

Sun City Softball Club
Minutes
November 12, 2007

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

Board Members Present:

Ernie Owen	Don Gault	Larry Kuberka
Len Wicketts	Chuck Holt	Julie McGlynn
Linda Graham	Ken Doyle	

Guests Present:

Mike Graham	Dennis Farrar	Ben Zeppa
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Minutes: The minutes of the October 8, 2007, Board meeting were sent to Board members via email and distributed to those present. Ken Doyle moved and Len Wicketts seconded the approval of the minutes as amended. The Board voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Doyle distributed the October statement. Assets are \$6166.27. There are 4 new members and a total of 124 members. The last 2 sponsors have paid. There were no outlays in October. Linda Graham moved and Ernie Owen seconded the acceptance of the report. The motion carried.

Field Maintenance: Larry Kuberka reported that the new batter's box has been installed and he is not aware of any complaints. Larry recognized Del Stolp for painting the back boards, and Steve Letko and George Nash for their help. Approximately 40 loads of dirt were sifted and placed on the pitcher's mound to raise the mound 4 inches. The in-ground posts at 1st base were dug up and moved farther apart. Larry also thanked Paul Vitale for the job he is doing preparing the field for games.

Larry K. also reported that the Rec Centers have replaced the battery in the tractor. He praised the work of the maintenance people during reseeding, and the condition of the grass is excellent. Larry recognized Bob Millslagel for his help.

Larry asked that no notices be taped to the building. Keys for the bulletin boards are inside the building, and all notices should be pinned inside the bulletin boards.

Julie McGlynn noted that the coach's boxes should be 8 feet off the foul lines, and the box should also include a back line parallel to the 2nd base bag (with 1st and 3rd base). The entire board endorsed the appropriate design of the coach's boxes and requested that no coach touch a player or interfere with a play.

Don Gault thanked Larry Kuberka and his helpers for all their work, and Don gave thank you cards to each of these deserving individuals.

Planning and Publicity: Julie McGlynn is back from her summer away and is again heading the committee. She thanked Linda Graham for stepping up to the plate for her during her absence. Linda reported that there would be no November outing welcoming back the players.

Julie reported that she continues to submit articles to the Sun Views, and some months the articles are printed. Calendar sales are rolling along.

Sponsors: Len Wicketts reported that Abbott's, a new sponsor, is on board. We are awaiting the arrival of the new shirts. Len and Larry Kuberka visited all the sponsors the last 2 weeks. All were asked to have a table at the Pancake Breakfast. All sponsors were also invited to attend the breakfast. The next new sponsor belongs to Sun City West. We also need to check with the Rec Board about the banners – whether a letter has been sent.

Equipment: Don Gault reported that balls have been ordered by Ray Early. We have enough balls to last through the end of the year. There has been some discussion about changing the balls. Chuck Holt mentioned that he shared his perception with the Joint Board that the Joint Board might need more standing committees, including one to handle equipment and supplies.

Julie Glynn moved and Ken Doyle 2nd a motion to purchase 14 instead of 16 shirts. The motion passed.

Julie Glynn moved and Linda Graham 2nd a motion that Sun City have a representative involved on all purchases. The motion passed.

Linda Graham was given a key to the building. There are now 9 keys distributed to individuals.

Ernie Owen requested time before the board before his departure for a family medical appointment. Ernie has found a polycap for the fences from Softball Warehouse. Com. The cost is \$220 for 250 feet. He estimates the total cost between \$900 and \$1000. The next step is to meet with the Rec Board about possible Rec Center funding of at least a part of the cost. Ernie then left at 9:00.

Correspondence: There was none to report.

Old Business: Scoreboard Update: Mike Graham reported that Arvid Peterson has a quote in the range of \$30,000 for everything, including a really nice scoreboard. Arvid is shopping for sponsors. After considerable discussion, including insightful comments from Larry Kuberka, it was decided to ask the committee to report back to the board with 2-3 proposals for differently priced scoreboards.

Ken Doyle, the treasurer, will give the financial information to the Audit Committee for the Audit to be completed.

There are no rules and regulations to be revisited at this time.

Nominations are complete. Julie McGlynn moved and Linda Graham 2nd a motion to eliminate term limits by striking the last the sentence which will now end with “two year term.” The motion passed.

There will be a General Membership meeting on Monday, December 3, 2007. It will be held at the field at 11:30 following the Green Team game. The membership will vote on the proposed change in board terms. Elections will then be held at the field on December 4 and 6, 2007. Chuck Holt brought up the idea of using a survey of members, and the board agreed that the Publicity Committee should take responsibility for any survey. Chuck posed the idea that the survey may include a question about interest in forming teams for Friday play.

New Business: Scoreboard: Larry Kuberka reflected on the rocky past we have encountered in trying to get a scoreboard. In 2 years, the price has climbed dramatically, and he wants to do something asap. The proposed scoreboard has spots for advertising, and Larry would like the softball club to buy one of the spots. The cost would be about \$15 per member for 3 years. While the board liked Larry's concept, the board would like to look at various options. Larry Kuberka moved and Len Wicketts 2nd a motion to establish a scoreboard fund. The motion passed.

Julie McGlynn moved and Ken Doyle 2nd a motion to move new project money to the scoreboard fund. This is referring in part to the calendar sales beginning now. The motion passed.

In response to requests from spectators along the 1st base side, the sun screen behind the 1st base dugout will be dropped to a lower level. The situation will be monitored to see if further changes are needed.

A cover for home plate would cost about \$450. The board needs more information before proceeding with this matter.

There are continuing problems with closing the field after the last game. Items are not being secured properly. It was agreed to post a list of duties to be completed by the team securing the field. Julie McGlynn agreed to prepare the list and post the list at the field.

A National League player walked off the field during a game. He will receive a letter of warning from the Sun City Board. The situation will also be presented to the Joint Board.

The Sidewinders have again requested the field for practice on Mondays at 1:00. The board is fine with this arrangement.

Larry Kuberka requested that he be allowed to recycle aluminum cans at the field with the proceeds going to the club. Julie McGlynn moved and Linda Graham 2nd a motion to move forward with this recycling effort. The motion passed.

Larry Kuberka reported that he be allowed to sell excessive materials used in making home plate. He estimates that the material is worth about \$18.00. Len Wicketts moved and Julie McGlynn 2nd a motion to let Larry sell the materials. The motion passed.

Audience Comments: Ben Zeppa attended the meeting to gain more insight into the working of the softball club. He wants to assist in making sure the club continues to provide a quality experience for its members. He praised those who are involved and encouraged the board to find ways to get more members involved in doing more than simply playing in the games.

Dennis Farrar noted that the deadline for newsletter items is November 23. Dennis also shared with the board his responsibility for maintaining the calendar for the league.

Adjournment: Linda Graham moved and Len Wicketts 2nd a motion to adjourn. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 as per the accepted motion by Linda Graham and the second by Len Wicketts.