



**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) at 6:33pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Rich McAndrews and Art Nelson.

ATTENDANCE:

A total of 47 members signed in and were present at the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Art Nelson introduced the board members to the general membership and their duties of responsibility.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his treasurer report as follows:

As of October 31, 2007 we have a club balance of \$3479.53. A credit union balance of \$26,478.27. A SCW Recreation Center balance of \$31,912.82 this brings our total to \$61,870.62.

ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Because Lyle Bakken goes off the board at the end of this year, Art Nelson addressed to the membership that we think about the possibility of hiring Lyle Bakken at \$50 per month as a financial consultant to our club because of the amount of money that goes through our treasury each year. Art addressed the General membership and asked for ideas. There were a few comments made with the following results.

Art Nelson asked for a show of hands to see who would be in favor of this idea. The majority of the members present voted to check on this possibility. Lyle commented that the \$50 per month fee is agreeable to him, plus, any out-of-pocket expenses. Art Nelson will check on this further and report the results. No further action taken at this time.

Field Maintenance:

Art Nelson reported that the first-base side has been completed. The patio area has been added and is being used a lot. We have purchased a barbecue and the seats that are installed in the bleachers will be completed.

Barbeque Island:

After a lot of discussion on the permanent barbecue island, Dick LeMoine made a motion that we check on our options on purchasing the barbecue Island and is not to exceed \$5,000.00. Larry Ott seconded the motion. By a show of hands, motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

3rd Base area:

Art Nelson gave a detailed report of the plans that are being made to finish the third-base side behind the dugout and that the plans are to remove all the rock which tends to find its way onto the field. Peacock Landscaping gave us a quote of \$5,250.00. After some discussion, Herb Clark made a motion that we complete the third-base side. Tony DeBiasio seconded the motion. By a show of hands, motion carried. No further action taken.

Portable Misters:

Bruce Brady brought up that George Karras would like to purchase portable misters but would like to get the opinion of the membership. After some discussion and thought the membership decide not to proceed on this project at this time. No further action taken.

Doggie Signs:

Cal Shirey brought up that on occasion he has gone by Liberty Field and has noticed people using the ball field as a doggie relief area. After some discussion, Art Nelson said that he will have signs put up to help minimize this problem. No further action taken at this time.

Special Events:

Palm Desert:

Mike Hester reported that they are going back to Palm Desert to reciprocate play. They're very anxious for us to come and see their facilities. Mike Hester said there's a possibility that we can expand this as we go forward. This tournament has been very well received on both ends. No further action taken.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Art Nelson reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament will be held ¹March 8-10, 2008.

Exhibition Games:

Herb Clark mentioned that on November 25, 2008 there will two games played at Liberty Field. The first game starting at one o'clock will be between the SCW Women playing the Half Pints. The second game will follow, which will be between the Bissbee Bees and the 60's Sidewinder's. This game will be played in the vintage style of softball and follow the 1865 rules.

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Art Nelson also reported that the Cardiac Kids Tournament will be February 2, 2008.

Spring Fling:

Art Nelson reported that the Annual Spring Fling is set for March 6-9, 2008. The National League will play on Thursday & Friday, and the American League will play on Saturday and Sunday. 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 Golf Tournament:

Dick LeMoine reported that the 2008 Tin Cup will be the fifth year and will be held on April 13, 2008. The Deer Valley Golf Course will host the event the entire day and Palm Ridge Recreation Center for the entire day. They reported that there will be high-noon tea that Phyllis Freeman will host for those spouses not playing in the tournament. They reported that volunteers will be needed again so if you are interested please contact Dick LeMoine. No further action taken.

¹ Correction per SCW Board Meeting 12/3/07: The Bosom Buddies Tournament is February 8-10, 2008 — not March 8-10, 2008.

Membership:

Lyle Bakken reported that we currently have 297 paid up members, which includes 8 pre-paid. Lyle said that since last January 1, 2007 we have signed up 33 new members.

Lyle made a special note that dues are due January 1st and any dues paid after December 1 of the current year will be applied to the coming year. Dues that are paid prior to December 1 will be due again in January. No further action taken.

