

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Linda Graham called the meeting to order at 7:56 A.M. in the multi-purpose room located at Bell Recreation Center.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Wells, Linda Graham, Rich McAndrews, and Julie McGlynn. Representing Board Members that were absent, Art Nelson for Mike Hester, Dave Bergman for Gregg Owens, and Mike Graham for Len Wicketts.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Dobbins

OCTOBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

The OCTOBER 12, 2008 minutes were electronically approved. Art Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Tex Wells 2nd the motion, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National League -- Rich McAndrews

The National League at the end of this week should have 11 players assigned to each team. There was mention of the number of players that are no longer playing due to injuries, illness, or family illness.

A proposal to change the wording under E. Playing Rules, Section 7, Protests/Appeals was given to Rich McAndrews by Carl Johnson to present to the Sun City Board of Directors, Sun Cities Board of Directors, National League Committee with copies going to Linda Graham, Mike Hester, and Rich McAndrews. Rich McAndrews gave Linda Graham here copy and presented to the Sun Cities Board or League Board. No Action was taken at this time until other Boards, Committee's and Individuals receive and review the proposal.

AMERICAN LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Due to the number of versions that have been published concerning the Player Placement Procedures the League Board asked the A.L. Committee to rewrite a final version and present it at the December board meeting.

A discussion was held concerning the retiring of playing managers that should no longer be playing but just managing a team. No action taken at this time.

EQUIPMENT & SPONSORS

A discussion was held concerning the number of teams for the next session. If both leagues have 14 teams then another sponsor would be needed. This sponsor would be a Sun City West sponsor and Linda Graham wanted to be sure that Carol Bowden was aware of this possibility.

The new balls that were approved by the board and ordered are now in stock and will be used as soon as the old supply is exhausted.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

At this time there was no one who had volunteered to do the American League game results for the Web Site and newspapers. A discussion was held concerning how important this is for our players as well as our sponsors. The board asked Tex Wells to visit with Bob Williams to see if he could handle the remainder of the week. Mike Graham volunteered to do the box scores and have them posted until someone could be found.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cancer Survivors Day – currently being organized by Larry Kuberka has been scheduled to be held at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City on Saturday March 7, 2009. Details to follow.

Lemoine/Morgan event – this event has been cancelled due to Bob Morgan no longer being involved. A motion was made by Art Nelson and seconded by Mike Graham to replace this event with a season ending event to be scheduled for Sun Bowl in Sun City on Saturday April 11. Motion carried.

DATA COMMITTEE – Mike Graham

Mike reported that he and Loran Swanson are keeping League data. That he on occasions gets different request from individuals for a list of players and player information. Mike wanted some direction from the league board as to how much information he should be releasing to individuals.

Art Nelson made a motion seconded by Tex Wells that stated. Any information furnished by the Data Committee will be in support of softball only and not for personnel use. Motion carried.

CLUB REPORTS

Sun City – New Sun City Board members

National League – Dennis Hagerty and Bud Herren

American League – Dave Bergmann and Linda Graham

Sun City West

At the November 3, Board Meeting the SCW Board agreed to recommend to the League Board that no longer should socks be issued as part of the uniform. That once the current supply is exhausted players should purchase their own socks of any length. The only requirement being socks are white in color. Players who have the socks and enjoy wearing them could continue to do so.

The reasoning behind this proposal was that the quality of the sock is not as it once was, they are getting harder and harder to purchase. Many players can not wear the socks due to medical reasons, more and more players are refusing to wear the sock which is making it difficult for some individuals to enforce and in the American League Rules under E. Player Rules, Section 7 – A. (Participating game managers are given the right to waive a rule for the good of the game for unusual circumstances or emergencies.).

It was also reported that the Sun City Board at their most recent board meeting elected to keep the socks as part of the uniform. This issue has been tabled until next board meeting and no action was taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

OPERATIONAL LEAGUE PROCEDURES – Julie McGlynn

A motion was made by Julie McGlynn and seconded by Mike Graham to accept the changes to page number one of the Operational League Procedures. Motion carried

In a continuing effort to finish the review of the Operational League Procedures the board would review any necessary changes at the next board meeting.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SURVEY – Bob Dobbins

It was reported by Bob that he is having players asking him what the League Board has decided based off of the survey results. Currently the League Board has decided nothing, but has asked the American League committee to put a proposal together and present to the board.

Art Nelson acknowledge the efforts of Bob Dobbins in taking this survey at the **request** of the League Board.

NEW BUSINESS

West Side Food Bank

Julie McGlynn and Carol Bowden are asking League Players to support a food drive that would support the West Side Food Bank to assist those in need. Peanut Butter is the first item being collected, after that would be cereal, etc.

MOTION RATIFY

Due to not having a quorum at the September League meeting. Five of the six motions and votes taken at that meeting needed to be re-ratified by the League Board.

Art Nelson made a motion which Mike Graham seconded to re-ratify five of the six motions made at the September League Board meeting. Exception The American League Placement and Draft Procedures. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS

Bob Dobbins reported that the new Wednesday/Friday league was preparing to start. Sun City West would be supplying the jerseys. Bob asked the league board if they would allow the wearing of hats, shorts, or pants, and the use of balls. Art Nelson made a motion to allow this request, Rich McAndrews seconded, motion carried.

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – Bell Bowling Lanes Team Room

ADJOURNMENT

Art Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Tex Wells seconded the motion, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:24 A.M

Respectfully submitted
Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League