

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Rich McAndrews, Rich Wells, Bob Williams, Chuck Hendrix, Bob Peck, Carol Bowden and Jan Strock.

GUESTS: George Karras, Bob Dobbins, Wendell Osborne, Laurel Andrew, Ken Skinner, Lyle Bakken, Ron Eppley, Rick Fish, Dennis Farrar, Art Nelson, Mike Hester.

OPENING REMARKS: Rich McAndrews extended thanks to the outgoing members and to the newly elected members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wells/Bakken

Lyle Bakken gave a short overview of the Club's finances:

M&I Bank M/M Acct.	\$34,282.73
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Rec. Center Acct.	\$ <u>22,638.67</u>
TOTAL	\$ 58,226.25

Current Paid Membership: 316.

OPEN PRACTICE: Jan Strock discussed the newly proposed practice procedures and the need and use for a mechanical device for assisting in fielding techniques. The need to work on developing skills for new and old players was again emphasized. A discussion was had as to specific uses and applications of the device, i.e., who, when, and where the device would be used. It was felt that this issue needed more review before a purchase. George Karras stated that he had reviewed costs for the JUGS device, and that First American Sports offered the best proposal of \$1,619 plus freight costs. The price would include a transport cart. The Board decided to table the matter until more information is obtained.

PURCHASING REPLACEMENT: Bob Peck stated that there should be a closer coordination between the Purchasing Agent and the Board for greater efficiency and use of purchases. A motion was made by Bob Peck to appoint Dennis Raczak as the new Purchasing Agent, replacing Ray Early. The motion was seconded by Rich Wells and passed unanimously.

WAIVER REGISTRATION COORDINATORS:

American League -- Rich Wells  
National League -- Rich McAndrews  
Women's League -- Carol Bowden.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Field Schedule – George Karras stated that there would be a revision of scheduled field use for the various teams/practices.
- (2) ASA Approved Bats – It will continue to be the SCW Club policy to allow only ASA approved bats, with the exception of the Ultra II which is banned from Liberty field. A current list of authorized bats will soon be released by ASA. It seems that members and visitor are complying with the SCW rule.
- (3) Inclement weather -- Decisions on whether to play will be made by the Field Manager or by his designee (George Karras, Bob Wenners, Ernie Miller).
- (4) Women's & Friday Coed Leagues -- Bowden/Andrew. Things going fine.
- (5) I.T. Committee -- Rick Fish discussed the new Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure forms. It was pointed out that an amendment in reference to Sun City had to be made. Also, the Group Activity Waiver Form needed to be clearer for the signature requirement on the form. It was decided by the Board that this matter would be tabled for now.

A motion was made by Carol Bowden and 2nd by Tex Wells to approve the Confidentiality , Non-Disclosure Form that will need to be signed by Data Base users, motion carried.

Lyle Bakken requested that the Club Inventory be entered into the Data Base for easy retrieval when the information is needed to submit to the Rec Board for review. A motion was made on this proposal by Bowden and seconded by Williams. The motion was passed.

SPONSORS: Carol Bowden – Carol stated that Sponsorship and Advertising is slow, due to the economy. Bashas is a "Wait-and-See," inasmuch as they are in Chapter II and their assets are under review. Mary Inman Realty will close her account on December 16, 2009. Liberty Buick is still being reviewed because of their history with our program, and they will be approached again.

LEAGUE: Bob Dobbins -- Bob told the Board that the American League Committee will consist of one single committee, and that the committee will now have five Policy Members instead of four. In addition, there will be two (2) additional Rating Members, which will bring the total committee membership to seven (7). Bob went on to say that the Sub Pool will consist of those members not drafted in the American League Draft, and that they will remain in the Sub Pool and not the Placement Pool unless they opt to go to the National League. The Placement Pool will consist of those not here for the draft, but are Returnees, i.e., "Snowbirds." The National League reports no new issues.

#### EVENTS:

- (1) Fun Day 12/28<sup>th</sup> & 12/29<sup>th</sup>. There have been 80 who signed up, with approximately 70% of those being American League players. On that day,

hot dogs and soft drinks will be available, and there will be softball bats won through the purchase of raffle tickets.

- (2) Holiday Classic – 1/16/10 & 1/17/10
- (3) Cardiac Kids' Tournament -- 2/6/10
- (4) Bosom Buddies' Tournament -- 2/20/10
- (5) Spring Fling (Thurs. – Sat.) -- 3/3/10 through 3/7/10
- (6) Day in the Park -- 3/20/10
- (7) League Banquet – March 24<sup>th</sup> at Palm Ridge Rec Center. Jim McGuire and Joe Gallo will be contacted regarding entertainment.
- (8) Tin Cup Golf Tournament – April 11<sup>th</sup>
- (9) Palm Desert Games – Tentatively scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

Angels in the Outfield – It was discussed whether or not Angels in the Outfield should become part of the new data base program to more quickly alert the Angels on current player health status. It was felt that the current system of notification is sufficient.

NEW ELECTED OFFICERS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010:

President: Bob Peck  
Vice Pres: Ron Eppley  
Treasurer: Don Swanson  
Secretary: Laurel Andrew  
At Large: Wendell Osborne  
At Large: Bob Williams  
At Large: Chuck Hendrix.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The next meeting will be held at the Men's Club Stampede Room, R. H. Johnson Rec Center, on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Strock

