Sun City Softball Club

Minutes March 12, 2007

The Board meeting came to order at 9:00 in the Oakmont Recreation Center.

Board Members Present:

John Selby Larry Kuberka

Dan Gault Ken Doyle

Len Wicketts Ernie Owen

Julie McGlynn Chuck Holt

Guests Present:

Carl Johnson Red Klingensmith

Tait Douglas Paul Moye

Steve Griswold Ben Zeppa

Al Conolly Will Brown

Minutes: The minutes of the February 12, 2007, Board meeting were distributed by email and several corrections were offered. Ken Doyle moved and Larry Kuberka seconded the approval of the minutes. The Board voted to approve. The revised minutes were then posted on the official web site.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Doyle who distributed a copy of the report gave the treasurer's report. Ken reported that 10 pair of shorts and 12 pants have been purchased. The written report, which is available to the membership, was approved.

Field Maintenance: Larry Kuberka reported that the glare screen has been installed at the field. Using his funds from the field maintenance account, he spent \$5.00 for 8 inch aluminum for the batter's box frame (same as Sun City West) and \$4.00 for paint for the legs of the benches. He reported that the sponsors' tickets have been delivered and he needs the names of those sponsors who will be attending the banquet. The two-loaner hats have already disappeared, and there was some discussion about their distribution. Larry expressed concern about the amount of trash (candy wrappers) on the field, and the cigarette butts left on the ground. Finally, Larry said the dragging screen is now on the right side of the field and well out of the way of the players.

Publicity: Julie McGlynn reported that she has provided information about the club to the Visitor's Center. Also, the club has a link on the RCSC Web site. She continues to provide articles for inclusion in the monthly Sun Views.

Sponsors: Len Wicketts said two sponsors are scheduled for new shirts in 2007 – Newton Auto and Sunshine Sprinkler. He has a backup sponsor if one is needed.

Equipment: John Selby has ordered additional keys from the RCSC. The names are posted on the equipment locker of those individuals who distribute equipment. Someone needs to be at the field with a key for Sunday practice. There was also a brief discussion about the timeliness of gassing up the tractor.

Ray Keller is the only one who buys equipment, other than softballs. It was suggested that a quarterly inventory of equipment be instituted. If softballs are needed, Ray Early is the keeper of the softballs.

Sun City Members Recreation Cards must be verified by March 31. The Grahams have the database and will complete the report.

Proposal Stating Minimum Participation Level: Julie McGlynn is trying to establish minimum standards for players. John Selby, as president, is concerned about liability issues and is firmly against further action on this issue until the RCSC has provided legal advice.

New Member Fees: The annual fee has been increased to \$50.00 from \$25.00 to better cover the cost of the uniform.

Member Comments: Tait Douglas wanted to make sure that Hall of Fame members who no longer play are invited to the banquet. He asked if ankle socks instead of the longer socks could be worn during the summer sessions, and Chuck Holt was asked to get clarification. Tait also suggested that it was his opinion that the substitution rule is unfair because the sub pool is not being used and the same players are asked to play too often. Tait also said that new signs were needed at the field, and he pointed out that Charlie could be timelier about delivering on his promises to have things done. Tait also suggested that we again ask about additional trees and picnic tables behind 3rd base. Finally, Tait asked how information for the Newsletter was collected because he was disappointed to the content.

Carl Johnson said that the coordinators of the American and National Leagues ran the summer leagues.

Steve Griswold said there were too many subs in the 3rd session last summer. He also volunteered to relinquish his key to the building.

Red Klingensmith asked about a light on the flagpole.

New Business:

Appointment for Unexpired Term. Linda Graham resigned, and John Selby appointed Chuck Holt to the Board and the Board approved at its February meeting. John asked the membership to approve Chuck as Linda's replacement for the duration of her term. The membership so voted.

There is discussion of a 21X38 inch home plate mat. This is in conjunction with Sun City West.

Also, there is discussion of allowing the pitcher to have a substitute runner (won't count against sub runner) when the pitcher is on base with two outs. This would speed up the game by giving the pitcher time to put on his equipment.

The topic of non-playing managers is under discussion.

Approved bats are grandfathered in. There is discussion of each club furnishing the bats.

Board Discussion: Concern was expressed about the umpiring during the Spring Fling. The managers have scheduled a meeting to discuss the situation. John Selby pointed out that there are no official umpires, and managers have the option of vetoing using Ken Skinner's umpires.

Adjournment: Julie McGlynn moved and Larry Kuberka seconded adjournment. The meeting ended at 10:45. The next meeting will be on April 9.