

Sun Cities Senior Softball League  
Agenda 10/14/09

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 8:03 at the Saguaro Room, Beardsley Rec. Center

Roll call: Board Members in attendance: Carol Bowden, Tex Wells, Chuck Hendrix, Bob Williams, Dennis Hagerty, Gregg Owens, Linda Graham

Introduction of guests: Dave Bergmann, Mike Graham, Rich McAndrews, Bob Dobbins, Dennis Farrar, Ray Early, Ken Skinner, Rick Fish, Jim Keinath, Mike Hester, Joe Prendergast

Approval of minutes – September: **Motion to approve : Tex Wells, second Bob Williams Motion passed**

Committee reports:

SCW club - Rich McAndrews

- The field will be open for play October 19<sup>th</sup> Field may be scheduled for team practices following the drafts. George Karras schedules the SCW Field
- Special Event for Sun City West Club Members and invited guests only on October 26.
- 10 SCW club members are being trained to use the ADD (portable defibrillator) at the West field

SC club - Linda Graham

- Sun City Club voted to spend up to \$6500 for new bleachers or re-working the current bleachers to provide aisles and double foot planks.
- Lengthy discussion at a general membership meeting regarding moving to the new database being proposed by Rick Fish. Decision remains that Sun City Club cannot commit money or even support for the use and display of Sun City data until key questions are answered first. Who would we pay for services and how can we as a club pay them?; waivers for release of information approved by Sun City Rec. Centers Legal Department.

American league - Bob Dobbins

(open attached file for preview)

- Lengthy discussion regarding the many proposals listed on the attached document. The discussion brought out the varied opinions of what the purpose of the club is. As a result, Bob Dobbins withdrew his proposals except for the number of members on the player placement committee.
- **Motion:** Expand the membership of the player placement Committee to 5-7 players for the purposes of evaluation and placement/ratings. **Motion: Linda Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Hendrix Motion Passed**

- Carol Bowden read from the American League Player Placement/Draft procedures and asked Bob Dobbins to draft 12 members on a team rather than 11. This was done after hearing from Rich McAndrews that the National League is full, anticipating several late arriving players will already be in the National League Placement Pool.

#### National league - Rich McAndrews

- Several rule changes recommended to the Board (attached) motion to adopt rules as recommended by the National League Committee: **Motion made by Gregg Owens, Second Dennis Hagerty, Motion Passed**
- 168 National League Players 14 teams of 12 with additional players who will be arriving late and will be put in the placement pool. Placement is decided by National League Committee.
- National League Schedule: Oct. 27-Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Winter break until January 5<sup>th</sup>. National League will have playoffs for the 2 weeks following session restart on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

December 29<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as a fun day at both fields.

On Opening Day, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a moment of silence and recognition of players who have passed in the last year at both fields for Both Leagues

Publicity: no report

#### Data - Rick Fish

- Carol Bowden tabled discussion on changing the name from Data Committee to IT committee until it can be worked out what that means. What is included ?
- Rick gave a presentation of the current status of the database he has been working on. The database has been adopted as the official Sun City West Database. The Sun City West IT committee has been meeting to discuss next steps in the development and implementation of the database. Once Sun City Club is able to become part of the joint database, their members will be invited to become part of the committee making policy decisions. Sun City West Club has put together a draft of the additional information to be included on the player waiver form in regard to Confidentiality agreements and information release which they plan to submit to the Sun City West Legal Department. Sun City has requested a copy of the agreement, once it is approved, to submit to the Sun City Rec. Centers Legal Department so we could include it on our player waiver.

#### Old business

Green team - Len Wicketts-Reported by Rich McAndrews Lennie and Rich Bogosian have created a booklet for new players with lots of needed information. Lennie and Rich will work with the Green Team. One or 2 members of the American League Committee are expected to attend the Green Team practices on Monday in Sun City to evaluate new players.

Uniforms - Ray Early- No change requested in the type of ball ordered. Anticipate ordering the next set of balls in December for both Clubs. Uniforms are at the printers for the 2 new teams. Should be ready by season opener. Current Replacement Schedule provided by Ray.

#### New business

- Motion: Run the current league database and the new database in parallel until a final decision is made regarding the ability of the Sun City Club to participate in the deployment of the new web based joint database **Motion Gregg Owens; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck Hendrix, Motion Passed.** Mike Graham will also keep records of current Player information, with additional information kept regarding non-current players. Information regarding team assignments and ratings will be kept in the new database only.
- Proposal from Joe Prendergast to organize team practices following the games in Sun City West on Tuesdays for the American and as can be scheduled for National. Purpose-opportunity for team practices. Also an opportunity for a social time for team members and wives/guests. **Motion to approve the team practice concept. Linda Second: Bob Williams Motion Passed**
- Additional Proposal from Joe to create an advisory group or safety group as a permanent new committee on the League Board. The proposal will go back to the Club level and brought back to the League level at the next meeting.
- Ken Skinner reminded the League Board and the American and National League Rules committee members to please include him when considering rule changes. He is offering his considerable experience and would like to be considered the league consultant for rules.

Adjournment: **Motion Chuck Hendrix, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Williams Meeting adjourned 10:30.**

**NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 11 MEN'S CLUB - ROUND UP ROOM**