

SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2017

President Dick LeMoine convened the meeting at 7:30 a.m.

Board members present: Secretary Larry Reed, Treasurer John McFarland, Marcel Mantha, Lloyd Styrwoll, Dennis Horvath

Others present: Lyle Bakken, Ken Skinner, Orié McDonald, Randy Settje, Bill Goldspink, Rick Bialock, Carol Bowden, John McKeown, Barbara McFarland, Terry Tichenor.

October 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:

- Motion to approve minutes from Lloyd Styrwoll, seconded by Larry Reed. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Lyle Bakken presented the monthly Treasurer's report.
- As of November 6, 2017, there is a club balance of \$240,822.69.
- Motion to approve treasurer's report from Lloyd Styrwoll, seconded by John McFarland. Passed.

Correspondence Received by President LeMoine:

- Second Sun City West Softball Field – A letter was received from club member Ron Wambaugh, who now serves on the Sun City West Recreation Center long-range planning committee. Ron's letter detailed his efforts to work with the rec. center to develop options for a second softball field in Sun City West. Further updates will be provided as progress occurs.
- Information Technology Chairman – Rick Fish recommended that club member Bob Emerson be appointed the new I.T. chairman for our club. The suggestion was supported by board members. President LeMoine made the appointment.
- Liberty Field Construction – The rec. center confirmed it had received the proper CR-13 form from our club to move forward with completing the suspended work in the barbeque area at Liberty Field. President LeMoine gave an update on the project to install an awning cover over the barbeque area. The rec. center objected to the work that had been done to erect a new frame and awning for the area. As a result, it had to be removed. It is hoped the awning canvas which was taken down can be reused when the project resumes. A bid of approximately \$14,000 to complete the project was received. Dick LeMoine considered the bid to be too high, and has requested 2 more bids. Ken Skinner, Field Manager, stated he would look into the feasibility of installing high quality umbrellas to the area as a less expensive option. Lloyd Styrwoll moved, that pending approval of which option is selected, to authorize a maximum of \$30,000 to complete the project. John McFarland seconded the motion. Passed. Additionally, it was mentioned the corner post of the existing awning over the third base line bleachers will need to be re-installed securely. A motion to accept a bid of \$2,700 to complete the work was made by Marcel Mantha. Motion seconded by John McFarland. Passed.

Billboards, Banners, and Sponsors:

- On behalf of Joe Gallo, John McFarland reported all billboard and banner revenue was current. A more detailed report will be shared at the general membership meeting on November 8.
- Dick LeMoine and Lyle Bakken met with the new owner of Fast Signs, which makes our field billboards and banners to discuss the rapid deterioration of some of the signage vinyl they produced. The rec. center had expressed an opinion the signage was making the field look shabby. As a result of the meeting, the Fast Signs owner will replace the 5 problem boards, and Arvid Peterson has agreed to replace his Award Realty sign.
- John stated that the new uniforms which have been ordered will be arriving this week.

Field Manager:

- Ken Skinner reports the problem with the clock on the field house not working properly is still be researched. There is not fix yet determined.
- Ken mentioned options are being explored to fix the problem of the metal home plate being slippery when wet. A fix will be determined shortly.
- Ken shared upcoming events at the field to include a ladies' team games on Nov. 11 and a one-pitch tournament on Dec. 28 & 29.

Appointments:

- Ron Kolacek resigned from the board. As a result, Dick LeMoine has appointed Dennis Horvath to fill the rest of Ron's term.
- Randy Settje will leave the chairmanship of the Central League and is a candidate for the softball club board. As a result, Dick has appointed Larry Reed to become chairman of the Central League. Larry's term on the board expires the end of this year.
- Lloyd Styrwoll shared there will be 4 candidates for the board on the ballot for election at the general membership meeting Nov. 8. Additional candidates may be nominated by those in attendance.

American League:

- Orié McDonald reports the new umpire system, and all other operations in the league are going well.

Central League:

- Randy Settje reported concerns about the deterioration of some of the uniforms. John McFarland replied that it is the sponsor's responsibility to fund the purchase of new uniforms, and some sponsors have not committed to do that.
- Chiro Care decided to not sponsor a team, and they have been replaced by Daily News-Sun.

National League:

- Bill Goldspink shared some concern about the number of players switching to another league. Dick LeMoine shared that the rec. centers of both Sun City West and Sun City have stated that players must be allowed to request a change to another league. Our current draft system meets that requirement.

Co-Ed League:

- Rick Bialock reported the league held its first player draft this fall.
- Rick mentioned that Dan Burke will be in charge of setting up an umpire program similar to that being used in the Central League.
- Rick requested that updated league rules be posted on the club website.

70's League:

- John McKeown reports 2 divisions have been established in the league based on skill level. He expects to have 4 teams in one division and 5 in the other. John reports things are working smoothly in the league.

Ladies' Team:

- Carol Bowden stated the ladies' team will be hosting games on Nov. 11 at Liberty Field.

Angels in the Outfield:

- Barbara McFarland shared that sales of "Angels in the Outfield" t-shirts have been good. When the new umpire program is established in the co-ed league, the "Angels" t-shirts will be the umpires' uniforms.
- Barbara stated the excess equipment sales netted \$60 for her group.
- Barbara mentioned the children's Christmas toy drive will be extended until Dec. 11. She also clarified that used bicycles in good repair would be accepted as part of the toy collection.

Old Business:

- Based on a suggestion from Cal Goings, Marcel Mantha requested that future board meetings be moved to Wednesdays. The request will be carried over to the December board meeting for further discussion.

New Business:

- Ori McDonald and Bill Goldspink shared that a number of players have requested the club consider switching from the 375/44 ball currently used to a 300/52 ball. The first number indicates the compression rating of the ball and the second number the core rating. Terry Tichenor offered a very thorough explanation of the difference between the two types of balls. Two of the most compelling reasons offered in support of switching were that the 300/52 ball is a safer (less velocity coming off the bat) and more weather-resistant (keeps the “quality” of the ball longer). Marcel Mantha made a motion to use the 300/52 balls in all leagues for the winter/spring, 2018 session on a “test” basis. Dennis Horvath seconded the motion. Passed.
- Feedback from players will be gathered as part of the process to determine whether the club will switch to the 300/52 ball on a permanent basis.
- John McFarland will place an order for the new balls.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Larry Reed,
Board Secretary.

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SUNCITY SOFTBALL FINANCIAL REPORT

OCT 3RD TO NOV 6TH, 2017

HARRIS BANK \$ 26,651.46
HARRIS BANK MM \$ 28,521.83
WESTERN STATE BANK \$150,489.75
REC CENTER ACCT \$ 35,159.65 TOTAL \$ 240,822.69

PAID MEMBERSHIP 357

BILLBOARDS 17

INCOME

INTEREST INCOME \$ 68.48

INITIATION FEES \$ 750.00

EXPENSES

BILLBOARDS \$ 2,185.09

1 PITCH BATS \$ 260.00

HIT A WAY BALL \$ 32.54

ICE BAGS \$ 160.34

REC CENTER-GRILL \$ 50.00 UNIFORMS 1/2 \$ 1,877.00

FACILITY MAINT/ CLIPS \$ 32.40 - BIANCHI- SRD BASE SHED \$ 333.01

SCW-METAL-IRON \$ 468.73 - PRIBNOW - PAINT-IRON \$ 41.93

HORVATH - PAINT/SUPPLIES \$ 198.00 TOTAL \$ 1,074.07

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