

**Sun City Softball Club
Minutes
May 14, 2007**

The Board meeting came to order at 8:00 in the meeting room at the conference room in the Bell Recreation Center.

Board Members Present:

John Selby

Don Gault

Ken Doyle

Len Wicketts

Ernie Owens

Chuck Holt

Guests Present:

Dawn Conn

Linda Graham

Minutes: The minutes of the May 10, 2007, Board meeting were distributed by e-mail. Ken Doyle moved and Don Gault seconded the approval of the minutes. The Board voted to approve. The 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 there are 119 members. The club has a balance of \$4,554.25. This includes one renewal, the sale of three hats, and income from the banners sold by the Sidewinders. Ernie Owens moved and Len Wicketts seconded the motion to accept the report. The motion carried.

Planning and Publicity: Julie McGlynn sent an email to President Selby saying that Linda Graham has agreed to submit articles to the Sun Views while Julie is away during the summer. There is no additional information about the 2009 banquet.

Sponsors: Len Wicketts took a few minutes to extol the contributions of Larry Kuberka. Larry meets with the sponsors monthly and has an excellent relationship with them. Len is very impressed with the great job Larry does on behalf of the club. Larry goes the extra mile.

In an email from Mike Hester, Ray Early has requested that next year's sponsors all be identified by the end of May. Len said that all Sun City sponsors are renewing. New shirts are coming from Newton Auto and Sunshine.

President Selby introduced Dawn Conn and said Dawn is willing to help get sponsors.

If we should want information about soft cushions along the fence, George Karras has the information.

Field Maintenance: Larry Kuberka needs help. Bill Buxton is gone for the summer, and Larry can't do it all by himself. Larry reported that in response to a complaint about the storage area inside the building, he tackled the job of cleaning the area. Larry also reattached a loose bench in the stands.

Equipment: Don Gault reported that there have been no complaints about equipment since the last meeting. He asked about the possibility of short socks with stripes being worn during the regular season. This will come before the joint board. Don also reported that he has the additional keys that were made. Finally, Don stressed the importance of making sure that all items are removed from the field and locked up after each game.

Correspondence: President Selby informed the Board that future events at the field must be scheduled through C. Johnson at the Recreation Centers at least three weeks in advance.

Old Business: The enclosure of the scorer's nest is included in the RCSC budget in the amount of \$2200. As reported at the last meeting, President Selby asked Charlie to put the project on hold because we need more room. Selby presented drawings to Recreation Center personnel and has received positive feedback. He estimates the cost at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. Paul Turley did the drawings.

President Selby reported that there have been lots of complaints about the sun glare tarp, and he suggested the tarp be replaced with patio umbrellas and stack chairs. Chuck Holt moved and Len Wicketts seconded a motion to remove the tarp. The motion passed 3-2.

President Selby talked with Charlie about picnic tables and trees. Charlie is not interested. Perhaps the softball club would be interested in doing it as a club-related project.

Membership Comments: Linda Graham said it is unfortunate that no comments from the audience are allowed during the discussions. She commented that the clubhouse drawings do not include windows and doors. The "devil is in the details," and the details are necessary in order to get a cost estimate. President Selby assured Linda that both windows and doors are included in the building package estimate being formulated.

New Business: By the end of May, we need a Nominating and Audit Committee. President Selby suggested Steve Letko and Rich Borgesson for the Nominating Committee.

President Selby asked the board its opinion about purchasing a patio umbrella and six stack chairs. The members thought the idea needs further thought.

President Selby distributed the revised Operational Procedures to the board. This was the first time the board had seen the revisions, and they requested more time to review the changes. They also asked for a joint meeting of the Sun City and Sun City West boards to discuss the changes to make sure everyone is on the same page and more fully understands the revisions.

President Selby shared his ideas about some fall events. The first will be a "Welcome Back Northern Friends" day. Outside teams from across the Valley will be invited to play games and enjoy refreshments. Another event will be a "Fan Appreciation Day" with the club providing refreshments.

Mike Hester notified President Selby, the joint-board president that suggested names for the Hall of Fame Selection Committee should be submitted ASAP. The committee will not meet until fall, so there does not appear to be necessary to move too quickly on nominating individuals.

Art Nelson, president of the Sun City West club, asked that the Sun City club share the cost for new shirts to be used when the softball players play in Palm Springs in September. Traveling teams will use the two-sets of shirts. Art suggested 1/3 paid by Sun City and 2/3 paid by Sun City West. Ken Doyle moved and Larry Kuberka seconded a motion to deny the request unless Sun City has 1/3 representation on the traveling team to Palm Springs. The motion carried.

Art Nelson also proposed that we allow for non-playing managers. Sun City West has already endorsed it. Ernie Owens moved and Len Wicketts seconded a motion to endorse the proposal. The motion passed.

Art Nelson proposed a series of All-Star games each year rotating yearly between Sun City West and Sun City. There would be several possible games: the women, the 1s, the 2s, and the 3s. A motion was made by Don Gault and seconded by Len wicketts that we endorse the All-Star games, with the proviso that the players must be residents of the city they play for. The motion passed,

The next meeting of the board will be September 10. The Joint Board will meet on September 19.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:45.