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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) at 9:04a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, George Karras, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

No guests present.

ATTENDANCE:

A total of 87 members signed in and were present at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken made available his usual detailed report to the membership including a copy of the CR-7 that goes to the Sun City West Recreation Center.

Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$7,559.03. The closing balance as of February 16, 2007 of \$24,047.97, in which \$14,660.00 is the Tin Cup Income to date. Lyle Bakken clarified that the Recreation Center billboard balance is \$34,942.14 in which, 25% is immediately available to the SCWSC of \$8,735.14 as of February 16, 2007. Lyle also in his report covered the costs of \$2,809.52 for the erection of the Foul Poles and another \$9,332.51 for the material and labor costs that were accrued for the warm-up grass area on the first base side of Liberty Field. No further action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

Grass Turf Area:

This project has been completed.

Scoreboard Signage:

This project has been completed.

On-Deck Circles:

Art Nelson reported that the on deck circles have been returned to the manufacturer due to the fact that we did not receive what we ordered. Art doesn't know if were going to get them replaced or not. No further action taken.

Ramada Project:

Dick LeMoine gave an overview on the Ramada project that was started over a year ago. Dick LeMoine passed around the blueprints of the Ramada project for those in attendance to look at. Dick reported that the funding for this Ramada Project will be funded by the Tin Cup Tournament and/or the generosity of the contractors. The Ramada Project is moving forward. A question came up whether the Recreation Center gets any portion of the money raised from the Tin Cup. The answer is no. The only money that the Recreation Center holds for us is the money raised from Billboard sales only. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Art Nelson reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament raised \$6,000.00 for breast cancer.

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Art Nelson also reported that the Cardiac Kids Tournament raised over \$1800.00 for the Arizona Heart Foundation.

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner reported that the 6th Annual Spring Fling is underway with the National League having enough players to field eight teams. The American League has not responded as favorably and if you want to play it is open to all American League players regardless of rating. Ken Skinner said it depends on how many American League players sign up, as to what the format there will be for the Saturday and Sunday games. The Spring Fling Tournament is open to all players of the league regardless whether you live in Sun City West, or Sun City. No further action.

Tin Cup Tournament:

Dick LeMoine reported that the Tin Cup started three years ago to show our appreciation to our sponsors. There will be a beer garden, evening dance and awards. Arrowhead Lexus has made a car available to us to generate funds. This tournament will be at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West on April 16. There is a slight increase in costs this year over last year and we're trying to keep the cost down as low as possible, but we still want the prizes and fun that comes with it. Wayne Mitchell reported that there are 15 openings left for golfers at this time. Dick LeMoine said that the Tin Cup is a means for the Sun City West Softball Club to generate funds to help improve our field such as stadium seating. The Tin Cup is also selling banners that will be displayed around the Briarwood Country Club. These banners will then be moved to the Softball Field after the Tin Cup and will be displayed for a minimum of 6 months along the left and right field fencing. We also need people to volunteer their golf cars for the tournament. You can contact Dick LeMoine if you would like to participate in this endeavor. Dick also reported that on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Beardsley Park there will be a "Day in the Park". This event is set up for the sponsors who participate and will give us the opportunity to thank them for all they do for us. You will be able to test drive a Lexus and the new line of golf cars from Desert Golf Cars. Also, Windermere will be sponsoring a putt for a pie. There will also be free food and other activities. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Art Nelson reported that we have three new billboard sponsors. Air by Dean, Cranstoun Court Jewellers, and Windermere will have their third billboard in the outfield.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that as of today we have a total of 266 members in the club, which includes 32 women players. Ken Skinner also reported that not all players are playing who are members due to them not being assigned or due to injuries. No further action taken.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that this year he started an umpires program that is called the SCSSL Umpires Association. We currently have a total of 12 active umpires. Ken also reported that we meet at Liberty Field every Monday at 4 p.m. these clinics are open to anyone in the league who wants to participate. None of the umpires are paid and you must purchase your own uniform. No further action taken.

League Board Report:

League Banquet:

Mike Hester reported that the Annual League Banquet will be held on March 23, 2007 at the Sundial Auditorium in Sun City. The total cost per meal is \$15.00 per person and each club will absorb five dollars of this cost. Mike continued by reading the planned menu and at that time the new inductees to the Hall of Fame will be announced. No further action was taken.

Team Photos:

Mike Hester reported that our annual photo day will be March 20, (*National League*) and March 22 (*American League*). All photos will be taken at the Sun City Field. Mike asked for volunteers to help with this from the American League and National League. Mike also reported that the women's team pictures would be taken on Thursday, March 22. The format and the costs will be the same as last year.

