

Sun City Board of Directors Meeting  
1 Sept 04, 8:00 AM at Fairway Recreation Center

Members present: Carl Johnson, Bill Nyblade, Tait Douglas, Mike Graham, Ken Dorian and Ray Keller.

Members absent: Doug Wright.

Mike Graham sat in for Doug Wright as board president.

Minutes from the 5 May 04 board meeting was read and approved. Carl Johnson (Secretary) was not present at the May board, minutes recorded by Doug Wright.

Tait Douglas presented the treasure's reports dated 31 May 04 thru 31 Aug 04. Tait stated we were in good shape. Club received a \$50 donation from Gloria Starck in memory of Fred Starck. The report was approved by board.

Mike Graham briefed board on the schedule of jersey replacement and changes in team sponsors. Plan calls for jerseys to be placed every four years. This replacement schedule is posted on Mike's web site. Some summer jerseys will need to be placed next year.

Discussion on trying to get sponsors for summer teams, board likes ideal, tabled for further time.

Board discussed the election of new board's members for this fall. Proposals have been made to vote in 3 American and 1 National so the board would have even number of league representatives. Following this year 2 American and 2 National would be voted in each year to keep board membership even. Item tabled until next board meeting.

Mike Graham informed board that some of the Sun City West players had conducted trials on 4 different softballs this summer.

Results proved that there were no noticeable differences. This group agreed to continue use of the Worth 44 core 375 balls that we have on hand. Mike reminded board that this was a joint board function. Mike suggested we present the ideal of purchasing less than 50 dozen ball at a time.

Tait Douglas has completed an analysis of equipment expenses. His records show that it cost \$44.19 per player to initially issue cap, shorts, pants and socks. Board agreed it was reasonable for the new players to absorb this cost. Tait made a motion to raise the initial membership dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00. Board voted to approve motion and agreed the change would be effective as of 1 Sept 04.

Mike Graham will revise the membership waiver and registration form and place forms in storage room at Sun City field. Players joining club after summer session will be credited for 2005 dues.

Board discussed the need for more structure in defining the functions and responsibilities of each club and what functions should be governed by the joint board. Several board members feel that too many decisions regarding leagues matters are being made by individuals, who are non-board members. In many cases, boards are not aware of the individual's activities. Tait Douglas suggested that members from all boards meet and formalize each board's responsibilities.

Carl Johnson expressed a concern regarding the absent of any Sun City Board activities during summer months. Board is not functional however softball continues and nothing changes. Fields must be maintained, equipment supplied, schedules and team rosters printed, teams selected, rules and number of club and league decisions to be made. Perhaps the most important is the need to communicate with the Sun City Recreation Center. Carl suggested that next summer the board consider continuing board meeting with members that are here for summer.

Mike Graham suggested we submitted a list to Fairway Recreation Center documenting work we would like to be completed on the Sun City field. Mike's wife suggested that the hedge along parking area be cut back so people could watch games from cars. Tait Douglas will submit list to Recreation Center.

Mike Graham said he had complains about the flag not being flown at some games and complains about the flag not taken down over night. Board discussed possibility of adding lighting, however no decision made.

Mike Graham discussed the hole in left field and need to level infield/outfield ridge. Soften the infield with addition of dirt or breaking up surface.

Mike Graham asked for a clarification of the age limit for playing softball. His interruption is that you must have a recreation card.

Tait Douglas suggested we check with Recreation Center.

Tait Douglas is concerned about our club's needs are not being presented to the Recreation Center's budget committees. We don't seem to get any feedback from budget committee and we are not consulted about our needs. We need to be aware of the budget process and time tables for submitting request. Our board agreed our members need to attend these meeting. Board will ask Doug Wright to get the budget information from the recreation center. Tait emphasized that we need a game plan to take our projects to the budget. The Sun City Softball Club should set priorities.

Suggestions were made that maybe we could go to outside companies for club support. Such as a new score board with company advertising.

Tait Douglas suggested we order new bases before fall session. Board had approved this purchased at an earlier meeting. Ray Keller will order.

Next meeting will be on 6 Oct 04, 8:00 AM at Fairway Recreation Center. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM

Carl Johnson  
Secretary