

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

ACACIA ROOM @ PALM RIDGE Recreation Center 7:30am – 9:30am

Call to order by President Dobbins @ 7:30A

- PRESENT: President Bob Dobbins, Sec. Barb Waddell, Treas. John McFarland,

At Large, Ron Eppley

ABSENT: VP Les Olerich, at Large Members: Gordon Kinkead, and Pat Regan

OTHERS PRESENT: Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Dennis Christenson, Tim Colwell, Ted DeCampo, Nancy Dobbins, Ray Early, Roger Pribnow, Ken Skinner TOTAL 13

- MINUTES: The Monday, May 5, 2014 minutes of the SCW softball club were approved as posted on the internet. Motion to approve by John McFarland, seconded by Ron Eppley.

Vote 4-0 Approved.

- TREASURERS REPORT: CFO Lyle Bakken /Treas. John McFarland

Balance as of August 31, 2014 as listed below:

Harris Bank Operating Account	\$61,115.62
Harris Bank M/M	\$43,943.43
Rec. Center Account	\$23,788.77

TOTAL \$128,847.82

CURRENT PAID MEMBERSHIP 355 Billboards 20

Accounts Receivables Due: Trusted Plummer and Desert Golf \$939.74

Sun City Softball Club 1/3 share cost for 2014 data base \$1121.00

Motion to approve by John McFarland, seconded by Ron Eppley

Vote 4-0 Approved

• BILLBOARDS/SPONSORS/BANNERS REPORT Bob Dobbins/Ron Eppley

Bob wants to speak to General Membership in November re: providing additional volunteers to help with this Committee since this committee accounts for 31% of our yearly income. Due to the time required for this job additional people are needed to serve on this committee. His suggestion is to assign each volunteer 2-4 accounts. Each volunteer would report directly to Ron Eppley.

AL will need additional sponsor if 11 teams play in the AL. Ron will contact SC Mechanical as an additional sponsor for the AL. Currently AL has 10 sponsors

Coed League has been assigned Trusted Plumber as a sponsor for the Hot Peppers team and uniforms have been ordered. Additional team sponsors will be assigned as needed.

CL and NL sponsors have been assigned.

Billboards: 1 opening and Ron would like to obtain 2-3 for the Waiting List.

• SPECIAL EVENTS NANCY DOBBINS

1. Friday, 10/24 APS Skills Clinic SCW time TBA Liberty Field
2. Welcome Back Picnic ---Saturday, October 25, 2014 Liberty Field

Set-up: 11AM Noon: Visit sponsors Serve food: 2PM

Motion by J. McFarland and seconded by Ron Eppley to approve this event.

Vote approved 4-0.

3. Saturday, 9/20 Summer Home/Away SC Festival End of Year Event @Liberty Field.

Motion by B. Dobbins, seconded by R. Eppley for our club to provide food/beverage for this event.

Vote approved 4-0.

4. Nancy Dobbins is willing to work with replacement for her position as Chm. Tin Cup

Banquet but she does plan to resign.

• JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT BOB DOBBINS

1. Joint Committees held 8 meetings during the summer. Three updates went out by e-mail to all members, keeping them up to date on the progress of the Joint Committee.
2. All 3 leagues now have a chairman and committee members.
3. AL will play Tues. @ SCW and Friday @ S/C Start times 9AM

CL will play Mon. @ SCW and Thurs. @ S/C Start times 8:45A

NL will play Tues. @ S/C and Thurs. @ SCW Start times TBD

Green Team will remain on Monday's @ S/C.

Co-Ed will play on Friday's @ SCW Start Times @ 9A

4. AL #4 rated players were moved to the Central League along with the old NL 1's and NL 2's.

The old NL 3's and NL 4's will make up the new NL. The rating system has changed and players will be rated:

AL 1, AL 2, AL 3, CL 4, CL5, CL6, NL 7, NL 8, and NL 9.

5. Top rated old NL #1 rated players were polled and only 3 players chose to put their names into the AL Draft. Husband/wives were polled and they all want to stay playing together.

Concessions were made for:

- A. Higher rated CL # 4's will be permitted to stay in the CL for the Fall/Spring Session. Beginning fall 2015 all players will play in the league where their rating falls.
- B. Husband and wives will be allowed to play together for the Fall/Spring sessions. Beginning fall 2015 each will play in the league where their rating falls.

6. The Green Team has adopted the new rating system and is making changes to operation on Monday's. The biggest complaint was existing players on the field with new members trying out and trying to convince the new players to opt for a specific league.
7. Bob Peck and Ted DeCampo worked on converting all players from the old rating system to the new rating system.
8. Dick Lemoine and Ted DeCampo rated the AL # 4 players who went to the CL.
9. Dave Toepel was asked to change the working in the AL, NL and add the CL, as far as how each league is structured.
10. The 10 lowest players in the AL and the 10 highest players in the CL can opt for either league's draft. The 10 lowest players in the CL and the 10 highest players in the NL can opt for either league's draft.
11. The Joint Committees discussed at length the use of a mask by pitchers. Because our league follows Senior Softball Rules, and they made it mandatory to wear a mask, it was agreed to recommend to both the S/C and SCW Boards to make it mandatory. S/C has polled their board and they approved the mandatory use of a pitcher's mask. If a pitcher leaves the game and a sub comes in to pitch, they, also, must wear a mask. Each Community was asked to have a back-up mask for emergencies. If the sub pitcher does NOT have a mask the game will be forfeited.
12. A letter from TR Mickelson was received and given a response.

13. All leagues were asked to tell all new players that they may not remain in the league to which they are first assigned.
14. After the spring session is over, the 3 committees will meet to re-evaluate how the fall and spring sessions went.

