

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
MINUTES GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
RH Johnson Lecture hall
6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Dick LeMoine at 6:30 PM.

A. Roll Call: Present; Dick LeMoine, Ron Eppley, Don Swanson, Laurel Andrew, Wendell Osborne, Jack Harrison, and Tim Harmon.
Absent; none.

B. New Board Members: Recognized Tim Harmon, Jack Harrison

2. SCW ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS: Recognized Wendell Osborn (President), Tim Harmon, Jack Harrison, Ron Eppley.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL dated January 3, 2011. Motion made, seconded and passed.

4. TREASURERS REPORT given by Accountant Lyle Bakken.

M& I	\$11,155.80	Membership *240 Paid
M/M & M & I	\$38,639.25	
Rec Center	<u>\$33,550.24</u>	
	\$83,345.29	

(please note that some of that money is "Tin Cup" income)

*Tuesday, Feb 8th is deadline to have player's dues paid. Don't pay, don't play.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

A. FEB. 5TH, CARDIAC KIDS. Chairman Ken Skinner reported that there would be four teams. Banner Sun Health Foundation would be the recipient of funds received.

B. FEB. 19TH, 20TH. BOSOM BUDDIES. Chairman Ken Skinner reported that eight teams would be signing up. And the recipients this year would be; Bosom Buddies/"Breast Cancer Support Group", "Single Moms", and "Women in Advanced Stages of Breast Cancer". Make checks out to Bosom Buddies and they will distribute to other two recipients.

Carol Bowden is collecting items for SILENT AUCTION. Please contact your friends in the wood shop and/or metal shop to see if items could be donated.

C. MAR 3 - 5, SPRING FLING Signups are occurring and teams will be chosen.

D. MAR 12th, ALL STATES TOURNAMENT Chairman Ozzie Organizing event. States participating; Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and two Washington Teams. Jan Strock noted that SCW Posse has had their funding depleted so money made at this event may be donated to the Posse. He is trying to get Sheriff Joe and the Canine Corps to be present at the event. SCW Softball will provide the hamburgers, etc.

E. APRIL 10TH (Sunday) TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT Chairman Larry Bond is working towards doubling the participation from 2 yrs ago (was 144 golfers, wants 288). Possibly two golf courses will be used (Trail Ridge and Deer Valley). The Banquet is scheduled for Palm Ridge which will hold 420 people.

Hard copy mailings have gone out. Reservation forms/Raffle tickets will be set up at various courses and businesses. Flyers will be placed in local business windows to attract more participants. A top line golf car will be raffled off. Lexus is again the Sponsor for the TIN CUP. There are many big and small sponsors supporting this event. The game itself will be dedicated to the Military Veterans. A Silent Auction will be held.

Looking for people to donate use of their condos to help raise money for Softball Club. The "Goal" of the TIN CUP is Sponsor Appreciation, and to have a lot of fun and camaraderie.

F. April 2nd and 9th, SADDLEBROOK AND PALM DESERT Work in progress.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FIELD MAINTENANCE: Supervisor Ray Early acknowledged Arnie Wright and Tex Wells for their hard work. Latest improvements have been; concession stand upgraded, doorstops added, telephone messaging system upgraded, internet to communicate, golf car parking lot re-stripped, new ball/bases boxes replaced. A big thank you to N/L and A/L teams for "dragging infield" between games. Improvements yet to come; flagpole lights, repair security lights (spotlights over field), repair outside telephone and have Fast Signs repair the new blue sponsor signs that have incurred holes plus put up new 36' Sign in outfield, .

D. IT "Information Technology" COMMITTEE reported on by Rick Fish. Game plan to put out monthly training sessions. Data Base to "page you" in addition to sending out. On line directory and pictures will be available to look at. Need an infrastructure network to speed up like DLS Line. Cost approx \$600 per year.

C. NATIONAL COMMITTEE reported on by Rich McAndrews. Fourteen teams this session and next. New players coming in every week.

D. AMERICAN COMMITTEE reported on by Bob Dobbins. Players assigned to teams and placement pool formed.

E. BANNER/BILLBOARDS reported on by Ron Eppley. Need more banner sponsors. There is space for 3 more bill boards.

F. ARTIFICIAL TURF reported on by Bob Peck. Bob attended the Properties Committee Meeting regarding artificial turf. Committee interested but want to see funding proposal. The "field trip" to Scottsdale Christian Academy to tryout the Astro Turf was attended by 15 people. Future meetings of SCW SoftBall members to discuss proposal to follow. "U Tube" video, prepared by Dennis Farrar, showing the outing to an existing Astro Turf sporting facility is available for viewing on our website. Much more discussion and proposals need to be looked at before General Membership is asked to cast a vote.

7. *115 POINT RATING RULE A/L. Bob Dobbins explained that the A/L Committee set the rating of 115 as the minimum standard to get into the A/L. Vote was unanimous on Jan 5th. New player rated less than 115 cannot put in for A/L Draft. Existing A/L player that falls below the 115 rating has 1 yr (grace period) to improve. That player would go into N/L or not play. A/L players are available to work with player. Evaluations (ratings) are done twice a year.

*115 Rating has four factors to evaluate; hitting, fielding, throwing, running. Seven people (Dobbins, Power, Johnson, Buxton, Toepel, Conn, and Keinath) do ratings and add up and divide by seven. The reason this system was established was due mainly to safety issues. Anyone playing at less than 115 pts constituted as being a safety issue. A Hall of Fame recipient isn't exempt from this 115 Pt Rating system.

8. RULES

A. SOCKS Bob Dobbins reported that the A/L eliminated the word socks from their "uniform". Socks will no longer be purchased nor provided as part of the uniform.

B. ASA BAT RULE not addressed at this meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS One Pitch Tournament was a success. Participation excellent.

10. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding the need to inform ALL players when a fellow ball player has passed away. Dick LeMoine will look into the procedure used and report on the findings at the next monthly board meeting scheduled for Feb 7th at 6:30 AM at the Men's Club (Stampede Room). Apologies and concern was discussed by LeMoine and other players regarding Gordon Roth's passing and the untimely posting of information regarding the funeral.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 8:40 PM.

Additional information provided:

Wednesday, Feb 2, 2011	6:30 PM	Lecture Hall – General Mtg
Monday, Feb 7, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Monday, Mar 7, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Monday, April 4, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Wednesday, April 6, 2011	6:30 PM	Lecture Hall – General Mtg
Monday, May 2, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Monday, Sept 12 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Roundup Rm
Monday, Oct 3, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Wednesday, Nov 2, 2011	6:30 PM	Lecture Hall – General Mtg
Monday, Nov 7 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Roundup Rm
Monday, Dec 5, 2011	7:30 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Am Lg Mgr Mtg – Wed, Jan 5, 2011	8:00AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Am Lg Draft – Fri, Jan 7, 2011	8:00AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Nat'l Lg Mgr Mtg – Wed, Jan 5, 2011	1:00 PM	RH Johnson –Stampede Rm
Nat'l Lg Draft – Mon, Jan 10, 2011	<u>3:00 PM</u>	<u>RH Johnson –Lecture Hall</u>
Am Lg Mgr Mtg – Mon, Oct 10, 2011	8:00 AM	RH Johnson – Roundup Rm
Am Lg Draft – Thurs, Oct 13, 2011	8:00 AM	RH Johnson – Stampede Rm
Nat'l Lg Mgr Mtg – Tues, Oct 11, 2011	8:00 AM	RH Johnson –Stampede Rm
Nat'l Lg Draft – Mon, Oct 17, 2011	8:00 AM	RH Johnson –Roundup Rm