Sun Cities Palm Desert Tournament:

Mike Hester reported that he was contacted by a softball club in Palm Desert, California that will be playing tournament games with us. The date has been set for Saturday, April 14, 2007. There will be two games in the morning, and then we'll break for lunch and two games in the afternoon. Palm Desert has also invited us back to play them, either in May or October. However, no definite date has not been a date at this time. If you're interested in playing in this tournament you must see Wayne Mitchell, or Hugh Kelly. No further action taken at this time.

Rules Committee:

Wayne Mitchell reported that there is a rules committee for the American League which consists of Bob Freeman and Wayne Mitchell from Sun City West, and Greg Owens and Bill Buxton from Sun City. Wayne also mentioned that whoever is the league president at the time also sits on the committee as the fifth member. There are a couple a rules that they will be looking and will be meeting next month to go over the possible rule changes to be brought before the league. Wayne also indicated that when there is a possible rule change, they like to implement these changes during the summer session to see what effect they have on the players and the game. No further action taken at this time. *Special Note:* The National League has the National League Committee to make their rule change recommendations. No further action.

Women's League:

Carol Bowden reported for the women's league representative who is Karen Hill who had to leave. Carol reported that the Women's League is now sanctioned by the Sun City West Softball Club and will be establishing their own rules of play within the guidelines of the American League and National League. These rules will be presented to the club as soon as the season is completed and the women's league has decided what they want in the rules.

On Mondays the club has provided the women the opportunity to play and practice. Carol said that they would like to keep the Hotflashes and Sparks teams with the hopes of adding a third team. Carol also reported that within the five teams that are members of the Northwest Valley Women's Softball Association, the Hotflashes still maintain their undefeated position. Also, the "Sparks" are gaining respect and ability as they continue to play. No further action.

Friday League:

Lyle Bakken reported that Ray Murphy is the designated representative but was not present. In Ray's absence Lyle reported that it's going fine. Because someone has taken the sign-up sheet that was in the clubhouse, if you are now interested in playing on one of the Friday Co-ed teams, please contact Dennis Farrar and he will place you on the placement list. No further action.

National League:

Rich McAndrews reported that there are 109 players signed up. There will be eight teams and the managers will be drafting players for their teams on Friday, February 23, 2007. There will be prizes for the winning team, and a consolation prize for the runner-up team. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

SUN ISSUE AT LIBERTY FIELD:

Mike Hester reported that the sun for the last game at Liberty Field has become a big problem. Mike Hester will bring this before the next league Board meeting. This scenario will change as play continues and the sun moves in a different location. No further action taken.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND/OR GESTURES

Mike Hester reported that from time to time we have players who get too loud and verbal during the game. We need to all watch what we say in the words we use. Remember, there are many spectators who watch our games and some of the players even bring their grandchildren to the games. So please watch your language!! Mike is suggested that a player be given a warning on the first offence, and the second time it happens the player is removed from the game. However, this will be at the total discretion of the umpire and Mike intends to bring this up at the next League Board meeting for a ruling and clarification. No further action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Art Nelson reported that at one of the games a player hit a foul ball that went out into the street and broke the windshield on a passing car. Art went to the Recreation Center, and they instructed him it is the same as a golf ball. If you hit a ball that damages someone's property it is your responsibility to take care of it. The Softball Club and the Recreation Center do not have insurance that covers this type of property damage. Art Nelson has called the lady whose car was damaged but has not received a call back from her yet. The Sun City West Softball Club has agreed, this time only, to cover her deductible, if applicable to the lady's insurance on glass coverage. However, from this point forward the player that creates the property damage is responsible for damages. No further action taken.

BORROWING CLUB PROPERTY:

Art Nelson reported that we had an individual who is a club member who requested to borrow one of the coffee urns located in the clubhouse for his neighbors, daughters, wedding. This individual was told no, and proceeded to go into the clubhouse while the cleaning crew was cleaning and took the coffee urn anyway. The equipment and inventory that the Sun City West Softball Club has is not for individual use. Art Nelson said that this incident will be brought up at the next Sun City West Board Meeting for action. No further action taken at this time.

CO-MINGLE VOTE:

After some discussion, the annual co-mingling vote for reciprocal play between Sun City West & Sun City was taken by ballot vote with the following results.

- Yes = 65
- No = 22

Therefore, we will continue to co-mingle with Sun City Softball Club for the 2007 season. This issue will be addressed by the Sun City West Board at a future board meeting for a possible change in the bylaws to eliminate this annual process.

COMMENTS:

Annual Dues Cut-off Date:

Per the minutes of the Boards Meeting on February 5, 2007, Lyle Bakken added that anyone paying dues before December 1 would be applied to current year, and any dues received after December 1 would be applied to the New Year. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, March 5, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will October 22, 2007 • 9:00a.m. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) • Sun City West. Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club