rules:**

Bob Freeman reported that at their last meeting they finalized the rules and changes as follows:

##### **D. Game Rules, E.2.**

**Substitutes** – Managers are encouraged to use a qualified placement pool or sub pool player first, if possible, before contacting players from other teams. The words “sub pool” were added.

##### **D. Game Rules, E.11.**

**Home Runs** – Any fair ball hit over the homerun fence will count as a home run. We do not have a “one-out rule” or “second home run out or single” rule.

##### **F. Responsibilities of Players, F.1.**

**Absentees** – managing a team is a difficult job requiring the full cooperation of all team members. If you are going to be late, or miss the game, notify your manager well ahead of time. Arrive at the field a half hour before game time to loosen up properly and thus avoid unnecessary muscle injuries. Note that the player who misses five (5) successive games will be replaced with a pool player of equal rating and he will be placed in the pool. If the manager wishes, he can replace a player with a lower rated player from the placement pool. If a lower rated player is chosen, his rating will be elevated to that season to the rating of the player he is replacing. This also applies to players not present at the start of the season. *Special Note: Byes and rain-out games do not count.*

Dennis Farrar made a motion to except the rule changes as presented. Larry Kuberka seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Draft:**

Bob Freeman reported that all the teams are filled, and there is one player (Bob Renter) who wanted to be on the sub only list. There are four players that went to the National League this year. They are: Gene Chervinko, Joe Deflore, Paul Shorty, and Bob Stouthamer.

**Process for Managing the Placement Pool:**

Mike Graham presented the process for managing the placement pool. This process is a way to manage vacancies of those players who get hurt or players who miss five games under the responsibility of players under the American League rules. This process is an addendum to the AL Rules and can be modified without publishing the complete rules again.

After Mike Graham presented the process and discussion took place, Ernie Owen made a motion to accept the process for managing and placement pool with the correction that; **“If the person that creates the opening is a pitcher, the team manager will be given the option to refuse a placement player if there are no pitchers on the placement pool.”** Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike Graham will make the clarification of the process and distribute the updated copies to be included in the packet that will be given to the managers at their first game.

**Cancelled Games:**

Ernie Owen brought up a point concerning field cancellations and that the current rule reads that only a league representative can make a decision to cancel games. His concern was that after a little maintenance the possibility of playing the rest of the games during the day could have happened. After a lot of discussion the board felt that this is a safety issue and should be addressed by a league board member, if available. If no league board representative is available, the participating managers that are affected will make the decision whether to play or not. If the games are canceled the managers making that decision will contact the managers of the other teams that have not yet played for that day and advise them of their decision. Keeping in mind that with this decision all future games for the day will be canceled per game rules.

Ernie Owen made a motion that any cancellations or delays of games will be made by a league board representative, if possible. If no league board representative is present to make this decision, the managers that are affected will make the decision whether to cancel their game, and they will notify the managers that are scheduled to play on that field for the remaining of the day. Motion seconded by Dennis Farrar. Motion carried. No further action taken.

**Placement 2 + 2:**

After a lot of discussion on this matter, Ernie Owen made a motion to lift the restriction of making the two (2) Green Team practice sessions, and two (2) Loran Swanson practice sessions mandatory to; recommending that a minimum of one (1) Green Team practice or one (1) Loran Swanson practice. However, the Green Team will still be available to allow new players more practice opportunities but this will be optional. This will still give the league representative the opportunity to evaluate and place new players based on their abilities. Any new player coming into the league will be asked to attend as many practice sessions as possible so as to help eliminate the possibility of injury. Motion seconded by Dennis Farrar. Motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

**- National League:**

**NL Runner from Home Rule:**

Bill Nyblade reported that the National League Committee would like to eliminate the courtesy runner restriction from home to only first base. This would allow the courtesy runner to advance past first base, and would have the same opportunity as a batter/runner to advance as many bases as they choose at their own risk. After some discussion, Ernie Owen made a motion to adopt the National League Committee's recommendation. Larry Kuberka seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Bill also reported that all the rules are printed and ready to distribute to the managers on the first day of play where a copy of the National League rules will be given to each player.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW LEAGUE HATS:**

Dennis Farrar reported that the new league hats have been ordered but won't be available until after the season opens. They are being made in China and players will need to turn in an old one (current) in order to receive a new one. Any hats needed after that must be purchased for \$10.00 each.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SCSSL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION:**

Ernie Owen reported that Ken Skinner is conducting an ongoing ASA trained umpire's clinic at Liberty Field every Thursday at 4 p.m. for those who are interested in learning more about the rules, positioning and the mechanics of the game. These umpires are being trained for Tournament Games, League Games and possibility of some Women Games. Because this endeavor is just getting started there will be a lot of issues and concerns that will need to be ironed out. We hope that all the managers and players will be patient with the umpires during the trial and error period. After some discussion Ernie Owen made a motion that there may be ASA trained umpires show up to officiate your game. If the team manager has already appointed umpires, the ASA trained umpires will take precedence in the officiating of the game and the appointed umpires are dismissed. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. Contact Ken Skinner if you are interested in participating in these clinics. These clinics are open to anyone who wants to participate. You do not have to want to be ASA Certified to attend. Just come out for the knowledge and you will get more out of the game that you like to play. No further action at this time.

**GUEST COMMENTS:**

No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Ernie Owen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Larry Kuberka. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,



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

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 9:00am  
Bell Lanes Bowling Alley, Sun City