



Sun Cities Senior Softball Association
Wednesday, March 14, 2011
6 PM Liberty Field

1) **Call to order.** Meeting was called to order by President Wendell Osborne at 6 PM.

Roll Call: Present Wendell Osborn, Wayne Conn, Jim Keinath, Jack Harrison, and Ron Eppley.

Absent: Paul Moye and Tim Harmon.

Guest: Bob Dobbins

2) **Opening Remarks:** Wendell Osborn informed everyone that this was a special meeting to discuss two items:

- a) Rule change for the American League and Nation League regarding "Banned/Altered bats".
- b) Concerns from Sun City Senior Softball Club (SCSSC) presented by Wayne Conn.

3) **Rule change:** These are the proposed rule change regarding "Banned/Altered Bats;

1. Banned/Altered bats

- a. A bat is considered altered when the physical characteristics of a legal bat have been changed. Anything done to a bat to enhance the performance of a bat is illegal. Inserting material inside the bat, shaving the bat, applying excessive tape (more than 2 layers) to the bat grip, or painting the bat other than at the top or bottom for identification purposes are examples of altering a bat. Exceptions: Knob grips/cones, colored tape for identification purposes, address labels, or friction tape are not considered altering a bat.
- b. Any umpire, club board member, Association board member, or any member of the American League or National League Committee have the right to inspect any bat that they have "reason to believe" has been altered. If there is "probable cause" the person must surrender their bat for inspection. If the bat is suspect then the bat may be digitally x-rayed for any alterations.

- c. Any player refusing to surrender their bat for inspection will be suspended from play immediately. The player will remain suspended from all play until such time that an inspection of the bat in question has been made. If the bat has been determined to be altered the player must appear before the Board of the club they belong to for disciplinary action.
- d. Any player found to have used an illegal or altered bat is subject to suspension from our league for up to one (1) year by the SCSSA. Flagrant or more than one offense is subject to further punishment. The infraction would also be subject to being reported to all local, state, and national organizations. The player would then be subject to any ban these organizations impose.
- e. Any player found to be using an illegal or altered bat during a game, the following rule applies: If the bat is found prior to batting the bat is removed from the game at that time. If the bat is found after the player bats, the batter is out and all runners return to the base they were at prior to the at bat.

4) Concerns from SCSSC presented by Wayne Conn:

- a) Members from SCSSC was disappointed that the Sun Cities Softball Association was having meeting without advising players.
 - i) A valid concern and the proposed meetings will be posted in advance.
 - b) Rules were being changed without player knowledge.
 - i) Another valid concern, again rule changes will be posted
 - c) Look into ways to have the same number of players in the American League and National League.
 - i) This is a good idea however a very difficult solution. Player ideas are welcome.
- 5) Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6:00 pm April 11, 2011 at Liberty field, in Sun City West.

Approved

WENDELL OSBORNE
President