

**SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by newly appointed President Mike Hester at 8:00 A.M. in the multi-purpose room located at the Bell Recreation Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie McGlynn, Gregg Owens, Mike Hester, Richard Wells, Len Wicketts, Linda Graham and Rich McAndrews

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Mike Graham, Bob Dobbins, Bruce Brady, Bob Wengers, Art Nelson, Ev Kouffman, Larry Shriver, Carol Bowden, and Ken Doyle

INTRODUCTION:

President Mike Hester acknowledged receiving a resignation from past President Chuck Holt and asked the board to accept this resignation that the board unanimously accepted. Linda Graham was introduced as the newest member of the board, filling the vacancy due to this resignation.

With the appointment of Mike Hester President, the Vice President position remained vacant. Gregg Owens nominated Linda Graham to fill that position. Len Wicketts seconded motion. Motion carried.

MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL:

The March 12, 2008 minutes were electronically approved by all board members and have been posted on the web site.

2008/2009 LEAGUE DATES

The following dates were discussed at length. A motion was made by Gregg Owens to accept these dates as listed below, seconded by Rich Wells. Motion carried

Over seeding schedule

Sun City Field – Close September 22, ---- Reopen October 21, or 23
Sun City West Field – Close September 25, --- Reopen October 14

Fall session

Play starts – October 28 ---- Play ends --- January 8, 2009

Managers meeting

American League – October 7

National League -- October 9

Draft

American League -- October 14

National League -- October 16

League games will not be played on the following dates

Thursday – Nov. 27, -- Thanksgiving

Tuesday -- Dec. 23, -- Fun Days

Thursday – Dec. 25, -- Christmas Day

Tuesday -- Dec. 30, -- Christmas Holiday

Thursday – Jan. 1, -- New Years Day

Spring Session

Play starts -- January 13, 2009 --- Play ends --- April 16, 2009

Manager meeting

American League -- January 2, 2009

National League -- January 2, 2009

Draft

American League -- January 5, 2009

National League -- January 7, 2009

American League to play Tuesday in Sun City West, Thursday in Sun City

National League to play Tuesday in Sun City, Thursday in Sun City West

Fun Day

December 23 – both leagues

Spring Fling

February 25 thru February 28

UNIFORM REPLACEMENT MATRIX

After discussing the current replacement schedule validity it was agreed that it needed to be updated and discussed further with Ray Early.

There was also discussion concerning what should be done with the shirts that are being replaced. To include donating, returning to sponsor, etc. No action taken at this time.

Linda Graham reported that the Sun City Softball Club approved that all their sponsors shirts would be replaced on a four-year basis.

SESSION SURVEYS

Mike Graham reported that the American League current survey results showed 145 players would be present for fall play. That there were 22 active players that had not been contacted.

Rich McAndrews reported that the National League surveyed players for summer as well as fall play. 168 players were surveyed.

PROPOSAL RESULTS

Mike Hester reviewed the most recent survey concerning proposal 1 and 2. These surveys were taken of the players to see if more discussion needed to be taken. The results are listed below.

Proposal 1: Monday – Thursday or Tuesday – Friday schedule:

144 Agree 167 Disagree

Proposal 2: American League either divided or separated into two divisions:

119 Agree 160 Disagree

Concerning proposal number 2 – after further discussion the American League Committee with Bob Dobbins as point person will be revisiting this issue with the American League players and reporting their results back to the league board.

SUMMER RULE CHANGES

In the first session of summer ball the American League will be testing a pitcher screen. Preliminary results of this test will be reported back to the league board at the May board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American League – Gregg Owens

Gregg reported that there have been some changes to the American League Committee and currently there are only three active members (Gregg Owens, Bob Dobbins, Mike Graham). There was discussion as to how many members should serve on the committee, with 4 or 5 members being the most popular. A motion was made by Julie McGlynn to have 4 or 5 members on the committee; Rich Wells seconded this motion. Motion Carried.

It was agreed that the two new members to the committee would be one from Sun City and one from Sun City West. Mike Hester indicated a need for an American League Summer Session Commissioner and Bob Dobbins agreed to do it, and Mike Graham said he would help.

Gregg presented documentation for rule changes that were made October 18, 2006 but had never been updated on the web site. Rich Wells made a motion the rule changes be updated on the web site, Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

National League -- Rich McAndrews

Rich reported that Bob Williams summer coordinator and eight managers drafted 88 players for eight teams with 10 players placed on the sub list. Once the players were selected on teams the teams were placed in a hat and managers drew which team they would manage.

A managers meeting for the Spring Session is going to be held on Tuesday, April 22nd after the final game of the day.

EQUIPMENT and SPONSORS – Len Wicketts

Len reported that a new drag had been purchased for the Sun City Field. That all Sponsors pictures had been delivered and that one of the Sponsors (Saturn) had mentioned that they may want to become involved further.

Sponsor renewal letters will be mailed out by mid May with responses back by June 1.

PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATIONS – Rich Wells

Rich reported that Tony Debiasio would no longer be reporting the American League results and that he is currently seeking someone to fill that position.

MANAGERS and UMPIRES – Julie McGlynn

Julie reported that in addition to the usual complaints about the draft and the substitutions by some teams. There are some concerns about communications between the National League Managers and the National League Committee.

Julie reported that there is some concern about the coaches standing next to the bases and on the wrong side of the coach's line. She suggested that the whole box be drawn rather than a line.

Julie relayed to the board that some Sun City players have questioned why only Sun City West players have been selected for the last two years to the "Hall of Fame." Mike Hester explained how the process works.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Mike Hester

Mike reported the League Banquet had a total of 304 guests. He and the board acknowledged the great job by emcee and organizer Jim McGuire

The next event for is the Palm Desert I – 10 Shootout, scheduled for April 19, in Sun City West.

CLUB REPORTS

Sun City – Julie McGlynn

The Sun City Board had appointed Larry Shriver as their newest member and appointed Linda Graham to the League Board.

Meeting dates for the Sun City Club are going to be changed to the first Monday of the Month beginning January, 2009

Len Wicketts is organizing the possibility of a wood bat tournament in May.

Currently they are surveying players for a Co-Rec League.

Sun City West – Mike Hester

The Sun City West Board meets with the recreation board concerning the golf cart parking area.

OLD BUSINESS

Operational Procedures – Julie McGlynn

In an on going effort to update the Operational Procedures of the League Board pages one and two were reviewed by Julie with the Board. After discussing changes, Linda Graham made a motion to approve pages one and two; this motion was seconded by Rich Wells. This motion was approved with the exception of page 2, Art. IV, A. concerning when the League Board will meet.

Team Pictures -- Mike Hester

Art Nelson reported there are individuals that have not received all the product they had ordered. Mike said he would follow up with Sun Photo and report back.

Inspiration Team

Mike Hester appointed a committee be formed to review this proposal and report back to the League Board next meeting. The committee consists of Julie McGlynn, Len Wicketts, and Rich Wells.

GUEST COMMENTS

Art Nelson and Linda Graham have been working on a League Ending Event. No action taken at this time.

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – Location to follow

ADJOURNMENT

Rich Wells made a motion to adjourn, Rich McAndrews seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

Respectfully submitted
Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League