

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING  
7:30 AM... MONDAY, February 1, 2010  
Stampede Room, Men's Club**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice President Ron Eppley called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Bob Peck (absent), Ron Eppley, Don Swanson, Bob Williams (absent), Chuck Hendrix, Wendell Osborne, and Laurel Andrew.

GUESTS: George Karras, Bob Dobbins, Ken Skinner, Lyle Bakken, Rick Fish, Rich McAndrews, Melinda Martens, Ken Skinner, Tex Wells, Karen Hill and Bill Hill.

OPENING REMARKS: Vice President Ron Eppley opened the meeting by reminding everyone of the General Meeting set for Feb 18<sup>th</sup> at the RH Johnson Lecture Hall 6:30 PM. And, to start announcing the General Meeting at the league games on 2/9, 2/11, 2/16 and 2/18.

Approval of Jan 4, 2010 Board Minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

M&I Bank M/M Acct.	\$ 35,978.19
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Rec. Center Acct.	\$ <u>24,305.67</u>
TOTAL	\$ 60,778.06

Current Paid Membership: **258**.

**SPONSORS/ADVERTISERS**

Ron Eppley stated that 34 letters were sent out Saturday to the team sponsors and bill board patrons requesting RSVP if attending and/or needing tables.

Follow up phone calls needed for those not responding. A list to be compiled.

## SUN CITIES SR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Need to change correspondence to reflect that "Association" has replaced "League".

A/L Representative Tex Wells explained why the A/L Managers elected to have 11 players on a team. Discussion by Board regarding the number of teams on the N/L vs. A/L and the increasing number of players in N/L placement pool.

N/L Representative Rich McAndrews stated that all N/L teams have 12 players and there are 10 people in the placement pool. More players are coming from Green Team and players coming off injury list. Managers are encouraged to use the placement pool for substitutions before using players from previous games.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Maintenance - George Karras stated the "home plate" has been set at ground level. Also, that the cleaning crews will take care of the coffee pot clean ups along with their other duties. Maintenance is required on the main building due to loose and curled tiles.

George noted that another shed is needed. And, that Sun City Awning was contacted regarding the cost of an "umbrella" type cover in the area where the tree was removed next to building. Carol Bond has indicated that she will no longer be making popcorn, therefore the Club needs to find someone interested in the job. Possibly an article in the newsletter would stir up interest.

Women's League/Friday Coed Leagues - Melinda Martens noted that the Maintenance Crew had started cutting grass before the Women's Monday Practice Session was over. George stated the Crew would be back to their grass cutting schedule on Sat and Wednesday and thus the three Women's practice times would continue to be 1-5 PM on Mondays as agreed to.

Friday Coed League - Bill Hill noted that the first games on Friday had been cancelled so that the players could attend Paul Shorty's Service. A Friday League Manager's Meeting is set for Friday, Feb 5, at 8:30 AM (Liberty Field).

70's League - Jim McGuire not present. Ron Eppley stated no issues.

IT - Rich Fish announced that the Data Base was complete and just needed a little "massaging". Sun City is managing their side of the data base. Discussion over showing "inactive player" status on the data base.

## EVENTS

(1) Bill Bromley Cardiac Kids' Tournament -- 2/6/10. Committee Ron Power, Jim McGuire, Loran Swanson, Bob Check and Ken Skinner as Chairman. SCW Board Members asked to do the cooking and purchasing of food. AZ Heart foundation to come out and support event. Ready to go....Teams/Managers/Food set for event. Women's Game will be played immediately after Tournament.

(2) Bosom Buddies' Tournament -- 2/20/10. Ken Skinner Chairman. No "Silent Auction" to be held. Replaced by "Super Raffle" (donation of items to be raffled off). Requested cooking is done by SCW Board Members (Tex and Margaret Morgan handling). 8 Women's Teams to be in Tournament (6 have signed up/awaiting 2 more).

(3) Spring Fling (Thurs. – Sat.) -- 3/4/10 through 3/7/10. Sign up sheets inside Liberty Field for N/L. First 100 players to sign up....approximately ½ are already signed up. The National League Spring Fling will be an eight team double elimination tournament on March 4 and 5. The first 100 players to sign up will be in the tournament.

(4) Day in the Park -- 3/20/10. Next Meeting Scheduled for Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at Liberty Field. Attendees are; Bob, Ron, Chuck, Laurel, Rich McAndrews and Gordon Kinhead. The SCW "Craft Show" is scheduled for this day. The "A-Frames"/table/chairs are not available from Rec Center. Melinda Martens is researching prices for purchasing of A-Frames. Laurel showed the Posters ready for A-Frames and posting. Articles have been sent to Rec Center News and News Letter for publication. The Independent and Daily News Sun will be contacted shortly for advertising space. George Karras has contracted with Taylor Rental for 50 tables and 100 chairs to be delivered.

Motion made and passed to allow Banners to be repurchased for \$100. Each Banner owner needs to be contacted so that only those "paid up" will have banners left up.

(5) Palm Desert --NOW 4/10 (changed from 4/24). Motion made and passed to allow date change. Since the Women have a scheduled game at the field that day, it was recommended they play their game during the "lunch hour" while the Palm Desert Teams are eating. Everyone seemed agreeable to this.

(6) League Banquet – March 24<sup>th</sup> at Palm Ridge Rec Center. Bob Williams to Chair Event. Cost to be \$10 per SCW Player/\$5 Club, Guest cost \$10 also. Sun City needs to be notified as to fees.

(7) Tin Cup Golf Tournament – April 11<sup>th</sup> . Gordon Kinkead to be Chairman. Committee yet to be formed. Facility is reserved.

### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

### OLD BUSINESS

OPEN PRACTICE: The “JUGS” pitching device was purchased. George Karras has prepared directions for use and calibrated machine for the different uses; pitching, grounders, outfield flies, large ball/small ball. Machine will start being used on Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon Open Practice days. Training on how to operate machine was given last week. Jan Strock is putting together a Guide on who is eligible to use machine.

### NEW BUSINESS

League Pictures will be; 2/16 A/L(Liberty Field) and 2/18 N/L (Liberty Field). Managers need to notify players. Announcers to start announcing dates during Tuesday play.

Ken Skinner stated that SCG Saturday Softball League wished to expand its playing season. Therefore, a request to use Liberty Field for two games each Saturday starting Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - April. Field has already been committed to the 70's League and the Women's League. The Board found that neither League wished to relinquish their field time. Skinner will report back to SCG.

Rick Fish requested that a Committee be formed to investigate the “sanctioning of the Women's League/Friday Coed League/70's League into the Sun City West Softball Club”. A motion was made and passed to form such league with Rick Fish as Chairman and to report its findings back to the SCW Board. A Member or Member(s) of each League would be present on the Committee.

### MEETING ADJOURNED.

The next meeting will be the General Membership Meeting to be held Thursday, Feb 18, 2010 at the Lecture Hall (6:30 PM).

The next Board meeting will be held Monday, March 1, 2010 at RH Johnson - Stampede Rm (7:30 AM)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurel Andrew, Secretary