

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
General Membership Meeting
6:30 PM... Wednesday, April 7th, 2010
RH Johnson Lecture Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Peck called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Bob Peck, Ron Eppley, Don Swanson, Bob Williams, Chuck Hendrix, Wendell Osborne, and Laurel Andrew.

ATTENDEES: 68 Members

2. OPENING REMARKS: President Bob Peck addressed the following issues;

A. Petition for General Membership Meeting

President Bob Peck addressed the petition he had received from 46 club members regarding their desire to address the Pitcher Mask issue at a General Membership Meeting. This will be discussed and voted on later in this meeting.

B. Recognition of Individuals

Recognition was given to Bob and Kay Williams for the great organization and delivery of; ticket sales, decorations, reception tables, and smooth operation of the entire Event.

Recognition was given to Ken Skinner for the many tournaments/charities that he promotes and organizes.

Recognition was given to George Karras for his tireless dedication to making Liberty Field a Softball Field that exceeds the expectations of residents and non residents alike..

Recognition of Lyle Bakken for his professionalism and attention to all the Treasurer Reports, Tax Forms and Rec Center paperwork required to keep the Softball Club in good standing.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave a short overview of the Club's finances:

M&I Checking	\$1,455.57	Current Membership: 280
M/M Acct.	\$28,977.88	
<u>Rec. Center Acct.</u>	<u>\$24,855.67</u>	
Total	\$55,289.12	

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4. SPONSORS/ADVERTISERS

Sponsors and Advertisers are the SCW Softball Club's avenue for a revenue stream. Developing and continuing this revenue can only be maintained by a major commitment from individuals. The suggestion brought forward to the members was; The SCW Board would like to form a "standing committee" to contact and encourage billboard participation. This would create a more stable support for revenue within the Club. Members were asked to contact Bob Peck so a work plan could be created.

5. ACT ON BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation Restated as Follows;

A. the SCW Senior Softball Club adopts the following: When participating in a softball game at Liberty Field the pitcher will be required to wear a protective mask.

Note: This action would affect players on any softball team from all leagues, tournaments, and events that are scheduled at Liberty Field. If a pitcher does not have a mask, the SCW Senior Softball Club will have a mask available for use.

Overview by Bob Peck before audience participation;

At the Feb 18th General Membership Meeting, the issue and discussion of "Safety" in regards to the pitcher's protective mask was again revisited. It was noted that this was for a "Trial Period" only. Thus, it was done within the boundaries of the SCW Board authority and under the SCW Recreation Center Guidelines. Now that the Trial Period is over, to "Change" the present standing of pitcher's using a pitcher's protective mask at their own discretion would require a vote at the General Meeting as suggested by the SCW Board Members. As members of a Charter Club, we cannot defer to Sun Cities Association. We have a responsibility to the SCW members. Thus, on April 5th, this Board addressed the safety issue.

Bob Peck opened up the floor for comments from those members in the audience. All were invited to speak but not to request the floor again until all members wishing to address the Board could be heard.

Comments For and against were shared for approximately 60 minutes. At the end of this discussion a vote was taken whether to make the Protective Pitcher's Mask Mandatory at SCW Field. The Vote was 15 FOR and 53 AGAINST. ***Recommendation Failed.***

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Shortly thereafter, due to the concern for safety, a Motion was made to have the SCW Softball Club Board recommend to the Sun Cities Association to “Highly Recommend” pitchers wearing of protective gear such as; protective masks, shin guards, chest protectors, and cups .

Motion seconded and passed.

6. SUBJECT OF “REVISITING THE SCW/SC” SHARING OF FIELDS.

This subject was brought up by the members and wanted it revisited in the near future. Many reasons for this were mentioned. Mainly the configuration of the Association Board due to SCW Softball Club has 2/3 the members and SC Club has 1/3.

Also, why aren't the combined Boards at the League Board Meeting? It was recommended that we have a General League Meeting.

Members and the Board discussed the newsletter article written by SC Softball Club President Linda Graham. The SCW Board and the members felt it was an insult to our Board and to our members. President Bob Peck said he would personally address the issue at the next Sun Cities League Association Meeting to be held April 14th at 8 AM in the building behind the SC Bowling Alley.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED.

The next Board meeting will be the Club Board Meeting, May 3, 2010 at 7:30 AM at RH Johnson Stampede Room, Men's Club

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Andrew, Secretary

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