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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club (Stampede Room) at 7:58a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Bob Latzo, Dick Lemoine, and Jim McGuire.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, Ken Skinner, and Mike Hester.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bob Latzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Lyle Bakken there was no detailed report given. Dick Lemoine did report that we have received the \$6,750.00 from Bashas' for their three year billboard renewal. Also a check from Desert Golf Cars for their team sponsorship. Dick said that he wrote a check for \$16.00, and there was no other activity this last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

In the absence of George Karras Bob Latzo reported that he had talked to Todd Patty and next week they are going to lazer the field, and also drill the holes for the foul poles. The new foul lines are in and will be maintained by the recreation center maintenance crew at no charge to the club.

Special Events:

Sponsor's Carnival and Pancake Breakfast:

Ken Skinner announced that he now has 16 sponsors who have replied and they plan to be at the carnival. There will be another committee meeting next week. Tom Drizler who is involved with the "Tin Cup" Golf Tournament has express an interest in having a golf instructional booth at the carnival. Tom is not a sponsor but has been very active in the "Tin Cup" Golf Tournament that our club benefits from. Ken said as long as there is room for him to set up that would be okay. Dick will let Tom know he is welcome to set up.

Vintage Baseball:

Ken reported that it is too costly to set this up. The balls are \$19 each. The gloves are around 40 bucks. The cost is around \$200.00 to outfit each player. This would be \$3,000.00 for a 15 man team. Dick Lemoine has asked Mike Hester if he would agree to run with this and explore in further detail until we get to a point where we cannot do it. Ken Skinner has agreed to work with Mike Hester on this. Dick has asked Mike to pursue the Vintage Baseball idea with the possibility of having a tournament next October or November and what is required of the club to host such an event. No further action taken at this time.

“10 Up”:

Dick has given this further thought and has suggested that instead of having a “10-up” Tournament that we would played by the 10 up rules for the last summer session. No further thoughts and no further action taken at this time.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action.

Sponsors:

Team:

No report due to the absence of Ernie Mueller.

Billboards:

Dick Lemoine reported that the Daily News Sun has chosen to back out of negotiations on putting a billboard up on the field at this time. They feel that the expense of creating the billboard pushed them over their budget allowed. Also reported that a check from Bashas’ to renew their 3 year billboard has been received. Dick also has received a letter from the Federal Health Department and that they feel that the \$2500.00 would be better spent on our children instead of the seniors. No further action.

Mandatory Chartered Club Meeting:

Dick Lemoine asked for a volunteer to attend the mandatory chartered club meeting since many of the board members would not be in town. This meeting is to review rules, regulation and procedures. This mandatory meeting is done twice per year. Dennis Farrar has agreed to contact Peggy Hostetler to confirm that he will be attending one of the meetings to represent the Sun City West Softball Club. No further action taken.

Election Committee:

Dennis Farrar reported that he has placed the following individuals in nomination:

Carol Bowden Mike Hester
Bruce Brady Art Nelson

No others have come forward to be added at this time. Again, as a reminder, the election will be held on November 9 (National League), and November 14 (American League).

Rules Committee:

Dennis Farrar gave Dick Lemoine six copies of the American League rules as amended and adopted by the League Board in January of this year. The managers will receive enough copies to hand out to each player on opening day October 24, 2006. Dick reiterated that he had talked to Arvid and the rules are being typed up for copy and distribution.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early passed out a guideline worksheet concerning sponsor jersey replacement. The idea of this guideline is to try to get at least four years wear of the jerseys. Ray mentioned that he is in the need of ordering more softballs. Dick has talked to Bob Straub who has a distribution company throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Dick will introduce Ray and Bob next week to follow up and see what the possibility is for us to purchase our balls from Bob's company. Bob carries both Worth and Dudley. No further action taken at this time.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of October 2, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 278

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	102
National League (Active & Sub List)	106
Woman's League	42
Members not assigned (injuries, etc.) to teams	27
Unassigned	1
Totals	278

TOURNAMENTS:

Ken Skinner reported the following events are on the calendar:

Nov 4-5	Bosom Buddies	Jan	None Scheduled
Nov 11-12	SCW Firefighters	Feb 3	Cardiac Kids
Dec	None Scheduled	Mar 1-4	Spring Fling

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dick Lemoine has received a letter from Gail Stouthamer advising us that she is stepping away from the Angels in the Outfield. Linda Graham and Joyce Fano will continue as the contacts for all future concerns and needs regarding league players. Dick thanked her for all she has done for the Angels and feels that we all could do a better job in promoting the Angels in the Outfield. Ray Early mentioned that he has six vests with Angels on them that would be available for the Angels to wear when they are doing a fund raiser, tournament games or operating the concession area. Dick asked all of us to be thinking about what we could do to put more energy in the Angels in the Outfield program. At the next meeting he will put the Angels in the outfield on the agenda and invite one of the members to come and speak. No further action taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

SCORE BOARD:

Dave Trober was the engineer that designed the honeycomb grill work to go above the scoreboard. After the metal shop received the prints on how it was to be made, the metal shop changed the design and then sent it off to powder coating. Dick will pick up the grillwork from the power coater this week and take it back to the metal shop to be done to our specifications. After the metal shop completes the grillwork it will then be sent back for powder coating before installation. No time frame as to when this will be completed. No further action taken.

