

**SCW SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Kuentz Recreation Center – Mesa Room
10 Sept 2025**

Board Members Present: Craig Brooks, Mitch Czech, Tony Perillo, Larry Reed, Eric Sorber.

President Tony Perillo called the meeting to order at 0730, a Board Quorum was established.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Tony asked if any changes were needed for the May 14, 2025, minutes. Seeing none, the minutes were approved.

TREASURER REPORT – Bill Steil – Ken McGraw was absent so Bill Steil, club accountant provided an update on the club's finances. Bill reported club overall balance as of 8/31/2025 is \$189,892. Bill also confirmed that the Rec Center is providing monthly updates on the balance that they hold. Bill requested a complete inventory of our current uniforms and Ed Prather is completing.

Committee Reports (as requested by Board)

Marketing – The Marketing group, being led by Max Beckner, was recognized by Board Member Brooks for the great job that they have been doing to align, update and document processes. Max stated that the entire team has been responsible for the effort to improve the processes.

Recent accomplishments – Increased sponsorship rates for outfield banners (\$1000 to \$1200 with a partial step for existing sponsors), created a complete spreadsheet with all sponsors (banner and team) that includes details, dates and contacts. A contract (in accordance with RCSCW) is being utilized for banner sponsorships. We are working to develop a contract for team sponsorships. There was a question on who had historically paid the sign manufacturers. The committee along with Tony Perillo are working to clarify. Regardless, going forward, the club will pay for the manufacture.

The committee has built a waiting list for available club sponsorships.

Uniforms – Ed Prather has done an excellent job managing our uniforms and equipment for nearly 3 years. Craig Brooks is taking over the uniform and equipment duty from Ed Prather at the end of the year. He is working closely with Ed until then to pick up the process. **A HUGE Thank You to Mr. Prather for his hard work and dedication!**

Green Team – Mike Currie provided an update and the GT has had 14 new players added to the club since Mike has had the lead and 17 added prior, for a total of 31 players added so far in 2025. There are 4 or 5 new players scheduled to come through the GT in the coming month. Mike is holding practices that potential new members can attend on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Field Management – Ken Skinner and Eric Sorber reported that the field will be closed for winter grass installation beginning on 9/29. We are tentatively scheduled to have the field reopen on October 23. During the closure, the infield turf will have a second maintenance activity performed. The club has decided to increase maintenance in hopes of extending the life. RCSCW has agreed to split the cost for both annual maintenance activities.

Bicentennial Field (The Pit) has been reserved for 9/29 & 30. Ken will be reserving additional dates when the city opens reservations for October. Tentative dates, depending on availability are Oct 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

League committees will be divided up the times and will also schedule Showcases during those times.

Action Item Log

Eric Sorber reviewed the current action log with most items having been closed.

The board agreed to formalize our Liaison roles, document on website and ensure that these are updated annually as board membership changes.

Tony Perillo needs to finalize the Scope and Charter for the Marketing Committee.

Old Business

Welcome Back – The Welcome Back will be held on October 25 from 11am – 2pm. **The Fall Session will begin the week of October 27.**

We need Volunteers – Thursday the 23rd, the 24th, and the 25th

Need to submit a CR form to get the Rec Center for tables. Ken Skinner to complete and submit to Tony Perillo for routing to the Rec Center.

Send email invite to all sponsors for Welcome back this week. Follow up with phone calls 7-10 days after. RSVP should go directly to Ken Skinner so he can plan field arrangement.

Send an invite to RCSCW and Governing Board.

Player Waivers

The Board discussed our player waiver process. We have numerous (but potentially incomplete) paper copies of waivers going back as far as 10 years. We determined that going forward we will require all club members to accept the waiver electronically when annual dues are paid. Paper waivers will only be required for new players and held only until they complete initial dues payment at which time they will electronically accept the waiver.

New Business

IT – We need an IT Administrator for all leagues. Kevin Shuck will work with Bob Kuehl on training for the AL. Kevin will serve as the NL Administrator and Dave Baldwin will act as the CL Administrator.

Bill Steil will assist Dennis Horvath with IT and investigate moving back to Seasoncast vs. remaining on Twitch. There are some concerns about the Recording capabilities on Twitch.

The Board stated that rather than utilizing individual club member accounts on any of our IT platforms, we should shift to club managed (“owned”) accounts with multiple, capable users/administrators.

The Board also will investigate the number of approved IT administrators.

Kevin suggested that we need to update our club member database to include an “Official Rating” for each player. This would be the normal rating for players but the committees may need to override on a session-by-session basis to ensure rating balance within the league. This will be worked following the Fall draft.

70’s League – There were 104 respondents to the recent survey for the 70’s league. 80% of the respondents preferred a 70+ league so the club will be launching registration soon. The season will run on Saturdays during November thru January.

Summer Session 2026 – Tony Perillo provided a recommendation that for 2026, rather than having one summer coordinator, the Board select a panel of 3 administrators, one from each league that will be responsible for recruitment, rule definition and league structure recommendations.

Nick Missos commented that there have been no safety issues during the current Summer Session 3 while playing with 1 thru 9 rated players. But he did note that heat has been a factor during this session. He also recommended that the new coordinators consider 2 longer sessions rather than 3 separate sessions.

Outfield Fence Replacement – Tony Perillo updated the board that the fence replacement is currently in the RCSCW 2026 Budget Plan. This plan will be reviewed and worked by the SCW Budget & Finance committee throughout the year and voted on in April 2026 by the SCW Governing Board. It's imperative that the club provides representation at future Budget & Finance and Governing Board meetings to address questions or concerns.

Go Forward League Structure – There was a lively discussion regarding league structure that centered on concerns related to the imbalance of teams between leagues in Spring 2025. Because of this, Fall registration began early and it now appears that we have a good balance between current and potential registrations that will allow all leagues to have an adequate balance. There was a discussion about making each league have an equal number of teams but due to both player skill disbursement and daily field time, this would not work.

Items Brought to the Board

9 vs. 9B rated players – Last year, the board agreed with a 9B rating concept for any new players that needed to work on skills before entering league play. Since that time there have been only a handful of these players. We have also implemented regular GT practices that allow new players to work out prior to their GT rating session. Based on these factors, and the idea that the club is actively pushing to increase membership, the board elected to eliminate the 9B rating process.

Ladies Night Day – Given the historic popularity of “ladies nights” around the country, Carol Bowden suggested that we open the field to all female SCW residents for a “Day at the Ballpark” event. In all seriousness, Carol presented this and the Board accepted the concept as a great way for us to promote softball and our club throughout the SCW community. We are reserving the field for Nov 9 and will begin promoting this event throughout the community. We will need volunteers to support this.

Cardiac Kids – Ken Skinner informed us that this will be the 20th annual Cardiac Kids event. We will discuss this in more detail during the Oct Board Meeting.

League Days of Play – Bob Kuehl suggested that the club should look at alternating league play days each session. No board decision was made.

Meeting Adjourned

