

SCSSL BOARD MEETING - DEC. 16 8AM, MEN'S CLUB (SCW) ROUND UP ROOM

Minutes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 8 AM by President Carol Bowden

Roll call: 2009 Board members in attendance: SCW: Carol Bowden, Bobby Williams, Tex Wells, Chuck Hendrix. SC: Julie McGlynn for Dennis Hagerty, Dave Bergmann for Gregg Owens and Linda Graham. 2010 Board members in attendance: Wendell Osborne

Introduction of guests: Rich McAndrews, Bob Dobbins, Ron Power, Bob Leubben, Mike Graham, Mike Hester, Irv Bretches

Approval of minutes – November Motion to approve: Bobby Williams; 2nd Tex Wells, motion carried

Committee reports:

SCW club - Rich McAndrews. New Board Members for Sun City West are: Bob Peck, President; Ron Eppley, Vice-President; Treasurer, Don Swanson; Laurel Andrew, Secretary; Wendell Osborne, Joint Club (Association) rep; Returning members Bobby Williams, Joint Club (Association rep); Chuck Hendrix Joint Club (Association) rep.

Fun Days will be at SCW on Dec. 28th and 29th. The West club will host. Hot dogs and pop served. Bring a treat to share. Double elimination 1-pitch tournament benefiting the Angels in the Outfield. Raffle to be held to receive 1 of 2 bats purchased for use in the tournament.

Ken Skinner is handing over the azsrsoftball website to the SCW IT team. It is set to go live on Jan. 1, 2010

SCW membership approved new waiver and data confidentiality forms.

SC club - Linda Graham - Bleacher remodel bids being evaluated. Sun City Rec Centers offering skilled labor for bleacher remodel.

December 17 is the meeting date regarding requested club clarification for new database participation.

A new Friday League is being formed in Sun City. It is open to all club members of Sun City and Sun City West. The main reason for opening this new play date in Sun City is to provide a time to play with less required commitment time than for Tues/Thurs. league play. Competition is steep to acquire new members who have other interests on either Tuesday or Thursday since our league asks that a team member be available at anytime during the day on both Tuesday and Thursday. Watch for signup sheets or contact Linda Graham or Paul Moye.

National league - Rich McAndrews.

Proposal 1- keep the pitching arc (6' to 12') as is specifically stated in the National League Rules: Adopted by the league Board.

Proposal 2 Leave the batters box as is (4' wide): Adopted by the board.

Player ejection was handled at game time with player being set down for the remainder of the game. Letter documenting umpire action was sent to the National League Committee. No further action requested.

Survey in process to determine number of teams for next session. Manager meeting is 01/06/10 at 1 PM. Draft is 01/11/10 at 8 AM. Both meetings at Men's Club in SCW. Probable 14 teams for National League for Spring session.

National League player Karl Grumbach passed away 12/12/2009. Karl played in every event he could and in his day was a real "Player".

American league - Bob Dobbins

Proposal 1 ; keep the pitching arc (6' to 12') as is specifically stated in the American League Rules: supporting documents: petition presented by Bob Luebben with 14 American League pitchers' signatures attached to support keeping 12' max arc. Adopted by the league Board. Although no rule change was needed as the 12' arc is already specifically noted, Special Notice will be advertised as designating the arc as 6'-12'.

AL Committee was requested, by Carol Bowden, to gather input from players and return in January with recommendation regarding the width of the batter's box for American League Play.

Results of a manager/AL Committee meeting reported that it has been determined by members of those 2 groups that a manager can also be an AL Committee member with no conflict of interest. Wayne Conn and Jim Keinath are the 2 committee members involved in player evaluation only. A Replacement for Wayne plus an additional place on the Committee remain open.

Proposal 2: The American League Committee will draft 11 (eleven) players per team. Proposal was adopted with 1 "no" vote. Players are being surveyed at this time to determine how many teams will be in the next session. There is a possibility of 14 American League teams. 2 new sponsors would be needed-1 for SC and 1 for SCW

Bob Dobbins and the committee are working on updating the AL Committee document fit within the structure of the Operations document and will bring it to the Joint (Association) board when complete.

Linda Graham-American League proposal clarification: Tabled for future meeting> Language in latest adopted American League proposal stating minimum requirements for membership on the committee are in conflict with Sun City Clubs policy. Linda will supply documentation for future discussion/action.

Data - Rick Fish Considerable confusion is caused when describing how softball play is organized when using the word "League". Rick submitted a recommendation through Carol Bowden, to replace the word "League" when describing the combined clubs and their meetings with the word Association. Motion: Chuck Hendrix, 2nd Linda Graham Motion carried. Sun Cities Senior Softball League will now be called Sun Cities Senior Softball Association. SCSSA

Publicity A discussion about the many charity activities supported by the ball players resulted in several strategies to let the community know how we provide support. (Toys for Kids, food bank, Bosom Buddies, memorial donations from the Angels in the Outfield, Cardiac Kids) Monthly SC and SCW Community newspaper articles: John Doherty and Linda Graham; joint club (Association) newsletter; Dennis Farrar to start.

Old business

uniform/equipment - Dennis Raczak: Dennis will work with Linda Graham to coordinate the ordering of softballs and new team shirts.

food bank - Carol B./Julie McGlynn. More than 360 lbs of food has already been delivered to the food bank. The drive continues through the next session with the

collection boxes now at both fields. Canned goods for Dec. and Cereal for January. There was discussion regarding expanding the food bank collection to year round. No action was taken.

fun day - Art Nelson See SCW Club Report.

Hall of Fame - Carol Bowden Nominations for Hall of Fame are due by Mid January. The Hall of Fame Committee has had their first meeting and will meet next in early January.

New business

team pictures - Carol Bowden contacted Scott, the vendor who has done the pictures the last few years and he is interested in doing them again. A date has not been set as yet. Carol has offered to help with pictures if needed.

introduction of new board As most of the new board members were unable to attend, elections of new officers for 2010 will take place at the next Association Board meeting or at a special meeting held to elect officers only.

As it is Sun City's turn to hold the Association presidency for 2010 and no president has been selected, Linda Graham as President of the Sun City Club will send out the agenda and info if there is a special meeting called.

Note: Art Nelson informed the Board that the Sidewinders Tournament is Feb. 24th-28th and there may be lots of subs needed. It was also mentioned that Spring Fling is scheduled for March 7th. Since Spring Fling is considered a SCW event and it's purpose used to be to offset the need for subs during the Sidewinders Tournament, SCW may revisit the date for the Spring Fling.

Adjournment 9:50

Next regular meeting: January 13, 2010 8 AM Bell Bowling Lanes Team Room
(Located just inside the East entrance in the Bowling Center just south of Bell on 99th Ave.)