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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club (Stampede Room) at 8:05a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** Bruce Brady, and Art Nelson.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Dr. Terese Farrar and Dave Hall and Wayne Mitchell.

**NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Bob Latzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 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 an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 is \$6,639.87. A closing balance as of December 1, 2006 of \$7,381.46. Our recreation center billboard balance is \$26,084.17. There was a question as to if the billboard balance is that the 75% that goes to the board or the whole amount? Dick said that this amount is what is left in trust for us. Lyle will be back and clarify this for us at the next meeting. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurers' report. Motion seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Field Maintenance:**

George Karras reported that he now has volunteers to replace Ray Early. Also George intends on having a meeting with his maintenance crew to go over the watering schedule and to make sure that everything is locked up. George is also putting together a Liberty Field manual that will have everything we need to know about the field and clubhouse. Popcorn machine is in and put together and ready for use. George has contacted Todd Patty and there is going to be a shoe cleaner installed in each dugout. George also talked to Todd about too much water on the field and that he is aware of this and they will either cut back on the water or change the times. George would like to buy a first aid kit that would have a minimal amount of product and installed on the third base side of the field. There is not always someone available to open the clubhouse and this would give those players access to a first aid kit if needed. Dick said to purchase one and give the bill to Lyle Bakken for payment. George has also taken off all the old messages on the phone, and has the instructions on how to retrieve and delete messages. George is also trying to get in touch with Todd Walker concerning the on-deck circles but hasn't been able to make the connection yet. As soon as George gets in touch he will report back to us.

Dick added that we will be getting grass or turf on the first base side. Dick will do a Form 13 and the blue prints finished and Dick passed them around to look at.

The third base side is on hold right now pending the building of the new Ramadas. Core Construction is the company that will do the Ramada construction. No further action.

**Special Events:**

George Karras has been involved in this but will eventually turn this over to Bruce Brady, Wayne Mitchell, and Mike Hester. George had nothing else to report at this time. Dick did mention that Mike Hester is still pursuing the Vintage Softball. Bruce said that Bill Bromley is trying to get a couple more teams to play in the Cardiac Tournament.

**Uniforms & Equipment:**

Dick LeMoine reported in the absence of Ray Early that Ray said he is running out of hats and to have Dennis Farrar post a sign at both fields that if you have more than one hat that you please return them so they can be washed and reused for the new players coming into the league until we get the new ones. New hats are in route and Cleats will now be the vender for our hats. Cleats are honoring the same price we were originally quoted by the other vender, and that a couple demo models will be available within 7 days. No further action taken at this time.

**Sponsors:**

**Team:**

No report due to the absence of Ernie Mueller.

**Billboards:**

Dick Lemoine will be making a presentation to Edward Jones this week. Dick added that the billboard sponsors get first shot at team sponsors because they have a billboard. We have two from the same company. There is Windermere and Windermere-Mary Edman Agent. Both of these want to be team sponsors. Dick has talked to them and they will decide who is first. The next AL team sponsor will be one of these. The second AL team sponsor will be the other one. The NL will go to 14 teams but no answer there. No further action.

**Membership:**

Due to the absence of Ken Skinner there was no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SCOREBOARD:**

The scoreboard addition is completed and behind the fence for over a month. We are waiting for the recreation center to put it up.

**LEAGUE BOARD MEETING REPORT:**

Dennis Farrar gave a capsule report of the November League Board meeting. If you want to know the details of the report reported you can go to web site and click on the League Board Meeting Minutes for November. No further action.

**BAR-B-Q STATUS:**

About a year ago there was a fund started to build a bar-b-q for the events. This is on hold until the Ramada project. The money is still there and Dick said that we need to put the fund back on the treasurer's report.

**POPCORN MACHINE:**

George talked about the popcorn machine and now we have one. Costo had them on sale \$239.00 so we bought one. There are a couple of women who are going to be in charge of this and will make a work sheet on how to make popcorn.

**ASA BATS:**

The League has voted and passed that no bat will be permitted unless it has one or both of the ASA Logos below. Also, flat spot bats and cracked bats are not legal and can not be used.

**NEW BUSINESS****SUNDAY'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Dick LeMoine gave an in detail report about the issue concerning the Sunday Woman's League. Dr. Terese Farrar who sponsors one of these teams was asking why someone or whoever gave the authority to squash the Sunday League program only to use some of those women to be drafted to another traveling tournament team called the "Sparks". Some of these women, including Dr. Farrar have to shuffle their schedules because they are still working outside the home. There are also some women who feel they are just filling a position and are not ready to play competitive softball. Dr. Farrar feels that because her team was eliminated she should have been given first opportunity to sponsor the "Sparks" and was not. Because the board does not generally meet in the summer months all these critical decisions were made without going before a scheduled board meeting. The Sunday Women's program may start up again, but for now the league does not exist.

