

**SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Art Nelson, Bob Dobbins, and Wayne Conn

APRIL MINUTES APPROVAL:

The April 16, 2008 minutes were electronically approved by all board members, motion made by Rich Wells and seconded by Len Wicketts to verbally approve the minutes, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

American League – Mike Graham for Gregg Owens

Mike reported that as of today the American League will have four teams in the second summer session.

It was discussed and agreed by all board members that if one of the Leagues falls below four teams during any of the summer sessions the leagues would be combined.

National League -- Rich McAndrews

Rich reported that Bob Williams summer coordinator has 68 players signed up for the 2nd summer session and 67 players for the 3rd summer session.

The 2nd summer session draft will be held on Tuesday May 20th. In the 1st session players were drafted by position and the managers selected their teams by a draw after the draft was completed. This will be an open draft, not selecting position by position and the managers will keep the players they select.

The session ending managers meeting was held on Tuesday, April 22nd, at that time a rating form was given to all managers to rate their players for the session. That has been completed and is in the process of being compiled to be given back to all managers. Of the fourteen managers attending the meeting, twelve said they wanted to continue drafting players, one preferred the matrix system, and one could go either way.

EQUIPMENT and SPONSORS – Len Wicketts

Len reported that Sponsor renewal letters have been mailed.

PUBLICITY and COMMUNICATIONS – Rich Wells

Rich reported that he has not found anyone to fill the position of American League reporter. Should anyone have any interest or know of anyone having any interest please let him know.

MANAGERS and UMPIRES – Larry Kuberka for Julie McGlynn

Nothing at this time.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Mike Hester

Mike reported that the April, Palm Desert event held at Liberty Field went well and that going forward there has been interest from Del Webb Festival to become involved in a special event of some kind.

SUMMER RULE CHANGES

Mike Hester commented that summer sessions are the time that any rule changes that maybe implemented in the League should be tested in the summer first. The current pitcher screen that is being tested was a good idea that has not gotten a fair shot. With that said Mike asked Mike Graham to report his finding to the board.

Mike reported the following

	GOOD IDEA	BAD IDEA	EITHER WAY
PITCHERS	2	4	2
PLAYERS	2	42	7

Mike Graham reported his findings and made a motion that the pitcher screen testing be discontinued, motion seconded by Linda Graham, motion carried.

CLUB REPORTS

Sun City – Linda Graham for Julie McGlynn

Linda reported that there is a possibility that the Rec. Board may source out the maintenance at the Sun Bowl Field. She has contacted the board to advise them should this occur, Wednesday is the only day for maintenance at the field.

Scoreboard update, the original scoreboard company (NEVCO) has been in contact with the Sun City Board and there maybe an opportunity to obtain a scoreboard from them at a much lower price than original quoted.

Sun City West – Mike Hester

Mike updated the board on the golf parking lot currently under construction at Liberty Field. There was a set back due to the contractor cutting some phone lines that no one knew were in that area. Hopefully, the issue can be worked out and work resumed by the end of the week.

Art Nelson reported the addition of Saturday League games with Sun City Grand has raised a question concerning authorized bats. This issue will be addressed further when the club board meets again.

OLD BUSINESS

Operational Procedures – Julie McGlynn

Issue tabled until other issues are finalized.

SESSION SURVEYS – Bob Dobbins

At the March board meeting Bob Dobbins was commissioned to make up a form that would serve as a survey of all players concerning the structure of our leagues as well as other pertinent information. After a lot of discussion a motion was made by Mike Graham to have Bob adjust his player survey form to survey the American league players only and report these findings back to the board next fall. Tex Wells second the motion. Motion carried

INSPIRATIONAL TEAM – Rich Wells

Rich reported that currently there are 72 players that are over age 80. Twenty-seven of those players are active and forty-five are inactive. His feelings are that this program would be difficult to manage. Rich Wells made a motion to not take any further action on this issue at this time. Linda Graham 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Mike Hester reported that four players have been selected to the Hall of Fame Committee and that two more active players from each club will be appointed. The Four that have been appointed are Tait Douglas, Ray Keller, Jim McGuire, and Bob Stouthamer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – Mike Graham for Gregg Owens

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR PLAYER PLACEMENT

Recommended committee members are Bob Dobbins, Ron Power and Wayne Conn with Gregg Owens as the sponsor. With a fifth member to be approved by e-mail. Rich McAndrews made a motion to approve recommended committee members and sponsor and to approve a fifth member via e-mail. Mike Graham 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

LEAGUE DATA COMMITTEE

Recommended committee member is Mike Graham with Linda Graham as the sponsor. Art Nelson recommended Ken Skinner be asked to join this committee. The board approved adding Ken if he is interested. Rich McAndrews made a motion to approve committee members and sponsor as recommended. Len Wicketts 2nd the motion. Motion carried. (Ken Skinner was asked and did accept.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE FOR MANAGER SELECTION

Recommend one person from Sun City and one from Sun City West, Mike Hester as the sponsor. Mike will select the committee members. Rich McAndrews made a motion to approve the appointment of committee members by Mike Hester with Mike Hester being the sponsor. Linda Graham 2nd the motion. Motion carried. (Mike has appointed Dick LeMoine who was already on the managers selection committee from Sun City West and Ron Johnson from Sun City.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Select a reporter for the American League as needed. Rich Wells is the sponsor. Rich McAndrews made a motion to approve Rich Wells as the sponsor and to give him the authority to appoint a reporter as needed. Len Wicketts 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Recommend Rich Wells as the sponsor and he will select his committee members. Linda Graham made a motion to approve Rich Wells as the sponsor and he will select three committee members. Rich McAndrews 2nd the motion. Motion carried. (Bob Wenners, John Collins, and Bob Brain were asked to be on the Rules Committee, all accepted.)

COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

Mike Graham made a motion to adopt all procedures with changes as noted to the following committee procedures. Player Placement, League Data, Manager Selection. Publicity, and Rules. Linda Graham 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

GENERAL MEETING

A discussion was held concerning having a fall general meeting. No action taken at this time. Further discussion to be held at the next board meeting.

GUEST COMMENTS

None

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – Riverview Golf Course

ADJOURNMENT

Rich Wells made a motion to adjourn, Len Wicketts seconded the motion, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M

Respectfully submitted
Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League