

**Sun City West Softball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Art Nelson at Beardsley Center Room 5 called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Art Nelson, Mike Hester, Carol Bowden, Jan Strock, Rich Wells, Rich McAndrews and Bruce Brady.

**GUESTS PRESENT;**

George Karras, Jim Reimold, Ray Early, Larry Bond, Dennis Farrar, Bob Dobbins, Lyle Bakken, Ken Skinner, Herb Clark.

**DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVED:**

Art Nelson made a motion to waive a reading of the minutes and approved; seconded by Mike Hester.

**TREASURERS REPORT;**

Treasurer Rich Wells submitted a banking summary which states the following:

CREDIT UNION BALANCE	01/04/08	\$ 25,362.83
CLUB BALANCE	01/04/08	\$ 1,489.32
REC CENTER BALANCE	12/31/07	\$ 34,412.82
TOTAL		\$ 61,264.97

Lyle Bakken stated before the Board that items approved by the Rec Board for purchase will be paid for by the Rec Center and that lesser items will be paid for from Credit Union Funds. Ray Early asked how orders are made for the Pop Machine and it was explained that we make the orders from Pepsi Cola ourselves. It was further noted that the four year contract with Pepsi Cola has expired and that other vendors are now eligible to service the machine.

A motion was made by Rich McAndrews to accept the treasurers report; seconded by Art Nelson.

Mike Hester made a motion that Lyle Bakken be retained as our league bookkeeper and be compensated for the amount of \$ 100.00 a month; seconded by Rich Wells and approved by a unanimous vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE;**

Art Nelson states the a school fund raising program entitled “Pennies For Peace” would like to have a softball game fund raiser involving teachers and students. A question of a liability waiver was raised and Mike Hester stated that he would follow up on that question. The proposed date for the event is March 22, 08.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT:** George Karras

1. Patio site on the Third Base side of the field is complete and do we want to have a covering canopy, which will be paid for by the Rec Center.
2. George request approval for the purchase of two (2) six foot metal picnic tables for the patio site. It was suggested that the Metal Club be contacted for input.
3. New bases for the field were requested and subsequently approved by the board.
4. The Bar BQ island project plan is not near completion.
5. Pitchers Rubbers and Plates for warm up will be installed on both 3<sup>rd</sup> base and 1<sup>st</sup> base sides of the field.
6. Electrical work for the new picnic area has not been decided upon. A bona-fide licensed company rather than any skilled club members must do the installation work. The club will absorb the cost of the electrical installation.
7. A decision as to the installation of a new flagpole is still ongoing with the Rec Center.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS;**

1. Fun Day which was held on Dec 20th by both the American and National Leagues at Sun City and Sun City West was a huge success raising \$100.00 for Angels In The Outfield.
2. Ken Skinner states that no date has been set for the Palm Desert Tournament and that other outside teams may be interested in coming to the tournament.
3. Herb Clark proposes that there be the creation of a Sunday Vintage Softball League consisting of two teams with a minimum of two women on each team. Herb states that this proposal would involve other communities and that he has had very good feedback in the last Vintage Softball effort. It was further proposed that an article on Vintage Softball in the Newsletter would help.
4. Herb went on to address the board and guests on his proposal for the creation of a new Major League for younger and more skilled players.
5. Cardiac Kids- The board was informed that Bill Bromley is ready to go forward with his project with four teams scheduled for Feb.2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00a.m.
6. Bosom Buddies- The board was informed that Loren Swanson has seven (7) teams possibly 8 for the Bosom Buddies Tournament.
7. Tin Cup – Larry Bond: Larry told the board that the Tin Cup is looking for a new work project and it was proposed that working for the purchase of a new scoreboard for Sun City West would be a consideration. Larry suggested that should Sun City West be successful in getting a new board that the old board (4 yrs.) could be sold to Sun City if they’re interested or perhaps to any other interested party. It was suggested by the board this matter should be discussed at a General Meeting. Larry stated that he would meet with the Sun City Board to see if they are interested in his proposal. Larry closed stating that the “Day In The Park” program will be held at the Liberty Field on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 10a.m.- 2p.m.
8. League Banquet: Sun City West at the Palm Ridge Rec. Center will host this year’s League Banquet and the meals will be catered.

Note: a Hall Of Fame Meeting will be held in February to select Hall Of Fame Nominees.

**UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT;(Ray Early)**

Ray Early discussed how jersey replacement normally comes about every four years. The issue of uniforms expense came up and it was stated by Ray Early that the sox that we currently wear are expensive. Further discussion was had as to whether or not we should continue with the current sock or discontinue their use .It was felt that this matter should be discussed at the next General meeting.

**LADIES' UNIFORMS;**

Discussion was had on whether one of the ladies' teams i.e. The Hot Flashes who changed their team name to the Flames should be responsible for the purchasing of new jerseys with a new sponsor. It was stated by Dennis Farrar that there are no clear guide lines as to what the status of the women's league is as it relates to the Sun City West Club. Therefore a motion was made and passed that the costs of THIS change over will be paid by the club, but that specific guidelines must be established involving the woman's league. Rich McAndrews and Carol Bowden will work together to create appropriate guidelines.

**BILLBOARDS AND SPONSORSHIP**

There was discussion on conflicts between billboard sponsors and whether exclusivity should be appropriate where two or more sponsors of a like type of business operation wish to advertise their business through billboard advertising. Carol Bowden will meet with the sponsors to resolve this matter.

**TEAM SPONSORS:**

Carol Bowden states that we need three more sponsors

**MEMBERSHIP AND UMPIRES –Ken Skinner**

Ken states that we currently have 310 paid members. Ken goes on to say that umpiring training is held every Monday at 4p.m. at Liberty Field but that response has not been good. Ken wanted it to be on the record that he objects to the 7<sup>th</sup> (last) game of the day because of the late day sun, which can be hazardous to the players. One alternative to eliminate the 7<sup>th</sup> game is the creation of two (2) bye games.

The issues of the Women's League will be passed to the next meeting .

Art Nelson made a motion that this meeting be adjourned; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary Jan Strock

Next Scheduled Meeting February 4, 2008