

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

ACACIA ROOM @ PALM RIDGE REC. CENTER 7:30a – 9:25a

- Call to order by President Dobbins @ 7:30A
- Present: President Bob Dobbins, VP Les Olerich, Sec. Barb Waddell, Treas. John McFarland,
At Large Bd. Members: Ron Eppley, Gordon Kinkead, Jim McGuire All Bd. Members Present
Others Present: Lyle Bakken , Ted DeCampo, Nancy Dobbins, Ray Early, Dennis Horvath, John McKeown, Roger Pribnow

TOTAL 15

- MINUTES: The Monday, February 3, 2014 minutes on the SCW softball website were approved.
Motion to approve Gordon Kinkead, seconded by Ron Eppley. Vote 6-0 approved
- TREASURERS REPORT----Lyle Bakken
CFO/John McFarland

Balance as of February 28, 2014 as listed below:

Harris Bank Operating Acct.	\$63,518.55
Harris Bank Money Market Acct.	\$32,308.05
Rec. Center Account	\$20,913.77

TOTAL \$116,740.37

Current Paid Membership 343

Motion to approve Jim McGuire and seconded by Gordon Kinkead. Vote 6-0 approved

- BILLBOARDS, SPONSORS, BANNERS-----RON EPPLEY

Billboards:

Due May: Canyon State Due: June: Cranstoun Jewelers Due: October Fast Sign

Renew : Liberty Buick and VW of Peoria

Sponsors:

Letters will be sent in May to the following sponsors re: next year and the need to replace uniforms:

1. Cool Touch
2. Cranstoun Jewelers
3. Desert Golf
4. GV Terrace
5. Paul Tone
6. Town Cryers

Banners: Goal 23 @\$550 each Renew in February, 2014

1. Caufield Law
2. Desert Sun Embroid.
3. General Exter.

(banner instead of Billboard for # 1)

4. Sidewinders
5. Sun Devil Auto

• **SPECIAL EVENTS: -----NANCY DOBBINS**

1. Rain out March 1 Canadians vs. All-Stars
2. March 8 and March 9 AL States Tourney---Jan Strock, Director
3. March 15 and March 16 Women's Tourney----4-5 teams

Women charge fee and want to use \$ for Prizes and Food contribution.

Motion to approve by John McFarland; seconded by Les Olerich Vote approved 6-0

4. March 19 Hall of Fame Banquet
5. March 23 NL States Tourney---Ozzie Ostrow, Director
6. April 13 Palm Desert Classic

SC FESTIVAL has requested reciprocal play to start May 3, 2014 thru summer.

7. TIN CUP GOLF TOURNEY---currently 103 have signed up to play. Nancy to post openings still available at SCW golf courses to fill the remaining spots.

• **NATIONAL LEAGUE-----JOHN MCKEOWN**

Spring Fling Completed. NEW SURVEY FORM re: Intent to Play is being issued to all players. Forms have carbon copy ---1 for committee and 1 for individual to confirm sessions.

Responsibility will now be on the individuals to let the committee know session (s) he/she wants to play.

• **AMERICAN LEAGUE----BOB DOBBINS**

Nothing to report.

- UNIFORMS----JOHN MCFARLAND

Working closely with Ben Zeppa (SC Club) in ordering new shirts so the same quality is ordered.

AL---Rosies new uniforms have been ordered and will be distributed in the Fall. Sample will be taken to Rosies for viewing by sponsor.

Discussion with Larry Ott Realty re: provision of summer shirts for summer league.

14 sets are needed---approx. \$2300+. Shirts would be worn for Special Events with the following exceptions:

1. Cardiac Kids
2. States Games
3. Palm Desert games
4. SC Festival games

- FIELD MAINTENANCE----KEN SKINNER

- Pavers (14) have been sold to date. Have switched to FAST SIGNS downtown Phoenix as contractor because 3 lines are available for \$20 each Paver. The local FAST SIGNS could only provide 2 lines and need the 3 lines for longer names.

- Bleacher seats—PREFERRED SEATING contract

There have been some problems with cracking of the seats and working with the Company to rectify.

- Request for new batting screen \$300. Died from lack of motion to proceed. Bd. Members felt current screen is adequate and safety issues are currently being met with screen we have.
- Mowing of outfield....now needs to be done 2x/week. Schedule is being adjusted for the benefit of entire league. Mowing is being done on Monday/Wednesday.
- Pitching Machine ATEC Hummer \$1500

Will use any size ball. Machine may be used for batting practice and hitting fly balls to the outfield.

Les Olerich volunteered to pursue this project.

Motion for feasibility study and observation of machine in use by Barb Waddell, seconded by Gordon Kinkead. Approved 6-0

- TURF MAINTENANCE----BOB DOBBINS

Bob Peck continues to make contact with the company. Club needs recommendation for the April General Membership Meeting for repair/maintenance of the field at all worn spots.

