

**Sun City Softball Club
Minutes
February 11, 2008**

The Board meeting came to order at 8:00 in the meeting room at the Bell Recreation Center. The following board members were present:

Len Wicketts	Ev Kouffman	Linda Graham
Gregg Owens		

Chuck Holt	Ken Doyle	Julie McGlynn
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Guests Present:	Jack Borst	Carl Johnson	Bill Nyblade
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Minutes: The draft of the minutes of the January 13, 2008, Board meeting were sent to Board members via email. Several changes were made to the draft, and Gregg Owens moved and Ken Doyle seconded approval of the minutes as changed. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ken Doyle distributed the January statement. Assets are \$10,290.08. There are 107 paid members, including 3 new members. The balance includes \$94.50 in aluminum cans and \$525.60 in sales (at cost) of hats to Sun City West.

Julie McGlynn again argued in favor of 14 instead of 16 shirts. Len Wicketts moved and Ev Kouffman seconded approval of the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

The annual audit was completed by Julie McGlynn. Two minor errors were found in the financial statements, and both were corrected. In the case of NSF, the club needs a written policy, and Ken Doyle moved and Julie McGlynn seconded a motion that the bank cost for NSF is the responsibility of the player. The motion carried. Gregg Owens then moved and Ev Houffman seconded a motion to accept the audit report. The motion carried.

Correspondence: The change to the Rules and Regulations that were approved by the general membership has now been approved by the Recreation Centers. The club now permits continuous Board membership.

The club has received thanks from the Recreation Centers for the \$300 donation to the Recreation Centers.

Ev Kouffman has received a thanks you from the Sheriff's Department for the 7 dozen used balls donated to the department for distribution to schools.

Linda Graham has received information from Wayne Mitchell about a Pennies for Peace program scheduled for March 22. The Sun City Club has been asked to be included as a sponsor. After some discussion, the board agreed to let its name be used, although in the future, the board would like more information in a more timely fashion before being included as a sponsor.

Equipment: Ev Kouffman asked for clarification about hats. If a hat is lost or a player wants an additional hat, the player should pay for the hat. If the hat is worn out, the hat should be returned for a free replacement.

There is some discrepancy about the number of new balls on hand, so Julie McGlynn moved and Ev Kouffman seconded a motion to give conditional approval for the purchase of additional balls, if needed. The motion carried.

Gregg Owens noted that he received 18 emails about socks. He said we are making a mountain out of a molehill and that we should pick our issues more carefully.

Scoreboard: Gregg Owens informed the Board that Sun City West is preceding with the purchase of a new scoreboard and they plan to trade in their present scoreboard. We may have the option to buy the present scoreboard, which is less than 5 years old. There is no firm cost on such a purchase, although it may be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Some Board members thought that range was too low if installation of the scoreboard is included. However, the Board agrees we should continue to pursue this even if there are still many unanswered questions.

Planning and Publicity: Julie McGlynn said the Souper Bowl resulted in the collection of 121 cans and a few other items for a total of 144 pounds. The items have been delivered to the West Side Food Bank.

There have been no more new sales of calendars. We need to work on selling the remaining calendars.

Next year's banquet, celebrating our 30th anniversary, is still in the preliminary planning stage.

Field Maintenance: Roy Nelson, in absentia, left a report with Linda Graham about covering of the fence rails. More research needs to be done.

Len Wicketts has lined up member help to renovate the Crow's Nest, including the installation of windows, and sprucing up of other areas of the field. He needs to know if he can proceed. He will work with Linda Graham in getting the proper approvals.

Sponsors: Len Wicketts and Roy Nelson will be visiting the sponsors and inviting them to the spring banquet. Sponsor tickets will be given to those sponsors attending the banquet.

Old Business: The sound system works if plugged in before use. We need to explore the possibility of replacing the battery.

Linda Graham reported on two items during her meeting with Jim Wellman, Assistant General Manager of the Recreation Centers. 1. He is okay with the concept of the donation of the scoreboard by Sun City West, pending height and neighbor approvals.

2. The safety concerns of the bleachers is still an open issue.

Linda Graham attended the officers meeting on January 28. Among other topics, the food issue was discussed. She also had a table at the New Member Orientation on February 6. Only 3-4 expressed interest in the softball club.

New Business: We have received a request from the Sun City West club to donate a prize at the banquet. Ev Kouffman moved and Len Wicketts seconded a motion to donate \$100 raffle tickets (calendars). The motion carried.

The Board has another representative on the joint board. Linda Graham appointed Len Wicketts.

The request to purchase a new drag was tabled.

The request to purchase a second tractor battery was tabled. We first need to get electricity to the shed.

The annual "All-Star" game will be held at Liberty Field this year, perhaps on March 30. The Sun City club has no involvement in the planning of this event.

Sun Photography does the annual team pictures. More information is needed about this annual event.

A general membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 10 at the field following the Green Team game. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Oakmont Recreation Center. A major purpose of the meeting is to select a nominating committee. Ev Kouffman moved and Julie McGlynn seconded a motion to approve the time and place of the meeting. The motion carried.

Additional items from the floor: Carl Johnson provided a letter and documents to the Board concerning the National League draft. He expressed his concerns about the draft this spring. The board appreciated the time and effort Carl has spent in researching this issue. As a result of this discussion Julie McGlynn moved and Ev Kouffman seconded a motion to submit the following change to the Rules and Regulations:

SAFETY

1. Applicants and members must have reasonable vision, stability and balance while batting, running, fielding and throwing; and the mental capacity to play the game.
2. The Club Board of Directors shall have sole discretion in determining the ability of an applicant or existing player based on input from the American or National Committee and/or a manager, and the right to refuse or discontinue participation as a team player to any person who does not meet these requirements.
3. The individual shall have the right to petition the Club regarding the decision.
4. If needed, the RCSC Board shall provide final resolution.

The motion carried.

Adjournment: Ev Kouffman moved and Ken Doyle seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:50.