



SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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## LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2007

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Hester at the Men's Club (*Round-up Room*) in Sun City West at 7:57a.m.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Mike Hester recognized all attendees with special acknowledgement to Linda Graham as the new president of the Sun City Softball Club.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Chuck Holt, and Julie McGlynn.

### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Linda Graham, Mike Graham, Rich McAndrews, Art Nelson, Gregg Owen.

### **NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Julie McGlynn challenged the minutes with the following addition:

- 1) Dennis did not report that the league mentioned that we buy only 14 jerseys instead of 16. No motion was made on this item and is being taken up with both club presidents. They have not met yet so no further action was taken and,
- 2) Dennis Farrar reported that it was brought to his attention that there has been an incident at the Sun Bowl Field regarding the consumption of alcohol and conduct by some players during the games. Mike Hester agreed to talk to these individuals, and has since reminded us that he did not want any alcohol consumption until after all the games are over. No further action taken.

With these additions, Chuck Holt made a motion to accept the November 21, 2007 minutes as corrected. Julie McGlynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **— American League Report:**

Mike Hester reported in the absence of Bob Freeman. All is set for the Fun Day Event. Mike also reported that the managers meeting will be on January 2 and the draft on January 4. As of December 5 there are 165 players confirmed to play. Mike said that it looks like 14 teams. There were some questions on how and who rates the players. Mike will meet with Bob Freeman before the draft for rating clarification. Also, the way players are drafted will be the same and will not change as rumored. Chuck Holt brought up some questions concerning rule clarification. No further action taken.

— **National League:**

Fun Day:

Rich McAndrews reported that there are 8 teams set for the Fun Day Event, with single elimination. The Sun City Recreation Center will supply the sound system.

Players moving from league to league:

Rich asked for clarification on the procedures of players moving from the National League to the American League and vice versa. In conclusion, the board feels that any player wishing to move to another league contact the respective committee with their request. American League is not to solicit certain players they wish to draft. These players need to contact the AL Committee with their request. This should be in the Operational Procedures of how we handle these matters across both leagues. Rich reported that he currently has 164 players ready to play spring session. The boards decision was to have 14 teams, 7 games per day with no byes.

With a lot of discussion on when to end the spring session, Julie McGlynn made a motion that we end the spring session on April 10 for both leagues. Chuck Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action.

NL Draft:

Rich reported that he has solicited the managers on their feelings of having a draft. Based on his findings Rich McAndrews reported that the National League Committee is proposing a draft for the Spring 2008 session. The draft will be on January 9, at 1:00pm at the Men's Club (*Round up Room*) in Sun City West. Managers will draw a number as to their place in the selection pool when they come to the meeting and draft in that order. Managers were also asked to familiarize themselves with the players so they could draft accordingly, and not rate the players as the American League does.

Chuck Holt made a motion that the league board approves the proposed National League draft for the spring session 2008. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

— **Women's Teams**

No one present to report. Julie questioned why we need to have a Women's Teams report on a league level. Mike Hester added, because we have women playing in the league, this would keep the league apprized of what's going on. No further action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:**

Mike Hester has asked Art Nelson and Linda Graham as club presidents to meet on this to see if there is a need of having more committees reporting to the league board.

Chuck Holt suggested that we reach out to our members to find out their interests and talents of ways they could benefit our clubs and to try to work towards more cooperation and communication among each other. Not a radical reformation but rather doing a better job by reaching out to our members to help them discover ways they could get involved and working for the betterment of their clubs.

Dennis Farrar also believes that we all should be getting members involved and look for ways to need to always be thinking of training our replacements down the road.

There was a lot of discussion on the matter with the board coming to the decision of having someone from Sun City Club work with Ray Early on the Uniforms Committee and report back to the board before the next meeting. No further action taken at this time.

**HALL OF FAME:**

Mike Hester talked to John Doherty and there is nothing new to report, except that a person on the committee has been nominated and they may ask that person to step down and appoint someone else to that position.

