

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Mike Graham, and Bob Dobbins

SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

The September 10, 2008 minutes were electronically approved. However, in the September minutes the American League ratings were listed as 1 through 5 that needs to be changed to 1 through 4. Rich Wells made a motion to accept this change and the minutes as written, Linda Graham second the motion, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National League -- Rich McAndrews

The National League Managers meeting is set for Thursday Oct. 16th. With the draft set for Thursday Oct. 23rd

The National League Committee is suggesting fourteen teams for the fall session. The committee would like to thank Julie McGlynn and Carol Bowden who have requested not to manage teams this session for their managerial efforts in prior sessions. Julie who managed the Sun Country team will be replaced by Dennis Arend and Carol who managed the King Magee team will be replaced by Gary Beymer.

Currently the N.L. has thirteen sponsors and will need another for fourteen teams. It was suggested to wait until after the A.L. report to see how many teams the .A.L. is suggesting and if a new sponsor would be needed.

Len Wicketts of the N. L. Committee had requested field time from the Sun City softball club for N.L. team practices on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 24th through Oct 26th. These practices will be prior to the start of the session, held after the open practice on those days, and will be used as an opportunity for managers to issue jersey's, roster, schedules, etc. to their team players.

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE Gregg Owens

Gregg wanted to acknowledge the extra efforts and outstanding job of Bob Dobbins, Ron Powers, Wayne Conn and Ron Johnson. The remainder of the committee reports will be discussed under the following headings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE RULES – Rich Wells

The following proposals were tabled at the September, League meeting.

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). Substitutes may now bat anywhere in the order. If they are missing a one rated player then they will be allowed to pick up a one rated substitute and play with 12 players.
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.

Linda Graham made a motion and seconded by Rich Wells to accept these proposals, motion carried.

Rule Modification due to rating changes.

The A.L. ratings would be changed from 1 to 4 rather than 1 to 5 as listed in the September minutes.

Pitcher substitution – a 1 rated pitcher can be replaced with a 1, 2, 3, or 4. A 2 rated pitcher can be replaced with a 2, 3, or 4. A 3 or 4 rated pitcher can be replaced with a 3 or 4.

Manager's can replace a 1 with a 1, 2, 3, or 4 rated player.

Gregg Owens made a motion to adopt these modification, Linda Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLACEMENT/DRAFT PROCEDURES – Bob Dobbins

The A.L. managers meeting was held on Tuesday Oct. 14th. A proposal was made by the American League Committee to have thirteen teams in the fall draft. Motion was made by Linda Graham for the American League to have thirteen teams and seconded by Gregg Owens. Motion carried.

Currently there are thirteen sponsors in the A.L. Which would mean a new sponsor would have to be named for the N.L. Len Wicketts informed the board that the Sun City Club is to provide the next sponsor for the league and the next in line was Ott Realty. Motion made by Linda Graham to pursue Ott Realty for a sponsor seconded by Tex Wells. Motion carried.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MANAGERS – Dick LeMoine/Linda Graham

The Selection of the American League Managers document was presented and approved by the Board. Gregg Owens made a motion to approve this document, Tex Wells 2nd the motion. Motion carried

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. It is important that Mike be notified of any and all phone number changes both A.L and N.L. in order to keep the database current.

OLD BUSINESS

OPERATIONAL LEAGUE PROCEDURES – Julie McGlynn

No action taken at this time.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SURVEY – Bob Dobbins

Currently there have been 112 out of 168 surveys returned. The results of those surveys returned are One's - 14 in favor of a split, 9 opposed to a split, 1 undecided

Two's - 23 in favor of a split, 22 opposed to a split, 2 undecided
Three's - 24 in favor of a split, 15 opposed to a split, 2 undecided
The board took no action.

NEW BUSINESS

Softballs for league play. Currently the league is using Dudley balls for league games. A proposal was made by Mike Hester who said the Sun City West board had already agreed if the league board approved to change to a Trump Stote ball. Both balls have the same characteristics but the Trump ball will standup better and is \$8.00 dollars cheaper per dozen. Gregg Owens made a motion to change to a Trump Stote ball, Tex Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GREEN TEAM PHILOSOPHY – Len Wicketts and Bob Dobbins

A request was made by Mike Hester of Len Wicketts and Bob Dobbins to work together and adopt a Green Team Philosophy that could be presented to the league board next meeting.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SPORTS WRITER – Tex Wells

While there is no one currently appointed to write the game results for the A.L. Tex reported that he had an individual that would fill in on a temporary basis. Should anyone be interested or know of anyone that would be interested to please let him know.

USSA RULE – Pitchers hit by batted balls

No action – tabled until next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GUEST COMMENTS

None

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 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 10:22 A.M

Respectfully submitted
Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League