

MINUTES OF THE SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – TALISMAN HALL

Called to order by President Jim Keinath at 6:30pm.

Board members present: Arnie Kvarnberg, Jim Smith, Arlyn Christ, Dennis Christ, Joe Emmons, Bob Norris, Julie McGlynn. Jim Alexander was absent.

Members present: Fifty-nine (59) club members, which constituted a valid quorum. (required: 21)
See attached attendance sheet.

Guests: Dave Toepel (AL Committee, SCW), Jerry Bianchi (AL player, SCW) and Mrs. Tom (Eileen) Kays (SC)

Board Members introduced themselves.

DUES RENEWALS: Julie reported that dues would be collected using pre-printed envelopes requesting name, RCSC membership card number and updated information (phone #, email or street addresses.)
Checks only. (NO CASH) Drop into the mailbox by bulletin board at the Sun Bowl Softball field.

ELECTION AT FIELD: Larry Kuberka will handle it again. Dec 1 (NL), Dec 3 (CL) and Dec 4 (AL).
Members can vote any of those dates if unable to do so on game day.

Candidates:

NL – Bill Goldspink & Bill Hardin

CL – Jim Smith & Mark Kisala

AL – Tom Hauss, Ronnie Guest & Rob Merrill

They were introduced and invited to speak if they wished.

ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION: John Dewey has been recycling aluminum for the purpose of covering incidental field expenses and in April turns the balance over to the club. The membership thanked John for all he does.

JACKETS & CAPS: Ray Keller will take orders for Coach-style jackets (\$24.50) in either red or navy, with SCSSL logo on the back and left front, and individual names on the right. He must order in multiples of at least ten (10). Sun City club hats (white /blue) are available @\$15.
New league hats are \$15. (2 sizes, no adjustable strap)

LEAGUE ISSUES: Joe Emmons presented an overview of a situation which arose after the January draft. **The Recreation Centers of Sun City Reciprocal agreement states that “Visiting members shall not displace club members.”** A complaint was made to the Sun City Softball Board January 5, 2015 regarding a club member who was displaced.

A joint meeting of the Sun City and Sun City West Softball Club boards was held on Feb 2, 2015 and was chaired by Jim Keinath, SCSSC President. It was agreed that leagues would assign all players. Additionally, a decision was made that each club would have at least three (3) representatives on each league committee, with staggered terms and the chairman would serve two (2) years.

Another meeting was held Feb. 18, chaired by Gordy Kinkead, SCW President, wherein it was agreed that each committee would have equal club representation and that the program is to provide recreational softball.

At the Sun City General Membership Meeting March 9, 2015, the amended Sun City Rules & Regulations (R&Rs) document was approved. It was a restructuring of the previous one to place related information together. Among them was a reiteration that committees are Board-appointed or elected by the membership.

The following was added: 1.k.1. All committees formed under reciprocal agreements shall have equal representation, and alternate the chair every two years.

This action was deemed responsive to the RCSC concerns regarding the required SCSSC Board control of the American, Central and National Committee procedures and decisions.

On March 25, at a **Sun City West** General Membership meeting, the members in attendance voted, by majority:

1. Against assigning all players
2. Against equal representation on Board-appointed committees.

April 6 – At the Sun City Club meeting the Board approved three (3) candidates to each committee.

Since the Sun City R&Rs were countered in March by the SCW vote, the Sun City Board posed the following :

Should the Sun City Club Board enforce our R&Rs? Yes-30 No -22 Carried

Co-mingling: After discussion, a straw vote was taken, nearly all stood in favor of continuing.

Frank Lancisi moved/Larry Chapman 2nd to place a survey on the December ballot to get an idea of whether or not players want to continue to co-mingle. Carried. (almost unanimously)

MEMBER-INPUT MEETINGS: Following discussion, Mark Kisala moved/John Kachorsky 2nd that each League Committee has a special meeting once per session for member input. carried unanimously.

Arnie showed a sample navy blue "camouflage" jersey. It comes in several different colors. A green set was recently ordered for an NL team.

FIELD IMPROVEMENT:

Vision Committee: Arnie Kvarnberg asked any interested individuals to see him after mtg.

Ben Zeppa – Fix warm-up area on 1st base side and add a pitching rubber and home plate on each side?

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION:

Player agent - discussion to have an individual assigned for each league.

Mark Kisala - work to get more members.

Paul Moye - target new homes by the Posse headquarters. Julie will see about leaving flyers there.

Does the Sun City Visitors Center Bus stop at the field? Do riders get off? Provide info about softball to the driver.

OTHER COMMENTS:

John Kasper – Everyone likes the way it works; he doesn't want to split up

Ken Doyle – Good program. Has played with co-mingling for 15 years.

Ron Wiebold – Why change?

Dennis Robbins – This program is the best environment to play softball.

Tait Douglas – Maybe both Rec Centers should get together to set up the program.

Mark Kisala – Has enjoyed playing and made many new friends.

Jay Kint – What does "Board control" mean? Ans: Supporting our R&Rs.

John Kasper – Did a Board member complain to RCSC? Ans: Many have had discussions with Mike Kennedy.

Tait Douglas – Has there been any further action by the SCW board on the differences? Ans: no, Tabled.

Mike Milts – Did the Boards place all players?

Larry Chapman – Is there animosity between boards? Ans: no

Mark Kisala – All members should get to vote, not just who's at a meeting.

Larry Kuberka – The secret ballot survey will give everyone a chance to state their preference.

Les Surface – Are there enough Sun City players to have Sun City only Leagues. Ans: 188 members

Dave Oliver – Why split?

Dave Sextro – All committees should have equal representation regardless of the city size.

Julie McGlynn – Two parts to the programs: Administrative and Leagues. Players only experience part of it.

Dennis Christ – We need equal representation to protect the interests of Sun City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24

Respectfully, Julie McGlynn, Secy.