Art Nelson reported on the banquet plans. Jim McGuire has been asked to do the planning. The banquet will be held on Friday, March 28, 2008 starting at 6:30pm. A lot of discussion on what the banquet should be named. Chuck Holt made a motion that we call the banquet — “Sun Cities League Annual Hall of Fame Banquet”. Julie McGlynn seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

**OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES:**

Mike Hester made a comment that he tried to get everyone together before the meeting to tackle this, but could not, so after this meeting we will attempt to get these procedures updated and if we can not do it in a one hour limited time frame will be carried over to the next meeting. No further action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Meeting with Danita Johnson:

Mike Hester reported and passed out information as the results of the meeting that he had with Danita Johnson. Basically, Danita would like to offer us group tickets at discounted rates to the Phoenix Roadrunners, the Phoenix Mercury and the Phoenix Suns games. And also recognize us at the games we attend as a group. No further action taken.

New League Proposal (Major League):

Mike Hester passed around a copy to the board members of an email that was in receipt from Herb Clark requesting that the board consider another league called the *Major League* that would be comprised of #1 and high rated #2 players now playing in the American League, therefore creating another league of their own. After some discussion from the floor, Mike Hester suggested that we should take a look at this proposal as a board keeps on file the possible implementation at a future date. The email is on file for reference. No further action taken.

Dr. Mark S. Palazzo:

Dr. Palazzo of Gonstead Chiropractic has offered without charge a trigger point massage to all players before and during games. After discussion, the board felt that this could show favoritism. Because Gonstead Chiropractic is a sponsor they need to take advantage of our Sponsor Day in the Park or any open sponsor event of promoting their business as other sponsors do. No further action taken.

Tom (Red) Kopytko (S. Carolina):

Mike reported that he received an email from Tom who is requested information about tournaments. Mike Hester answered Tom by saying the any tournaments that we have are strictly for our club member only. Mike Graham sent out some other information as well. No further action taken.

Data Bases:

Mike Hester sent out email notices requesting who has what information on databases. Mike has a list and will turn over this information to the new league board.

**SPONSORS TROPHY:**

Art Nelson reposted that he has been asked to check into the possibility of getting a trophy that would be given to the sponsor’s team that wins each session.

Julie McGlynn would like it documented that the league does not recognize session winners with trophies or plaques.

**SUMMER LEAGUE STATS:**

Art Nelson has been asked again by Ernie Mueller that we report the stats of the summer play in the newspaper giving Lund Cadillac recognition of their contribution. No further action taken.

**EXPANDING THE BOARD:**

Because of the lack of involvement of the American League in the past and board members absent due to illnesses there was some discussion on how to expand the current 5 member board to a 7 member board. After a lot of discussion on this matter it was in conclusion that the new board will take this up on the agenda as to how to expand the board since board members are elected on the club boards first before being appointed to the League Board. No future action taken at this time.

**2008 LEAGUE BOARD ELECTIONS:**

After all the nominations were in, here are the results:

President — Chuck Holt

Vice President — Mike Hester

Secretary — Rich McAndrews

Member — Julie McGlynn

Member — Gregg Owen.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Gregg Owen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie McGlynn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary

Sun Cities Senior Softball League (SCSSL)

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 8:00am ★ Bell Lanes Bowling Alley (*Team Room*) ★ Sun City. Please check the League Calendar at: [www.ourbiznet.net/azsrsoftball/calendar.htm](http://www.ourbiznet.net/azsrsoftball/calendar.htm) for future board meetings and other league information updates.

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*Secretarial Note:*

Please accept my apologies in getting these minutes out later than I would have liked too. One day after the meeting I left town to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with family in Minnesota and Wisconsin. After returning the first week of the New Year, I got the “bug”. Hopefully this won’t last too long. Thank you all for your understanding and support over my term of office. I have tried to serve you well as your secretary and have enjoyed being a part of this great organization. — *Dennis Farrar*