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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

President, Art Nelson, introduced his newly appointed board member, Rich McAndrews to replace George Karras who resigned from the board.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Ray Early, Karen Hill, George Karras, and Pat Williams.

**FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Bruce Brady made a motion to accept the February 5, 2007 meeting minutes and the General Meeting minutes of February 19, 2007 as electronically distributed via e-mail. Mike Hester seconded by Mike Hester. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Lyle Bakken gave his usual detailed report. Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$7,559.03. The closing balance as of February 16, 2007 is \$24,047.97, of which \$14,660.00 is income from the Tin Cup Invitational so far. Lyle Bakken clarified that the recreation center billboard balance is \$34,942.14 which, 25% is immediately available for Club Share of \$8,735.14 as of February 16, 2007. Lyle also reported there are still monies coming in for the Tin Cup.

Because we got off in talking extensively about the billboard sponsors there was no motion to accept the treasurer's report. No further action at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Art reported that there was no correspondence at this time.

**FIELD MANAGER:**

Art Nelson suggested that we get a Field Manager that would be responsible for scheduling all the maintenance on the field, be, in charge of the clubhouse, and for getting the field prepared for games, etc. Lyle Bakken made a motion to make George Karras stay on as the Field Manager. Motion seconded by Bruce Brady. Motion carried.

**Special Events:**

**Spring Fling:**

Ken Skinner commended Rich McAndrews of the National League for his hard work in getting the NL so involved in the Spring Fling. The NL field 8 teams for the Thursday & Friday games. The stands were full of spectators and coffee, doughnuts and chips were available. The AL did not have such a good turn out but all had a great time. Ken suggested that since each player pays a \$5.00 entry fee he would like to see us provide more refreshments such as hotdogs or hamburgers to give the players a little more.

Ken also mentioned that since the Spring Fling has always been set up as a SCW Club event and not a League event. Anyone who is a member of our SCWSC or SCSC is eligible to play in this tournament for either the AL or NL teams. Rich said that next year this will be implemented. Ken has also requested that since the championship shirts were given to the wrong team he asked Ray Early to order another set. No further action.

Rich McAndrews report that from the NL that we collected a total of \$563.00 and after expenses we turned over to the club \$317.00.

**Tin Cup Golf Invitational:**

Mike Hester reported that the day at Beardsley Park was a success. The vendors and very happy with the outcome. There will also be a "Paul Turley" award given to a well deserving SCWSC member. If you have any suggestions on to who should receive this award, let Mike Hester know. The recipient of this award will be decided by the Tin Cup Committee. No further action.

**UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT:**

Ray Early reported that he will order Spring Fling shirts for Ken Skinner and Ray said he should have the National League shirt in today. We are also down to around 6 dozen balls, but Sun City should have enough balls as this is part of the inventory. Other than the balls we are in good shape. Ray has also marked two (2) hats on the underside of the bill with the word "SPARE" for players to use for their game and then return it afterwards. These hats are stored in the closet upstairs.

Mike Hester mentioned about the possibility of having our clothing items such as caps, club jackets, t-shirts, etc. for sale posted on the bulletin board on how to obtain these items. Art Nelson asked Dennis Farrar to work on this project. No further action taken.

**Sponsors:**

**Billboards:**

Lyle gave an extensive report on the status of the Capital Title Billboard. Lyle met with Cindy and she said that they wanted to opt out the last year as they were told they could do when the contract was signed. However, there were no provisions in writing on the contract giving Capital Title this option. In conclusion, Cindy said that they would be willing to pay \$1000.00 of the amount due (\$2500.00) and be willing to pay for the changes of the billboard with the current owner's information for the last year of their contract. Lyle said he would take this back to the board for advisement and a decision.

After a lengthy discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion that we instruct Lyle to meet with Capital Title and inform them that we do not accept the offer and that if they choose not to complete their contract obligation we will pursue this matter in small claims court. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Bowden who is now taking over the Billboards from George Karras reported that George contacted Air-by-Dean who is now sponsoring a board and gave Carol a possible team sponsor, Canyon State Heating & Cooling. Carol also said that she now has 11 possible team sponsors on the waiting list.