Umpires:

In the absence of Ken Skinner, Art Nelson reported that Ken has his umpire clinics every Monday at 4:00pm at Liberty Field. Art reiterated that all players should get involved in umpiring and should know the rules. All league members are welcome to attend. No further action taken.

League Board Report:

Mike Hester reported that there are 13 teams in both the American League and National League. The batter boxes have been installed at both Liberty Field and Sun Bowl Field. An additional pitchers rubber has been installed in Sun City West and Art has spoken to someone at the Sun Bowl Field to do the same rather than using a chalk line. No further action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

TWO PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

1. Co-mingling:

Rich McAndrews reported that there is a proposed change in the bylaws to continue the co-mingling with our Sun City Softball friends to the general membership as follows:

Currently Reads:

Article VII – Teams Composed of Sun City and Sun City West Players

Section B

Since regular use of the Sun City West Facilities by non-club members (e.g. Sun City players) conflicts with the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, chapter 3, paragraph 2e, "Preamble", a valid waiver is required from the RCSCW Governing Board in accordance with paragraph 1,4 of the RR&P's. This waiver shall continue on a year to year basis provided that the members of the SCW Softball Chartered Club (SCWSCC) vote at a regular membership meeting each year to reaffirm their desire to continue play on such combined teams. Sun City players may not be members of SCWSCC and therefore are not required to vote.

Proposed Change:

... This waiver shall continue on an on going basis or until the Sun City West Softball Chartered Club members at a general membership meeting have a majority vote to discontinue play with non-club members.

The written ballot to the change the by-laws to waiver the co-mingling vote each year passed as follows:

- Yes = 38
- No = 7

2. Allowed Amount Change for the Board:

Rich McAndrews read the current by-laws and the proposed change to the general membership as follows.

Currently Reads:

Article V – Financial

Section B

The Board shall have the authority to spend money (up to \$2,000.00) necessary for the operation of the Club. Spending over \$2,000.00 must be approved by a vote of the members. However, in an emergency situation, the President may approve a maximum limit of \$250.00. Board approval is required for any amount over \$250.00, confirmed by telephone or e-mail by a majority-of the board. Only expenditures of \$15.00 or less can be paid by Petty Cash.

Proposed Change:

Article V – Financial

Section B

The Board shall have the authority to spend money (up to \$5,000.00) necessary for the operation of the Club. Spending over \$5,000.00 must be approved by a vote of the members. However, in an emergency situation, the president may approve a maximum limit of \$500.00. Board approval is required for any amount over \$500.00, confirmed by phone or by e-mail by a majority of the Board. Only expenditures of \$25.00 or less can be paid by Petty Cash.

A show of hands vote to the By-law change to increase the board amounts passed with the following results:

- Yes = 42
- No = 3

NEW BUSINESS

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR:

Bruce Brady reported that there is a new defibrillator in the clubhouse and it's easier to use. No further action taken.

NEW BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

Art Nelson reported that currently we have five candidates running for the 2008-09 SCWSC Board. Art opened the floor to nominations and Jan Strock indicated that he would like to have his name submitted as a board candidate. There were no other nominations so the nominations were closed.

The candidates for the 2008-09 Sun City West Board are:

Carol Bowen, Rich McAndrews, Mel Schiebel, Cal Shirey, Jan Strock, and Richard Wells.

The above candidates addressed the general membership on some of the items they would like to do if elected to the board. No further action taken.

The board elections will be on Tuesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 29 at Liberty Field.

NEW FLAG & POLE:

Dick LeMoine would like to see the members and the board work towards putting a new flag and flag pole in left field. The current flag and pole are worn out. Mike Hester said that the board has the cost for the project is estimated at approximately \$3600.00. This includes taking down the old flag and installing the new one. This was brought before the board before and the board rejected this project at the time. Bruce Brady brought up that he thinks it's the Recreation Center's responsibility to installing new flag and pole. Art Nelson entertained the idea of having someone in the club stepped forward to head up a committee to take up this project. Art Nelson asked for a show of hands of how many would be interested in the board revisiting this issue. The general membership voted overwhelmingly for us to revisit this project. No further action taken at this time.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 3, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, President, Art Nelson declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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