

SUN CITIES SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

President Chuck Holt called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. in the Bell Center, meeting room Sun City.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chuck Holt, Julie McGlynn, Gregg Owens, Mike Hester, Richard Wells, Len Wicketts, and Rich McAndrews

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar and Jan Strock.

INTRODUCTION:

President Chuck Holt welcomed the board members and guests. He acknowledged all board members by thanking them for their effort, time, and commitment to the League.

Chuck also talked about the League Proposals that all players will have the opportunity to review and make a decision on by voting next Tuesday and Thursday. This is a great opportunity to get feedback from each and every player. A check off list will be furnished to insure everyone has a chance to vote. A review of the voting will be Friday morning, March 21st, Liberty Field.

FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

The February 13, 2008 minutes were electronically approved by all board members and have already been posted on the web site.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT – SUMMER LEAGUES

National League – Rich McAndrews

Rich reported two individuals had volunteered to work as the commissioner for the summer sessions. Bob Williams and Carl Johnson. Chuck Holt said that he had visited with Carl Johnson and if there was other interest he would withdraw. A motion was made by Richard Wells to have Bob Williams chair the summer sessions, seconded by Len Wicketts and carried by all board members.

American League – Gregg Owens

Gregg reported that Chuck Holt chaired the summer sessions last year and asked Chuck if he would again. Chuck, response was only if there are no other candidates. Gregg reply was they would like to ask Mike Graham. A motion was made by Richard Wells to ask Mike Graham, 2nd by Mike Hester and carried by all board members.

Summer Session Dates

First Session -- April 15 through June 5

Second Session – June 10 through July 31

Third Session -- August 2 through September 18

The First and Second session would have 16 games each and the Third session would have 14 games.

Summer Proposed Rule Changes

A proposal was made to purchase a pitcher's screen for trial in summer play. The guard would be half the size as the one's that currently being used for practices. This proposal was discussed at

Committee's should review how the game would be played using a pitchers guard and report back to the League Board at next months meeting. (Example – if a batter hit the ball into the guard would it be called a strike, ball, base hit, or out. If a player makes a throw and hits the guard is it a live or dead ball. Etc.)

Another proposal is the 165-foot outfield line. This line would be 165 feet from home plate and run foul line to foul line. Outfielders would not be permitted to come any closer to home plate than 165 feet. No action taken

Player Survey

A player survey has been compiled and information will be requested from each player in the next two weeks. This survey will ask for name, phone number, cell phone, desired playing position, are you playing summer ball, and fall return date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

National League – Rich McAndrews

Rich reported that the committee had meet on March 11th with one committee member absent. At that meeting the substitution rules were reviewed and the committee agreed to allow managers to get subs from both the game prior and the game after. Exception the first game of the day managers can get subs from the two games after, and the last game of the day managers can get subs from the two games prior.

The committee also discussed next fall session and how teams should be selected. The committee proposal to the League Board was to continue selecting teams by a draft procedure. A motion was made Gregg Owens and seconded by Richard Wells to continue a draft for the fall session. This motion carried by a vote of – four for, one against, and one abstention due to board member having to leave early.

American League – Gregg Owens

Gregg had a hand out of committee functions and duties he wanted the League Board to review make suggestions, or changes. Further discussions to be held at next board meeting.

The American League Rules section C. Uniforms, sentence eight stats. **In support of our sponsors, a full-league issued uniform consisting of cap/women's visor, pants or shorts, socks (pulled up), and the team shirt must be worn so the sponsor's name is clearly visible and shirrtails are tucked in.** Gregg made a motion that socks (pulled up) be stricken from the rule. Julie McGlynn second the motion. Motion was defeated.

Equipment and Sponsors – Len Wicketts

Len reported that he had been in contact with all sponsors in Sun City concerning the upcoming League Banquet and that Carol Bowden is doing the same in Sun City West.

Publicity and Communication -- Richard Wells

A motion was made to allow players to list their softball items for sale in the monthly newsletter. There was no second: motion died.

Managers and umpires – Julie McGlynn

Julie reported that to her knowledge there were not any manager issues. However, there are a number of players that have been umpiring games that have not familiarized themselves with the rules and are not always in the right position to make the correct call. Umpiring and Scorekeeping are two areas that players continue to struggle and it is not always new players.

Special Events – Mike Hester

Day in the Park – March 15th – this is a day for Sponsors to have an opportunity to meet players and there guests. Over 40 sponsors have been invited and upward of 1000 people are expected.

Annual League Banquet – March 28th 5:00 p.m. Palm Rec Center – All team managers

member or members have been selected.

Vintage Softball – Games Scheduled for March 22nd. Rematch between Bisbee and SCW

Black Stockings, followed by a game between Bisbee and SCW Red Stockings

Game Time 12:30 p.m.

Palm Spring's Games – Scheduled for April 19th

Sponsor Appreciation Days - currently unsure of the dates, will report next board meeting

CLUB REPORTS

Sun City – Julie McGlynn

Julie reported that the Sun City Club held their General Meeting on Monday, March 10th. That a nominating committee was formed and a change was made to the Rules & Regulations concerning player safety.

Sun City West – Mike Hester

Mike reported the improvements to the field that are currently underway. (warm-up area 3rd base, bulletin boards). He also addressed an addition to the existing scoreboard that would include sponsors names and inning-by-inning score. Plus there is still discussion on a new Flag Pole.

Women's Teams – Julie McGlynn

No discussion at this time

OLD BUSINESS

Operational Procedures – Julie McGlynn

No discussion at this time. Tabled until next board meeting.

Team Pictures -- Chuck Holt

The pictures are scheduled for March 18, American League and March 20th, National League. Remember we need all players to make their scheduled times at least one half hour before their game is scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Inspiration Team

A proposal for an Inspiration Team was made by Dave Hall and given to Julie McGlynn to present to the League Board. The Board will take the proposal under review and discussion at next board meeting.

GUEST COMMENTS

None

NEXT LEAGUE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 8:00 A.M. – Riverview Golf Course, on Del Webb Blvd. - Sun City

ADJOURNMENT

Len Wicketts made a motion to adjourn, Rich McAndrews seconded the motion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M

Respectfully submitted

Rich McAndrews, Secretary
Sun City Senior Softball League