Carol read the waiting list of potential sponsors and Dennis Farrar questioned why Farrar Chiropractic wasn't listed when they indicated they wanted to sponsor a National League team since there is already a

chiropractor sponsoring an American League team. After some discussion the board felt that Farrar Chiropractic would be first to sponsor a NL team as soon as a NL team sponsor drops out. Mike Hester said that he feels that each board member should have a copy of the Team Sponsor waiting list. Carol said that she would email a current copy to the board members. Ray Early mentioned the possibility of increasing the team sponsorship for the first year from \$450.00 to \$500.00 due to the possible increase of uniforms. Currently we are loosing \$51.00 the first year at the current uniform prices. After some discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion to increase the team sponsorship the first year to \$500.00. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ray also brought up that there could be a conflict with the price increase with the Sun City Club, so we will have to contact them to see what their thoughts are on this. No further action taken at this time.

George Karras reported that we have about 13 faded boards in the outfield and he would like to see us recover these to make them match the others. The cost would be \$75.00 each to replace, however because we have new sponsors going up we would only have to actually recover 6 boards at \$75.00 each. The board is in favor of doing this, however the board decided to hold off on this until we have a clarification on the divisions of the money the Recreation Center is holding on our behalf.

Bruce Brady brought up the seating modification to our current stands. George has agreed to get his figures together, make the contacts again and bring this back to the board for action.

**Membership:**

Ken Skinner reported that the membership hasn't changed. We still have 260 current members. No further action.

**Umpires:**

Ken Skinner reported that everything is going good. We meet every Monday at 4:00pm at Liberty Fields and all players are welcome. Ken also mentioned the Loran Swanson is going to impress on the new players the importance of the umpires and the role they play in our league. No further action taken at this time. Also, Mike Hester reiterated that the umpires will call batters out of the box and will not tolerate bad language that could lead to an ejection, so be forewarned. No further action.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**GRASS WARM-UP AREA:**

Bruce Brady expressed his concerns of the cost of \$9,332.51 for the material and labor costs that were accrued for the warm-up grass area on the first base side. After some discussion the board felt they need to meet with the SCW Recreation Center Board for clarification where the funds come from when improvements are done to the field. This being said, the board is concerned about the cost of the Ramada project so we need to make sure of the cost of any project that we do before the okay is given and take to the general membership if necessary. Art Nelson said he will set up this meeting with the SCW Recreation Center Board and other persons involved in our improvement projects and get back to the board to let them know the date and time.

**DAY IN THE PARK:**

Lyle reported that the SCW Recreation Center is refunding us some money because we did not use some of the items we requested.

**ANNOUNCEMENT WHITE BOARD:**

George Karras reported that after investigating this possibility he has determined that the announcement board is not necessary. No further action taken.

**FILING CABINET:**

At the last meeting Lyle was directed to check on getting a filing cabinet but has not checked on this yet. No further action taken at this time.

**CLOSET:**

Art Nelson left the plans at home that George Karras made up and Art will get back to the board on this item at a later date, with the costs of this project before any action can be taken. Art will put this on the agenda for the next meeting. No further action at this time.

**BATTER'S BOX MAT:**

George reported that he checked into the new batting pad and it would cost around \$360.00 and is available through First American Sports. This is a grass mat that measures 6ft. x 12ft. with plate and would lie over the existing box. This pad would be used for practice only and would help preserve the integrity of our batters box. When not in use it would be hung on the backstop.

Bruce Brady made a motion to have George purchase the batting pad to be used for batting practice. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

**LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:**

Mike Hester reported that the next League Meeting will be on March 21, 2007 at 9:00am at the Men's Club (*Round-up Room*) in Sun City West.

**Team Photos:**

Mike reported that photo day is scheduled for March 20, (*National League*) and March 22 (*American League*). All photos will be taken at Sun City Field.

Remember, if you order trading cards as your photo package; please give one of your trading cards to Joe Rottmann who is the keeper of the historian album for the league. If you need assistance on this please let Mike know or you can give your trading cards to Dennis Farrar and he will see that Joe gets them. No further action taken.

**League Banquet:**

Mike Hester reminded all of us about the upcoming Annual League Banquet to be held on March 23, 2007, at Sundial Auditorium in Sun City. John Selby is in charge. Next year the banquet falls on the SCWSC to plan and we need to be thinking of a day and time. No further action.

**RULES COMMITTEE:**

Mike Hester reported that there are a few items he would like to change or implement for the AL. Some discussion, but this is a league matter and will be address at a league meeting. No further action.

**WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Karen Hill reported that they are going to be setting up a committee with Peg Swanson as chair and this committee will be responsible for setting up a format for the women's league and this will be presented to the board in the fall. The women would like to be self-governing but stay within the jurisdiction of the AL and NL rules. No further action taken.

**FRIDAY LEAGUE:**

Ray Murphy was absent so no report was given.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE:**

Rich McAndrews reported that when they set up the spring session the committee did not have the same number of games scheduled. This being said, the committee is extending the spring play thru April 19 which will be in line with the AL. Tuesday, April 17 would make up the February 20 rain-out day and Thursday, April 19 which was the Spring Fling. No further action.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY POLICY:**

Art Nelson said that because of the past issue we had over the coffee pot we need to set up a policy that club property is only used for softball related functions and not allowed for personal use. Dennis Farrar made a motion that club property is only to be used for softball related functions and not allowed for personal use, Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This being said, and after some discussion, Dennis Farrar made a motion that the NL Committee Commissioner, Rich McAndrews ask the individual that took the coffee pot to send a letter of apology explaining his actions after being told he could not borrow it. If this individual sends his letter of apology, this incident will be dropped. If not, he will be suspended for two (2) regular games. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

**SANDWICH BOARDS / BANNERS:**

Art Nelson reported that Dennis Farrar would like to have some sandwich boards made up to advertise our league games that are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays similar to what the Sun City Club uses. Also Bill Bromley would like us to get some banners made up that cost around \$42.00 each to advertise our tournaments, such as Bosom Buddies, Cardiac Kids and Spring Fling. This being said, Lyle Bakken made a motion that we approve the sandwich boards and as many banners deem appropriate based on the SCW Recreation Center approval. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action.

**BAR-B-Q GRILL:**

While discussing the Spring Fling the Bar-B-Q Grill item was back on the table. After some discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion the we look into getting a Bar-B-Q that we can secure and store but portable so it can be taken to another location if need be. Motion seconded. Motion carried. George is going to look into what Bar-B-Q's are available and report back to the board.

**BY-LAW COMMITTEE:**

Art Nelson has appointed Carol Bowden, Dennis Farrar, and Rich McAndrews to be on the by-laws committee to look into changing Article VII – Teams Composed of Sun City and Sun City West Players (Annual Co-mingling vote). The board will approve the change before it is taken to the membership. This change must be posted 30 days prior to the next General Membership Meeting of October 22, 2007 for membership ratification.

**SPONSORS FALL BREAKFAST:**

After some discussion, November 2, 2007 has been tentatively picked as the favorable date for the Sponsor Fall Pancake Breakfast. We will try to get Beardsley Park the whole day and Bruce Brady has agreed to chair and will get George Karras and other volunteers to help him. Art will work on our decision and get back with the final results of his findings. More on this later. No further action.

**RULES OF OPERATION:**

Mike Hester brought up his concerns of an email he received from Linda Graham that Sun City may put in a rule that could limit a player's eligibility to play ball. After a lengthy discussion the SCW Softball Club has made the decision that they will not require players to meet a standard requirement or set limitation on players in order to play the game. This issue is resolved with no further action.

**MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:**

Dennis Farrar brought up that from here forward he will not be hand stapling newsletters. If you have a flier to be attached it will be scanned and stapled by the copier as the newsletter are printed. No more colored copies. No further action taken.

Ken Skinner said that because of the money going thru our club account and the accounting qualifications that he would like to see us pursue to try to keep the current club treasurer in office if he is willing to serve. The by-laws may not allow this so it would have to be addressed. Art Nelson said he would visit this issue at the next board meeting. No action taken.

Mike Hester asked for volunteer to chair and coordinate the Palm Desert Tournament coming up on April 16, 2007. Ken Skinner has volunteered to chair and coordinate this event. No further action.

**NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:**

Monday, April 2, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

**NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

The next General Membership Meeting will October 22, 2007 • 9:00A.M. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

**NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary  
Sun City West Softball Club

*Secretarial Note: I will be absent for the April 2nd and May 7th meetings. If anyone on the board needs to reach me, I'll be on email while I'm gone at [editor@azssoftball.com](mailto:editor@azssoftball.com). I hope that everyone has a safe summer and I'll see you in July.*

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