

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: President Rich McAndrews called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Rich McAndrews, Rich Wells, Jan Strock, Chuck Hendrix, Bob Williams, Joe Oliver; (Carol Bowden -- Absent)

GUESTS: George Karras, Dick Lemoine, Ken Skinner, David Austin (ADI), Laurel Andrew, Dexter Ford, Art Nelson, Lyle Bakken, Tony DiBiasio. Bill and Karen Hill.

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: Motion by Wells; seconded by McAndrews; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich Wells and Lyle Bakken (as of April 4, 2009):

CREDIT UNION BAL	\$ 27,089.27
CLUB OPERATING BAL	-0-
TIN CUP BAL	\$ 9,084.00
REC CENTER BAL	\$ <u>31,092.25</u>
TOTAL	\$ 66,715.72

Also, Lyle Bakken stated that the Tin Cup event was successful, as reflected in the above entry. A motion was made by Chuck Hendrix and seconded by Rich Wells that the Tin Cup be approved for the year 2010, with a tentative date of April 3, 2010. Motion carried. Dick Lemoine suggests that room reservations, tables, etc., be made soon for next year's event.

It was further suggested that next year's "Day In The Park" be scheduled to coincide with the annual SCW Art Fair for better public attendance. Dick feels that marketing "Day In The Park" could be a true revenue producer.

ADI COMPUTER SOLUTIONS: David Austin

ADI representative Dave Austin spoke to the meeting regarding the installation of a video system that would allow the security monitoring of the field and that would also allow viewing of the games by distant and on-site viewers. Dave gave an approximate installation figure of \$6,700. The Board felt, because the cost of the venture was beyond the authorized figure set forth by league By-Laws, that the matter would be set for the General Meeting on April 15th at 6 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Laurel Mc Andrews discussed the Women's League and their upcoming elections for new officers. Candidates have not, as yet, been finalized.

Bill Hill discussed the Friday Coed League and stated that he would like to see more women in the league. Bill felt that the success in encouraging more women to play, and thereby making the league even more coed, could lie with the de-emphasis of “skilled” players.

FIELD MAINTENANCE: George Karras

George stated that the Pepsi machine has been taken out, due to break-ins, and that he is currently looking for a large floor-based cooler for soft drinks, etc. George went on to say that he has repaired several of the bleacher seats that have been damaged thru abuse.

The Misters have been fully installed and are operational. George told the Board that he is looking into several types of outfield fence screening that would not only safeguard the yards of surrounding neighbors, but would also safeguard those walking on the walking track and tennis courts. Several bids are being considered.

A pavilion plaque is being prepared, and its dedication will be on April 15th at 6 p.m. at the General Meeting at Liberty Field.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

The April 11th Fun Day event will consist of two (2) American League and two (2) National League teams, as well as a game between the Women’s League versus the Half Pints, managed by Ozzie Ostrow. All proceeds will go to the Angels In The Outfield.

The Palm Desert Tournament on April 25th will be hosted by the Sun Cities and played at the Sun City West Liberty Field. The event will consist of teams of 60’s and 70’s from both the National League and American League.

Rich McAndrews reported that the “Day In The Park” event was successful. However, it was pointed out that there was a lacking in team / player attendance.

Rich Andrews reported that he personally delivered a plaque to a sponsor who was extremely happy and proud of our program. Joe Oliver stated that he is personally staying in touch with the sponsors and seeking new billboard sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Ken Skinner reports that the current paid membership is: 286.

SOFTBALL BANQUET:

Rich McAndrews told the meeting that the annual Sun Cities Softball Banquet was a success, and that it operated at no cost to the Sun City West Softball Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rich Wells reported that for the upcoming year of 2010, there are nine (9) members who have expressed interest in holding office. There will be four (4) office vacancies.

Dennis Farrar stated that he hadn't been receiving the Club monthly minutes for his Newsletter. Steps will be taken to ensure that he does. Also, Dennis told the Board that, as a result of his on-field injury, his insurance company was requesting a copy of his League Waiver. It was pointed out that only the Rec Center has the authority to release documents to outside agencies.

Ken Skinner told the board that beginning on May 2nd, Sun City West and Sun City Grand will begin a summer league at 8 a.m., which will entail exchanging playing fields. Therefore, Saturday practices will begin at 6 a.m. and end at 8 a.m., in order to accommodate this summer league. A motion to this effect was made by Rich Wells and seconded by Bob Williams. The motion was carried unanimously.

Rich McAndrews told the Board that the University of Washington's Women's fast-pitch team has requested the use of Liberty Field for a team practice on April 24th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Board authorized the use, and those times would have to be set up with George Karras.

Dexter Ford told the Board that he would like to set up a game between the American League and the better-skilled players in the National League. The Board felt that the idea had merit, and it would be Dexter's responsibility to set up the event.

A motion was made by Rich Wells to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Joe Oliver. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 4, 2009**, at 7:30 a.m. in the Saguaro Room at Beardsley Rec Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Strock - Secretary