

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Peck called the meeting to order.

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

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

OPENING REMARKS: President Bob Peck recapped the General Meeting held Feb 18th at the RH Johnson Lecture Hall 6:30 PM.

Approval of Feb 18th, 2010 General Meeting Board Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Don Swanson gave a short overview of the Club's finances:

M&I Checking	\$434.07
M/M Acct.	\$35,978.19
Rec. Center Acct.	\$24,306.00
Total	\$60,718.26

Current Membership: **265**

SPONSORS/ADVERTISERS

An update of those sponsors accepting or rejecting offer to attend DAY in the PARK being compiled.

A few follow up phone calls are needed for those not responding.

Sponsors stating they will attend as of today are; Arrowhead Honda, Camino Del Sol, Cranstoun Jewelers, Desert Golf Cars, Paul Tone Farmer's Ins, Rosie's Italian Café, Brendas Kitchen, Desert Rose, Edward Jones, Farrar Chiropractic, Larry Ott Realty, VW of Peoria, VFW, Sidewinders and Arvid & Kay Peterson (Service First Realty).

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Camino Del Sol paid their \$2,500 remaining fee. Peoria Volkswagon has had their new sign approved but needs to get Rec Center approval from Cindy Knowlton. Fast Signs will complete once they renew their \$4,500 to SCW.

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Wendell Osborne reported that the A/L guidelines were being reviewed, as well as; 11 Member Teams/Mercy Rule/Courtesy Runners.

LEAGUE REPORTS

A/L Representative Bob Dobbins stated a meeting was set for 3-2-2010 with A/L Managers and Committee. Focusing on getting input on Season regulation changes or keeping status quo. A/L needs to remind players to buy their banquet tickets. Also, majority of new players at Green Team are being assigned to N/L. Sub list has 11-12 names on it but only ½ of players are actually here. Next year A/L won't put names on Sub List until the player is actually here in SCW. More discussion between SCW Board regarding the 11 man roster vs. a 12 man.

N/L Representative Rich McAndrews stated that the number of retiring baby boomers might cause the need for Friday league games to be looked at. N/L Managers were commended for going to the Sub Pool to replace their missing players.

Discussion whether evaluation of players needed to encompass the use of SCW Field also since the Fri/Sat/Sun new practice format has been initiated. Topic was tabled for further review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Maintenance - George Karras stated a new shed is needed. "Tough Shed" could build a similar shed as the one on site now. Cost \$1,700 and will be 10' x 12', no slab. Painting will be required. Motion made and passed to approve purchase of shed. Shed will be placed behind the old one, leaving a space of 6 ft between buildings.

George also noted that the "infield drag equipment" had 1" or 1 ½" bolts and doesn't break up the dirt clumps. Looking at a new "nail drag line" which could be used once a week and then water the infield intensively which should cure the infield problems. Cost would be \$800.00. The Drag equipment would be stored in the new shed or building where Rec Center has their equipment. Motion made and passed to purchase new infield drag equipment.

George noted that “Cat Litter” did work extremely well for absorbing the standing water on the infield.

Bob Peck to make list of Sponsors to be contacted regarding \$100 renewal of Banners.

Women’s League-Laurel Andrew reported Season coming to end and new board members were being scouted.

Friday Coed League - Bill Hill noted that the Friday League was in process of participating in “Sanctioning Meetings” once dates set. Information regarding; uniforms, sponsors list would be reviewed.

70’s League - Jim McGuire stated that Lund Cadillac spanned 14 yrs of supplying shirts/caps/balls to our SCW Softball Club. Therefore, they should be invited to events such as Day in the Park. Board agreed and Jim to invite Lund Cadillac.

Also, Jim requested that \$50 be paid to 70’s League to defray the costs of paper and ink cartridges. Motion approved and passed.

Lastly, Jim asked Rick Fish if he could obtain the birthdates of players for eligibility requirements of the 70’s League Players. Rick to work with Jim.

IT - Rich Fish announced that the Data Base Development side is working well. Web site needs a little work. Would like sponsor lists and looking into sporting goods companies as possible web site participants.

(1) Bosom Buddies’ Tournament -- 2/20/10 and Ended 2/27/2010. Ken Skinner Chairman. Final Post Meeting set for 3-3-2010 to discuss event successes and possible improvements for next year. SCG being considered as a partner in next years BB Tourney. Funds raised for Bosom Buddies was +\$7,500. Big Thanks to all who contributed their time and talent to make it a success.

(2) Spring Fling (Thurs. – Sat.) -- 3/4/10 through 3/7/10. 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. An all Women’s Team has been invited to participate. Women Players will be from N/L and Women’s League. 1st Place Winner will receive traditional Spring Fling T-Shirt.

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(3) Day in the Park -- 3/20/10. The Independent, Rec Center News and Newsletter

running articles on Event. Posters placed on a few golf cars for visual reminders at Ball Park. Need Car Dealer information such as “space needed”. Emails need to be sent out *REMINDING PLAYERS to WEAR LEAGUE JERSEYS*. March 16th is Deadline for getting names to Laurel so she can complete Sponsor Table Signs.

(4) Palm Desert --NOW 4/10 (changed from 4/24). 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. Text ordering food.

(5) League Banquet – March 24th at Palm Ridge Rec Center. Bob Williams, Chair man. Tickets given to Managers to sell.

(6) Tin Cup Golf Tournament – April 11th . CANCELLED. Facility Reservation being cancelled today.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS

OPEN PRACTICE: Jan Strock is putting together a Guide on who is eligible to use machine.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Issue Revisited - the Board revisited the issue of being pro active in regards to the safety of the pitcher.

This morning at the March 1, 2010 Board meeting of the SCW Softball Club, the following was approved by a motion of the governing board:

Beginning with the Spring Fling this week and continuing on a trial basis until the end of the winter session on April 1, pitchers at SCW Liberty Field will be required to wear a protective mask during games. This action applies only to the American and National League games played on Tuesday & Thursday. No other leagues or days are affected. The SCW Club will purchase two masks to be available for use by pitchers who do not have one.

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George Karras recommended having a **Softball Garage Sale** in April or May to be held

at Liberty Field. The income made from this event could help offset the declining funds received from Sign/Banner sales.

Need to send a Thank You letter to Carol Bond, Popcorn Princess.

Discussion of Hall of Fame members that have passed away being recognized on the plaque with a black ribbon or notation. George to take to Hall of Fame Committee.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

The next Board meeting will be held April 5th, 2010 at RH Johnson - Stampede Rm (7:30 AM).

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurel Andrew, Secretary

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