

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2017**

President Dick LeMoine convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Board members present: President Dick LeMoine, Secretary Larry Reed, Treasurer John McFarland, Marcel Mantha, Ron Kolacek, and Lloyd Styrwoll.

March 6, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:

- Board meeting minutes had previously been approved and posted to the club website.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lyle Bakken presented the monthly Treasurer's report.
- As of March 31, 2017, there is a club balance of \$248,075.90 dispersed among 4 accounts.
- Motion from Lloyd Styrwoll to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ron Kolacek. Motion passed.

Correspondence (President LeMoine):

- Softball Club Standing Committees - Dick LeMoine received a letter from Cindy Knowlton, Administrative Assistant to the Sun City West Recreation Center General Manager, stating the recreation center had been contacted by a club member expressing concern that not all leagues were listed as standing committees in the club by-laws. In response, Lloyd Styrwoll made a proposal to amend the Sun City West Softball Club By-Laws as follows: "Currently our By-Laws do not include all the standing committees. It is proposed that the following committees be added to Section VI E - Permanent Committees: Central League, 70's League, Co-Ed League, Women's League, Summer League, and Angels in the Outfield. It is further proposed that each of these standing committees be linked to their corresponding sites on the Sun City West Softball Club webpage." The proposal was read to the meeting attendees and will be posted for member review at least 30 days prior to a vote at the November, 2017 general membership meeting. Dick asked club members, in the future, to direct any concerns about club business or suggestions for club improvement to the board or appropriate standing committee rather than to unnecessarily involve people outside the club.
- Board Nominations - Dick LeMoine reminded attendees that nominations will be accepted to fill positions on the board. Dick stressed that three important positions will be vacated at the end of this year - club President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elections will be held in November.
- Billboards, Banners, and Sponsors - Dick LeMoine mentioned a board member had tentatively agreed to assume Chairmanship of the BB&S committee. Dick has since verified that Joe Gallo has firmly agreed to fill that position. We thank Joe for volunteering and look forward to his contributions to our club.
- Angels in the Outfield - Dick LeMoine announced that Barbara McFarland has agreed to become Chairperson of this valued club support organization. We thank Barbara for volunteering and also look forward to her contributions to our club.

Field Maintenance:

- Ken Skinner stated club member Jerry Bianchi would be constructing a new hitting platform to be installed by the batting screen next to the equipment sheds at Liberty Field. In the meantime, Ken is asking players using the hitting screen to be vigilant of people using the nearby walking path and showing them courtesy when they pass by.
- Ken mentioned two events to be held in April at the field. On Sunday, April 9, a mini-tournament will be held featuring 70's and 75's teams from Palm Desert, Cal. and our Sun Cities teams. This is a rotating reciprocal tournament which has been held for the past 12 years. On Monday, April 17, APS will offer a softball instructional clinic for club members. Instructors will be former major league ballplayers.
- Ken mentioned non-smoking areas of the field will be enforced. Smokers will be reminded they may only smoke in the areas designated by the recreation center.

American League, National League, 70's League, Women's League:

- There were no committee reports.

Central League:

- Randy Settje, League Chairman, mentioned the league will conduct an open discussion for all players immediately after the last game at the Sun City field on April 6th.
- Randy said the league expects to have 10-11 teams for the fall, 2017 session.
- Randy mentioned a ceremony was held during the Central League / National League combined States Tournament to thank the owner of Hole-In-One restaurant for his sponsorship of the umpire and scorekeeper programs which are being implemented in the American, Central, and National Leagues. Marty, the owner, was presented with a jacket and cap from the league in appreciation for his support. Dick LeMoine recommended club leagues consider providing a similar appreciation event for other key club sponsors.

Co-Ed League:

- Dick LeMoine introduced Rick Bialock as the new Chairman of the Co-Ed League committee. Dick stated Rick has selected 4 Co-Ed League players to serve on his Committee. They are Ron Blackwell, Judy Christ, Donna Reed, and Patti Settje.
- Dick stated he is very pleased with how smoothly things are coming together in the league and praised Rick for the excellent job he has done to manage all the changes being made to improve league operation and bring it in alignment with club standards.
- Dick mentioned the Co-Ed League will conduct its first-ever draft of players on October 20, 2017.

Old Business:

- There was no old business to conduct.

New Business:

- Las Vegas Del Webb Softball – Dick LeMoine asked attendees for a show of hands on who would be interested in playing softball against a team(s) representing Del Webb communities in Las Vegas. A majority of attendees raised their hands.
- Central League States Tournament – Ron Kolacek stated he was working with 2 other club members to put together a plan and proposal to develop a Central League – only states tournament.
- Umpire Program – Marcel Mantha asked for response from attendees on how they thought the new umpire program in the American League was going. Responses from some American League umpires in attendance indicated people were happy with the results so far.

President LeMoine adjourned the meeting.

Next General Membership Meeting: November 8, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the R. H. Johnson Lecture Hall.

Submitted by Larry Reed, Board Secretary.