

## SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB MINUTES

OCTOBER 14 2013 – TALISMAN HALL

**Called to order** by Board President Jim Keinath at 6:30 pm. Also present: Arnie Kvarnberg, Orié McDonald, Chuck Wittreich, Ben Zeppa and Julie McGlynn. Absent: Joe Emmons and Brett Frey. Member guests: Dave Bergmann, Dennis Bowling and Carl Johnson.

**APRIL MINUTES** - Julie: motion to approve by Orié/Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.

**SEPT. FINANCIAL REPORT** – ORIE: motion to approve by Julie/Ben 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried. Copy available upon request. Current membership is 159.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE REPORT** – Orié: The draft will be held Oct. 22, 14 teams/ten players. May be short a few players and the American Committee will discuss options.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT** – Chuck: The draft will be held Oct. 23, 18 teams/12 players.

**FIELD REPORT** – Arnie: Mr. Wellman is still working on how to make the scoreboard more visible through the new fence. It is undecided whether RCSC or the club will be responsible for dragging the field. The buildings have all been painted lime green and gray but there is an issue of being able to see the ball come off the bat, so the wall behind home plate needs to be repainted all gray.

The bleacher seats have been delivered and will be installed by the RCSC staff. Arnie has researched the picnic tables and will get a recommendation from Mr. Wellman for which company to use. Julie moved/Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> to purchase a rectangular picnic table rather than a small round one. Carried.

New trash cans should be installed prior to the session start Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Most of the club banners have been installed on the outfield fence. Three more will be ready soon. Orié is looking into locating a supplier for clips to use for easier installation.

Arnie moved to use a metal home plate/Orié 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried. He thanked his work crew for their hard work last week.

**GREEN TEAM** – Chuck: The program was continued all summer with many new players. Two new ones today and more are expected in the next two weeks. May be 19 or 20 NL teams in January.

**PLANNING, PUBLICITY & HOSPITALITY** – Julie: Flyers are displayed at all the rec centers and Visitor's Center. The marketing director for RCSC will place an article in the Nov. Sun Views about the Re-dedication of the field & Veterans' Tournament. We will continue collecting food donations for the local Valley View Food Bank.

**SPONSORS** – Ben: Three new sets of jerseys will be picked up next week. The sponsor fee of \$500 no longer covers the cost of a set of jerseys. Orié moved/Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> to raise the fee to \$650 for NEW sponsors. Carried. A new sponsor, Solar City, has offered \$250 for the first four (4) referrals and \$400 each thereafter.

**EQUIPMENT** – Chuck: Need a few small things. Chuck moved/Julie 2<sup>nd</sup> to buy 35 more club hats. Carried. Sale price \$15.00.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nominations and Election Current nominees for AL are Jim Keinath and Orie McDonald. For NL, Andy Caravaggio and Julie McGlynn. Orie will send an email to all SC members asking for others. Larry Kuberka has volunteered to handle it. Arnie moved/Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold the election on Dec 3, 5 & 6. Carried. The Dec. board meeting was changed to Dec. 9, Talisman Hall, 6:30 p.m. (Julie moved/Chuck 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.)

SCW Only League - Proposal will be voted at the SCW General Membership meeting in January.

Field grand opening & Vets Tournament (Saturday, Nov. 9) Jim and Linda Graham are coordinating. Opening ceremony will begin at 8:30 and will feature a color guard, Joe Gallo singing the National Anthem, and the President of the RCSC Board giving a few remarks. Clothing for all ages will be accepted for homeless/needly vets and families. Len is in charge of the food and drinks.

Events: Wood Bat Tourney, January 18. 16' Softball Tournament, March 22. More info later.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Swap Meet - Jim proposed having it at the field. Discussion was held whether to charge per table space or simply ask for club donations from sales proceeds. Chuck moved/Arnie 2<sup>nd</sup> to have it Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014. Jim will check with RCSC regarding any requirements. The 70s will be playing that day.

Community Service Day, Sat. Nov. 16 – Jim proposed asking players to donate time to a service day to be coordinated with SCHOA. He will check with them for details.

RCSC is considering placing a large sign on the new outfield fence. They have commended our clubs and leagues on being the “gold standard” of reciprocal play between communities.

**OTHER:**

- New umpire vests are needed. Chuck and Arnie will look into them.
- The phone is out of order and Jim has reported it to Repair.
- Arnie suggested purchasing new corrugated fence cap to replace current ones along 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases and add to the rest of the side fences. It was felt that it was an unnecessary need/expense at this time and will be addressed when the current ones need replacing.
- The Vision Committee will meet Weds. 11/20 at 9 AM at the field. Arnie will contact the members and ask for volunteers if needed, but limit the committee to ten.
- Arnie proposed a portable batting cage consisting of a screen or net and batting tee to be located between the sheds. More research is needed.
- Arnie requested that we purchase a quick connect hose for the infield.
- Jim reported that Pinnacle Financial would like to organize some “mini” golf tourneys for interested members.
- Chuck moved/Ben 2<sup>nd</sup> to send a donation of \$100 to the city of El Mirage again for allowing us the use of the fields for practices. Carried. Last year’s donation was earmarked for youth activities.
- Julie will be liaison for the Monday Coed program which starts Oct 28. The 6-team league will play in Sun

City the first Monday of each month, beginning Nov. 4. SCW will provide the women's softballs. The managers voted to utilize (for 5 games) a 130 ft outfield arc, and fielders may not cross the line until the ball is hit. The managers will address the decision again after the first round.

- Jim recommended that we have RCSC install a key-pad code lock on the storage room door. (around \$400) Many other clubs use them. Julie moved/Arnie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.
- Orie reported that the Sidewinders will buy punch cards for non-residents who attend practices.
- Orie inquired if the club can have a Tri-City league next summer with reciprocal play between Festival, SCW and SC. The club must complete the required forms and submit to RCSC for approval.
- Chuck reported that several people who attend the annual Orientation Meetings have asked about evening or weekend softball since they are still working but would like to play. It is something to consider and plan for the future.
- Arnie is in conversation with Jim Wellman about the status of the 2015 collegiate softball tournament to be held at the Sun Bowl field.

Dennis Bowling asked if there is an AED unit at the field. Jim responded that RCSC does not provide them or have them at any facility.

Carl Johnson asked to be put on the agenda each month to report on the 70s league. There are 85 players in the league which plays reciprocally between SCW and SC on Saturdays. This session each club will field three teams. New uniforms are being provided for the league by Arrowhead Cadillac.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie McGlynn

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – Monday, November 4, Talisman Hall @ 2 PM**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Monday, November 4, Talisman Hall @ 6:30 PM**

**DECEMBER BOARD MEETING - Monday, December 9, Talisman Hall @ 6:30 PM**