** At the SCW SB Board Meeting 9/8/2014 the Board voted 4-0 that pitching masks will be mandatory.

- AL LEAGUE REPORT

BOB DOBBINS

1. Fall session 11 teams of 10 players. (110 PLAYERS) All teams must play 10 players.
2. No rover.
3. Sliding and diving back into a base will be permitted.
4. Pinch Runners Anyone can pinch run but only 1x per inning. The player must ask for a runner.
5. No screen.
6. Infield Fly Rule.
7. Games will start @ 9, 10:15, 11:30, 12:45, and 2.
8. Bob Peck is still working on managers.

- CENTRAL LEAGUE REPORT

TED DECAMPO

1. 12 TEAMS WITH 11 PER TEAM (132 PLAYERS))
2. 12 Managers are in place.
3. Rules and guidelines have been established and will be posted to the internet soon.

- NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT

NO REPORT

- UNIFORMS—New Members

JOHN MCFARLAND

1. New uniforms have been purchased.
2. Full complement of hats, shirts, pants, shorts, belt for individual members are available.

- FIELD MAINTENANCE/TURF MAINTENANCE

KEN SKINNER

1. Field closure Wed., 10/1/14 –Mon. 10/20/2014
2. Volunteers needed for Clean-up – Fix Up prior to season. Date TBA
3. 70's and Women need to submit their schedules.

4. Repaired 4 broken seats.
5. Making arrangements to Rent Bi-Centennial Park @ \$15/day for 8 practices while Liberty Field is closed. Will request that restrooms be open. Dates will be posted on the SB web site.
6. LIBERTY FIELD will remain closed on Wednesday's.
7. Contacting General Acrylics again for needed repair work @ Liberty Field prior to start of fall session. Personnel changes have created lack of communication between the Company and SCW SB Club in getting our field repaired. Bob Dobbins has suggested that the 2nd pitcher's mound be moved back 4 feet when the work is done.
8. Will check for possible screen at the shed for possible hitting practice per J. Bianchi suggestion.

- IT COMMITTEE

TIM COLWELL

1. Cabinet replaced for server was made to the old dimensions and will be remade.
2. Audio system is in place and will be adjusted before season starts.
3. Card Access for Club house is being investigated.

- FOOD AND BEVERAGE

ROGER PRIBNOW

1. With all of the Special Events and the addition of a 3rd league MORE HELP IS NEEDED if our club wants to continue serving food and beverage.

President Dobbins needs to discuss at the November General Membership Meeting the need for more members of our club to become involved.

2. Kuentz Rec. Center now has ice available for the SB Club to use.

- COED LEAGUE

BARB WADDELL

1. Will remain with 6 teams---12-13/team. Only CL, NL, and Women are eligible to play in this league.
2. Will continue use of the 130 foot line.
3. Play returns to Friday's starting @ 9A on October 31, 2014. Dates have been submitted to the field manager.
4. Our first sponsored team will be The Trusted Plumber for the Hot Peppers. Additional sponsors will be obtained on an as needed basis. Ron Eppley, John McFarland, and Barb Waddell met this summer with owner of The Trusted Plumber. Uniforms have been ordered.
5. Managers have been asked to check with their players re: availability since we are returning to Friday game days. We do have a waiting list for placement.

- 70's LEAGUE RON EPPLEY
 1. Eligible players come from only the Central and National Leagues.
 2. Remain 6 teams total with 3 each from S/C and 3 from SCW.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Nominating committee: John McFarland volunteered to be Chm.
 - A. Nominations need to be posted by October 5, 2014 (By-law rule 30 day notice) for vote be done at November 5, 2014 General Membership Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is Monday, October 2, 2014 and nominations should be presented to the Board, at that time.
 - B. Suggested by President Dobbins that committee is made-up of 2 members from each of the 3 Leagues (AL, CL, and NL).
 - C. Terms expire 2015 for Bob Dobbins, Ron Eppley, and John McFarland.

*Pat Regan was appointed to replace Jim McGuire (personal) at the 5/5/2014 meeting and he will remain in that position until 2016. He could run again for a 2 year term since he was only replacing a member that had been elected.
 2. Upstairs Closet --John McFarland

Work is almost completed. Outlet to scoreboard does not work.
 3. Mandatory Club Meeting by Recreation Center is Thursday; 10/2/2014 @ 8-9:30 John McFarland will be our representative.
 4. Remodel of Liberty Field Bob Dobbins

Recreation Center Board has approved the plans to date. However, our club needs to submit plans for design structure to be placed out for bid. It is a costly venture. Motion by Ron Eppley and seconded by John McFarland to take the plans to our General Membership in November for approval. In addition, if this project is approved Bob Dobbins and Roger Pribnow would remain as the SCW SB Club's Project Co-Managers until its completion.

Vote approved 4-0.
 5. Recreation Department is sponsoring the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on September 11, 2014 @ 8:30AM for anyone interested in participating.
 6. Tuesday, 9/23/2014 @ 9 – 9:30AM Filming about SCW will take place at Liberty Field.

7. Questions/Concerns

- A. Ray Early asked questions re: Suppliers for purchased items by our club and explanation was provided.
- B. Lyle Bakken asked questions re: use of hitting tee at Liberty Field. Explanation followed that hitting tee may be used once again at Liberty Field as long as softballs used are those provided by the club. The Club provides balls that have a low compression so that our screens and fence are not damaged.

Next Board Meeting Monday, October 6, 2014 @ 7:30AM Acacia Room Palm Ridge Recreation Center.

Submitted by,

Barb Waddell, Secretary