

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TALISMAN HALL - November 12, 2012

CALLED TO ORDER by Jim Keinath at 11 AM

ROLL CALL Wayne Conn, Joe Emmons, Arnie Kvarnberg, Orié McDonald, Len Wicketts, Chuck Wittreich and Julie McGlynn. Additional club members present - 26, which constituted a quorum.

WELCOME OF GUESTS

Board members and guests introduced themselves.

SPECIAL REQUEST BY MEMBER

Carl Johnson presented an overview of the Men's 70s League, including copies of the rules. The League is now governed by a Committee of Four (4): One (1) manager and one (1) spokes-person from each city. Plans to add another team from each city had to be dropped as there was an issue with field time in SCW and players did not wish to play all games in Sun City, where field time is available. The 70s League cannot accommodate any more players. A sub list and a priority player pool have been developed.

Currently, two problems exist:

1. Players who cannot play on NL days but want to play 70s on Saturday. The NL committee chair does not want to rate their skills and place them on the National League sub list.

After discussion, the Board agreed that any SC club member with National level skills can be designated as such and Carl will enter them on his sub/placement list.

2. A SCW player wants to override the current rules, have the 70s League under the control & supervision of the SCW Club and open the league to any 70 year old regardless of rated skills.

Carl asked the SC Board to consider these concerns and support the current League formation and rules.

Jim Keinath indicated that the Board could not resolve these problems since the 70s is outside the American and National Leagues.

Ronnie Guest suggested forming an AL 70s League to solve problem #2.

OCTOBER MINUTES - Julie

Approved electronically after the last meeting, however the draft date for the National League was incorrect.

The minutes were then approved as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Orié

Report approved and submitted for the audit.

Julie moved/Chuck 2nd to transfer \$3000 from the Jerseys Fund to the Projects Fund and \$500 from Jerseys to Current Expenses. Motion carried. There are still more than enough funds to cover three sets of jerseys that will be replaced in 2013.

Current paid membership: 147 (including non-player members)

AMERICAN LEAGUE - Orié

Four teams have only ten players. There are additional players; none in the player pool have the required ratings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE - Joe

There are still three teams with only ten players. One reason the teams have been so short is that there were 12-18 medical/other drops after being assigned to teams.

Four new players were assigned to the NL today from the Green Team.

Playing only six games per day has helped considerably with the sun, however it was noted that with three days of play we don't see each other often.

FIELD REPORT - Arnie

The field renovations will occur after the Spring session ends.

Carl Johnson felt the complex needs some sprucing up.

GREEN TEAM - Len

There were four new players at the Green Team today. Len feels that the caliber of players is getting better.

Green Team II is still being organized and he is working on getting uniforms for the teams.

Use of the Gateway Fields in El Mirage was great, and both fields were utilized, for the GT as well as batting practice.

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Ray Keller suggested finding out if there is a Little League program so we could send a donation as our thanks.

Joe will contact the complex manager.

Joe recapped the Green Team statistical report for the membership, showing the number of new members (75) going through the program in the past year.

PLANNING, PUBLICITY & HOSPITALITY - Julie

No report other than the flyers at the Visitors Center and the posters at each Rec. Center.

SPONSORS - Len

All have paid. He is trying to get bios from all of them for the newsletter.

There is a new sponsor waiting for a Sun City team.

UNIFORMS - Chuck

Currently it costs a little more than \$50 to outfit a player and he wondered if we should consider raising the fees to \$100 as SCW has done. Orié will do a budget for next year and determine if it is needed. Tabled to next meeting. A full uniform was displayed on a table, with price tags attached, showing the costs.

IT COMMITTEE - Joe no report.

Carl indicated he has access to the website to list 70s information.

OLD BUSINESS

Sidewinders Banner agreement: Orié changed the document to the 25% share rather than the 50% we asked for. There was no previous written agreement although the original "handshake" was for 50%. Orié moved/Wayne 2nd, carried.

Hall of Fame document: Tabled to December.

The Vets Day Tournament last Saturday was a success, although very cold and windy. It was well attended and four teams played a Round Robin. Photos of each group's war era were taken.

Len reported that an anonymous donor covered the cost of the food. Carl J. and Larry K. thanked the club for hosting the tournament.

Wayne said he hoped that we could arrange for uniforms next year

Chuck suggested saving and using old uniforms that have been replaced.

Club Banners for outfield fence: 3 are sold, 3 in the works.

PA system is in the works. We may need to purchase a wireless mic. Announcers will be needed.

ELECTION

Due to the NL schedule, the election will be held two Tuesdays, Nov. 20 & 27 (NL) and Nov 29 (AL)

Desert Rose does not play either Tuesday, so Julie will contact and advise the three SC players involved.

Larry Kuberka is handling the details. He will have ballots for both leagues on all days. Candidates are:

NL - Andy Caravaggio, Chuck Wittreich and Ben Zeppa AL - Bret Frey, John Kaus and Arnie Kvarnberg

NEW BUSINESS

Sun City will host the banquet in March, 2013. Further discussion was tabled.

The Valley View Food Bank at 107th & Peoria will receive our donations this year.

SHOE ID TAGS

Julie still has a few Velcro ID tags for cleats left. Have basic medical info with you at all times on the field. Cost is \$10 and proceeds go to the club.

MEETINGS FOR 2013 First Monday at Fairway Recreation Center, 1 PM, room 133 and is open to all club members.

Exception: General Membership Meeting dates and locations will be posted at the field..

ADJOURNMENT - 1:15

Respectfully submitted, Julie McGlynn secy.

Next meeting: 1 PM, December 3, Fairway Recreation Center Room 133