

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Linda Graham called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. in the meeting room located at Riverview Golf Course.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Art Nelson, Mike Graham, and Bob Dobbins

MAY MINUTES APPROVAL:

The May 14, 2008 minutes were electronically approved. However, Linda Graham advised the board that there is one addition to the American League Committee For Player Placement being Ron Johnson and one revision to the American League Committee For Manager Selection being Linda Graham replacing Ron Johnson. A motion made by Rich Wells and seconded by Gregg Owens was made to accept the minutes as well as the addition and change, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National League -- Rich McAndrews

National League Rules under part B. Organization a proposal was made to replace the initials IAW with National League. Motion made by Gregg Owens to accept seconded by Rich Wells, motion carried.

National League Committee Guidelines under H. National League Committee Team Selection Process currently reads.

H. Assign players to teams using National League team selection chart.
(use last league team roster, surveys, and committee notification.)

Change to Read

H. Assign players to Teams using one of the following formats.

1. Draft 11 to 12 players per team-by-team Managers.
2. Assign players to teams by National League Committee using National League Team Selection Chart.
(use last league team roster, surveys, and committee notification.)

Format to be decided by Managers at the conclusion of the spring session for the next Fall and Spring sessions.

Motion made by Gregg Owens and seconded by Rich Wells to accept the proposal, motion carried Summer Sessions, Rich acknowledged Bob Williams summer National League Team Coordinator for another great job.

During the second session a 165-foot rule for outfielders was instituted for trial. At the conclusion of the trial period. The results of 55 players were 32 not to use the line and 23 to use the line. With the results of the pole, the National League Committee proposed to the League Board that the rule NOT be adopted. League Board agreed no action taken.

Rich made a proposal to the League Board to change the last two weeks of the session to a playoff format. After some discussion and a concern of Linda's as to whether this would cause more competitive issues in a recreational league. Gregg Owens made a motion and seconded by Rich Wells to accept the proposal, motion carried.

AMERICAN LEAGUE RULES – Rich Wells

The following proposals were made.

CONTENTS – Add to Players Responsibilities – No. 7 LEGAL BATS

1. Page one A. General sentence two - change five to seven
2. Page three PLAYING RULES 1. Team Organizations sentence seven - omit (substitutes otherwise bat at the bottom of the order).
3. Page four PLAYING RULES 3. Courtesy Runners paragraph three, second sentence - change twice per game to unlimited per game.
4. Page five Ejections – seconded sentence – change should to must
5. Page six – add – No.. 7 LEGAL BATS – All bats prior to 2000 that are currently being used will be grandfathered as legal bats. Bats purchased after 2000 shall have the ASA stamped sticker of 2000 or 2004 stamped on the bat. The Miken MSF Freak 100 with a ASA stamped sticker is grandfathered in as a legal bat.

A motion was made by Gregg Owens and seconded by Rich Wells to accept these proposals, during discussion it was determined that all board members should be present to cast their vote. This proposal was defeated and a new proposal was made by Rich McAndrews and seconded by Gregg Owens to table these changes until the next board meeting, motion carried.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLACEMENT/DRAFT PROCEDURES – Bob Dobbins

The following proposals were made to the American League Draft Process

1. Page one – H. – Omit
2. Page one – I. changes the ratings of players from 1,2, and 3's to 1,2,3,4, and 5's.

A motion was make by Gregg Owens and seconded by Rich Wells to accept these two proposals. Motion carried.

Another proposal that was discussed at length would be to limit the American League to twelve (12) teams. This proposal as well as any others was tabled until the next board meeting.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGERS – Dick LeMoine

No action at this time

DATA COMMITTEE – Mike Graham

Mike mentioned that the database he keeps for both leagues is current and if the National League needed his assistance he is more than happy to help.

OLD BUSINESS

AMERICAN LEAGUE SURVEY – Bob Dobbins

At this time the survey is not complete, due to individuals being gone for the summer. Nothing from the survey would effect how the Fall session is handled. Hopefully, the next board meeting can complete the survey.

SATURDAY LEAGUE UPDATE & FUTURE – Skinner/Graham

Mike said there were three teams playing at Grand and one playing at West. That it was a successful session. It was also mentioned that the Sun City West field seem to have a lot of confusion concerning scorekeeping and umpiring duties. Art Nelson reported that the Saturday League does not fall under the League Board.

SUMMER LEAGUE STATIS – Bob Dobbins / Bob Williams

Bob Dobbins reported that the summer sessions went well. The third session was challenging with only ten players on a team.

Bob Williams was absent. Rich McAndrews reported that the three-summer session went well. Their were a lot of substituting in the third session and possible the League Board need to review mixing leagues for the third session.

NEW BUSINESS

ORGANIZED PLAY WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES

There was discussion concerning other communities wanting to play softball. Art mentioned that other communities needed to reciprocate in order to have play. Linda mentioned that clubs can only fund Sun City and Sun City West member events.

USSSA RULE – Pitchers hit by batted balls

No action – tabled until next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GUEST COMMENTS

None

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – Bell Bowling Lanes Team Room

ADJOURNMENT

Rich Wells made a motion to adjourn, Gregg Owens seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M

Respectfully submitted
Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League