As a committed sponsor, Dr. Farrar would like to have the opportunity to sponsor a National League team and would like her husband Dennis on the team but not manage because of having to make all the phone calls to get subs. She also has requested that the individuals that have created this issue not be on this team. Dr. Farrar also said that she does not hold the board to blame but feels that the board needs to rectify the situation and to make sure that this dilemma will never to any other sponsor in the future.

After a lengthy open discussion including some unanswered questions, Dick LeMoine made the statement this will move forward as a review process and this board after today will set up a meeting with the women's softball league. The board will get some answers and to resolve these women's issues to make sure that this won't happen again, and to take Dr. Farrar's request into consideration. Dick has tabled Dr. Farrar's request based on the board meeting to rule on a decision. Dick has asked George Karras to report back on the options and how soon a team could be set up for Farrar Chiropractic. No further action taken at this time.

**FRIDAY LEAGUE ISSUE:**

Dick LeMoine read an email that he received from Dave Hall with his concerns on how the Friday League handles their teams and player selections. Dick addressed each item of Dave Hall's concerns. (*This email is on file with the secretary*)

It is the action of the Sun City West (SCW) Recreation Center and the SCW Softball Club board that anyone who steps out onto Liberty Field **must** sign a waiver of liability.

These waivers are on file with the club secretary. Dave responded and is content with how the board addressed his email concerns. No further action.

Dave then passed out another correspondence requesting that there be open sign ups to play on the Friday Co-Ed League, along with other concerns about the Friday League program.

Dick LeMoine has accepted Dave's formal request and this will be brought before the board at a later date to allow ample time to address his additional concerns. Dave reiterated that his intent is to open up the Friday League program, not to destroy it. (*This correspondence is on file with the secretary*) No further action taken.

**PEPSI POP MACHINE:**

Dick reported that the Pepsi machine located outside the clubhouse has been removed and a new one is scheduled to be installed any day now. This will allow us to get the pop out of the refrigerator inside and get it in the machine. The prices of the product will be set at the next meeting.

**MONEY SYSTEM / PETTY CASH, ETC.:**

We have a lot of issues with people taking pop, candy bars and other items and not paying for them. Therefore, Dick LeMoine has asked the treasurer, Lyle Bakken to set of a system of money and product trail so we have some accountability for the funds that are collected. This will be addressed in further detail at the next board meeting. No further action.

**RULE FOR SUBS BATTING ORDER:**

Some discussion or the batting order of subs. Currently all subs must bat at the bottom of the order in the line up. After the discussion the board felt that we would recommend to the League Board to leave this ruling as written so the subs will continue to bat at the bottom.

**NEW BOARD OFFICERS ELECTIONS:**

Jim McGuire conducted the election of officers for the 2007 board members with the following results:

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| President – Art Nelson       | Member – Bruce Brady   |
| Vice President – Mike Hester | Member – George Karras |
| Secretary – Dennis Farrar    | Member – Ernie Mueller |
| Treasurer – Lyle Bakken      |                        |

A special thanks to the out-going officers for a job well done. Thank you Dick LeMoine, Jim McGuire, and Bob Latzo.

**4TH ANNUAL TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:**

Dick LeMoine reported that the committee is about to meet but not sure when. One precedence is that they would like to give away a car. Dick read the article that will soon be published in the December newsletter. We have a car dealer who is sponsoring this event and that there is going to be a Lexus given away. The club just needs to set up the details on how we want to proceed with this and how we give it away. The car dealer has made only one request, and that is, we do not give this car to another car dealer. The Tin Cup will be Monday, April 16, 2007 at Briarwood Country Club. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters or postings on the bulletin boards.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Announcements on PA system:

Bruce Brady would like to see more emphasis put on announcing other information. There seems to be too much priority set on only announcing woman games and activities. The board needs to take more control on what is announced on the PA.

After some discussion on this, George Karras suggested that we have an announcement white board to post all announcements to go over the PA system in priority to be announced.

Anyone that is at the mic would then look at what needs to be announced and do it. Art Nelson made a motion that we purchase a white board for this purpose. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Dick LeMoine has asked George Karras to look into this and report back his findings. No further action.

Sunday Co-Ed League:

George Karras suggested that we look into a Sunday Co-Ed League that would give the women who want to play non competitive softball a chance to play. These teams would consist of men and women who just want to go out and have fun and would consist of men only from the NL. This would also be true co-ed with 6 women and 5 men per team. George Karras said that he would be willing to chair and will set up a committee and report back at the next meeting. No further action.

**NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:**

Monday, January 8, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*) • Sun City West.

**NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:**

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

**NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The next General Membership Meeting will be in February 2007. The exact date has not been confirmed, so check the internet and upcoming newsletters for details. This is a very important meeting as we will again need to vote on co-mingling with Sun City.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Bob Latzo moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:41a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary  
Sun City West Softball Club