- IT COMMITTEE ---BOB DOBBINS

Rick Fish resignation has been accepted. Rick will continue to maintain the Database

Tim Colwell I is willing to become IT Chairman but his availability is limited due to his job. Decision was made by the Board to advertise for IT Chm on our Internet Site. New Chm. will be responsible for set-up of server in the press box among other duties

FOOD AND BEVERAGE----ROGER PRIBNOW

March is extremely busy month with all of the events:

1. March 8/ 9 AL States Tourney Games, Jan Strock, Director
Hamburger will be served on the 8th and hot dogs on the 9th.
2. March 15/16 /Women's Tourney (4-5teams) Hot Dogs
3. March 23 NL States Games food requested by Ozzie Ostrow, Director
4. March 31 Coed League end of season cook-out---6 teams, league substitutes, and women
Hamburgers, buns, baked beans, chips, soda/water to be provided by SCW SB Club
Coed League has 6-8 volunteer cooks to assist Roger Pribnow.

- COED LEAGUE----BARB WADDELL

1. Trial basis of additional "true" coed rules: 1A and 1B --to be reevaluated March 31, 2014 which is the completion of the II session (Winter).
 - A. Women may NOT bat back to back in the line-up.
 - B. Walk to male (for any reason) IF followed by a female in the batting order, results in a 2-base award to the male. Any baserunner forced to vacate his/her base due to the walk will advance. If they are not forced to vacate their base they remain at the base. In this situation with less than 2 outs the female MUST bat. Walk to male with 2 outs in this situation , the female may choose to bat or walk.
2. Pitching screen optional: however, if used, **the pitcher must step behind the screen after releasing the ball, or Illegal Pitch called. Pitcher may then become defensive player.** Currently none of our pitchers use the screen but this rule will be in effect when a pitcher does use the screen in our league. The screen is for safety and NOT an additional defensive maneuver by the defensive team.
 - A. Batted ball hits screen=STRIKE, if on 3rd strike-OUT
 - B. Thrown ball into screen is LIVE ball (whether screen is on or off playing field).

3. On March 31, 2014 League will have intra-league 1-pitch game for each of the 6 teams followed by a cook-out. Committees are in place for this event.

- WOMEN-----NANCY DOBBINS

Tourney at Liberty Field March 15-16, 2014. 4-5 teams with entry fee. Food/prizes to be awarded.

- 70's LEAGUE---JIM MCGUIRE

Jim had question/concerns re: Rules within the 70's League. President Dobbins explained that each League establishes and governs their own rules. Policy is not dictated by the Board. Recommended to Jim that he contact Jack Harrison(SCW) and Carl Johnson (SC) chairmen for addressing league rules.

- HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES----BOB DOBBINS

Bob Dobbins is working on setting up Guidelines for both SCW and SC clubs re: this committee's responsibilities.

- OLD BUSINESS

- A. Batting Cages---Ron Eppley

Chase Sports (Darrin Gofas) still has not given a firm quote. President Dobbins directed Ron Eppley to get firm bid by next meeting April 7, 2014 or our club will pursue another company for batting cages. We need to take this project to General Membership in April for approval. We have been delayed on firm bid since January, 2014!

- B. New Field---Bob Dobbins

Auction date was rescheduled.

- C. INVENTORY---JOHN MCFARLAND/BOB DOBBINS

Inventory sheets to be completed and submitted to Rec. Center

D. Joint AL/NL Committee Report re: Future of our Leagues.---Bob Dobbins

1. Add Jim Keinath, SC President (name had been omitted)

NL Committee	AL Committee
Joe Emmons SC	Jim Keinath SC President
Ron Eppley SCW	Bob Dobbins SCW President
Ted DeCampo SCW	Ron Johnson SC
John McKeown SCW	Orie McDonald SC
Len Wicketts SC	Bob Peck SCW
Ben Zeppa SC	Dave Toepel SCW

2. One meeting has been held and another is scheduled for Tuesday, 3/5/2014.

As result of first meeting, committees are in agreement that a 3rd league or tier needs to be done.

OPTION 1: Leave as is---MUTE POINT

OPTION2: Split the NL into 2 groups

OPTION3: Form 3 NEW leagues

Concerns re: reorganization no matter what option is selected are:

- A. Husband and wife staying together in same group
- B. Days of Play
- C. Scheduling of fields/groups
- D. Another committee for 3rd Group to organize and administer.

Joint AL/NL Committee will make a recommendation to both the SCW and SC Boards for approval.

IF decision is made to split into 3 Leagues the SCW and SC Boards can approve without taking to the Rec. Center or to the General Membership of each club.

- Ray Early Questions to Board

1. Liberty Buick billboard needs some general maintenance work.

Ron Eppley will contact Liberty Buick to resolve this issue.

2. Hall of Fame Committee

View web site for specifics re: this committee.

- Lyle Bakken, speaking as CFO

IF batting cages Project fails our club needs to have another Project prioritized and ready to pursue before December 31, 2014. IF excess balance of \$100,000 the Federal Govt. will tax us 20% on that money.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25A

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 AT 7:30AM AT ACACIA ROOM PALM RIDGE REC. CENTER

Submitted by

Barb Waddell, Secretary