FOUL POLES:

Bob Latzo reported that the Recreation Center now will be taking out the old foul poles today and drilling the holes for the new foul poles to be installed. The new foul poles are then placed in a receiving sleeve that is placed in concrete. After the concrete has the proper time to cure the new foul poles will be erected. This should be completed sometime next week.

NEW LEAGUE HATS:

Dick Lemoine reported that the design and a style has been selected. We need to order 432 or more hats to get them for \$6.25 each. The total order will be for 500 hats. The League Board will order 500 hats total. One hundred and fifty (150) hats to Sun City, and Three hundred and fifty (350) hats to Sun City West. After a lot of discussion, Jim McGuire made a motion that we purchase 350 hats. Motions seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried. Jim McGuire made a motion that each member will receive a new hat free providing they turn in their existing hat. If they have no existing hat to turn in the hats will cost \$10 each. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Additional hats may be purchased by members at the cost of \$10 each.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Because of scheduling conflicts of some of the board members the October 16, 2006 General Membership Meeting at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center has been canceled and will be reschedule. Dick Lemoine will check on having the meeting on November 13 or 15 in the evening. Dennis Farrar made a motion that we cancel the October 16 General meeting and reschedule on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. if Dick can secure a meeting room. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Ken Skinner will put the change on the web site and Dennis Farrar will post the change at the field on the bulletin boards and clubhouse.

Secretarial Note: Dick Lemoine called later in the day and said that the next General Meeting will be November 15 at 6:30pm at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in the Lecture Hall. Please plan to attend.

LAWN & WALL:

Dick Lemoine gave the following report that in the new design proposal there will be lawn installed on the third-base side for warm-ups. In addition Dick requested that if the Recreation Center would put in a wall on the first-base side and level the ground and to give the area more definition that the club would be willing to pay for the sod. The Recreation Center has agreed to this at this time. The area to be covered would be approximately 28' x 100' at the cost of \$.26 per square foot. This being said the cost to the club to purchase the sod would be approximately \$728.00. The Recreation Center will supply the labor to prepare the area involved and to lay the sod. Dick will continue to pursue this but no further action taken at this time.

PEPSI POP MACHINE:

Dick reported that the Pepsi machine located outside the clubhouse has been empty since February. Dick has talked to the Recreation Center and has requested that the club take full control of the Pepsi machine. We have also requested that a newer machine be place in the same area. The Recreation Center has agreed, so effective immediately the new Pepsi machine will belong to the SCWSC. Pepsi will deliver and has agreed to sell to us at wholesale. However, we still can purchase product at the local stores if we can buy for a cheaper price. Pepsi will invoice us so we do not have to pay at the time of delivery. The thought was we would like to go to the 12 ounce cans so we could sell them for less money. Ray early has volunteered to take the responsibility of the Pepsi machine. Ray will stock and take the money out of the machine to be turned into the club. We will no longer be using the refrigerator inside the clubhouse to stock pop and other soft drinks. The refrigerator in the clubhouse will strictly be used for drinks that cannot be purchased from the Pepsi machine. No further action taken at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

New Home Plate Proposal:

Ken Skinner has not followed up on this at this time. Dick Lemoine will be at the metal shop tomorrow and checked to see if they can help us with this endeavor. Ken Skinner will continue to pursue this matter. No further action taken.

King and His Court:

Jim McGuire mentioned he had the opportunity to umpire one of these games and would like to see the possibility of having this team play one of our teams in a tournament setting. This is a fast pitch team. The cost to get this team to play is approximately \$3000.00. If anybody is interested in setting this up contact Jim McGuire. No further action taken.

Softballs:

Dick Lemoine reported that because of competition Dudley is going to a .44/400 compression ball. This ball does not have any more pop, but the ball seems to hold its integrity better. No further thoughts or action taken.

Senior Baseball League:

Ken Skinner mentioned that some of the seniors are playing in a baseball tournament. This tournament will be held the first of November in Surprise. There are 340 teams and this nationwide tournament. Some of our seniors in our league will be playing in this tournament and if you're interested in going to any of these baseball games contact Gene Monk of the AL.

New Microphone:

Ray Early reported that the clubhouse now has a new microphone that you do not have to hold up to your mouth and he is invited anyone who would like to call games to be a part of the announcing program. Ray also downloaded additional music CDs for us to use at our games.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 6, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 • 6:30 P.M. • R.H. Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) • Sun City West.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim McGuire moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club