

MINUTES
SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL BOARD Meeting
Palm Ridge Center, Acacia Room – January 9, 2019

President Craig Hone convened the meeting at 7:30am.

All Board members present: Craig Hone, President, Carol Bowden, Vice President, Ken Boyd, Secretary, Dennis Horvath, Treasurer, Bob Lee, Jim Roch and Dan Mellon.

Fifteen others present, Lyle Bakken, Orie McDonald, Larry Reed, Robert Black, Ken Skinner, Rich McAndrews, Rick Bialock, Kelly O'Neal, Bob Emerson, Joe Gallo, Forrest Kuhn, John McFarland, Dan Braddock, Matt Schacht and Ben Rodriguez.

Minutes of the December 3rd, 2018 - Motion made for approval of Minutes as posted by Ken Boyd and seconded by Carol Bowden. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasure's Report - Lyle Bakken made the financial report as of January 8th, 2019. Bottom Line Total of \$253,117.99 Carol Bowden made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Jim Roch. The motion passed unanimously.

BILLBOARDS, BANNERS & TEAM SPONSORS - Joe Gallo reported several new billboards up, others coming soon. Two Team Sponsors on waiting list.

70'S LEAGUE - Rich McAndrews indicated that things were going well. Rich also commented the one pitch tournament that was very well attended and very successful. There was much discussion about "Guest" players. Carol Bowden made a motion, which was seconded by Ken Skinner, as long as League Players were not displaced, Guest Players will continue to be allowed. The motion passed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE - Orie McDonald reported that 12 teams of 10 players were drafted and schedule set for Spring Session.

CENTRAL LEAGUE – Larry Reed reported that 14 teams of 11 players were drafted for Spring session. Rosters and Schedule should be posted by January 10th. Larry requested minor rule changes to speed up the game in order to hold the 7 games per day. After discussion the Board gave Larry permission to change rules that were needed to make the 7-game schedule work. Proposed rule changes expected are: 55-minute clock, play 2 innings at a time for first 4 innings, No warmups after 1st inning.

NATIONAL LEAGUE – Robert Black Reported they will be drafting 12 teams of 12 players on January 11th. No problems are expected.

COED – Kelly O'Neal reported League now has 6 teams and they will be adding a 7th team in near future.

GREEN TEAM - It was noted that that frost cancelled the session scheduled for Monday January 7th and it was rescheduled for January 9th.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE - Carol Bowden reported Women play continues as scheduled.

IT - The New Data Base Committee have selected "*SportsEngine*" with cost of \$2048.20 The League's Data Base should be available within a couple of days. Dan Mellon made a motion to approve up to \$3500.00 to continue new Website and Data Base installation and upgrades. Motion was seconded by Carol Bowden. The motion passed unanimously.

FIELD MAINTENANCE & EVENTS - Ken Skinner reported nothing major now going on. The Cardiac Kids Tournament is scheduled for February 2nd.

FOOD & BEVERAGE - Forrest Kuhn reported that they served over 500 meals during two days of the One-Pitch Tournament with a limited serving time of from 11:00am to 1:00pm worked very well.

UNIFORMS - John McFarland reported that new uniforms for team sponsors scheduled for upgrades will be ordered after Spring Session. Last year, Canyon State was granted a 1-year extension to upgrade and Craig Hone would get with Joe Gallo to talk with them. There was also another discussion regarding tucking in shirts. Result: Responsibility left to Team Managers to enforce uniform rules.

ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD - No report. John McFarland reported Barbara McFarland works Wednesdays, so he would bring her future reports if necessary.

TIN CUP – Orié McDonald reported everything on track to hold the Tournament on March 31st starting at 8:00am with the Banquet at 2:00pm. Cost remains the same as last year. Expected income to club is \$20,000.

OLD BUSINESS -

1. **ARTIFICIAL TURF REPLACEMENT UPDATE** - Bob Lee & Matt Schacht recommended that we accept the General Acrylics proposal which basically replaces our current infield plus the dirt track all around the field with an annual maintenance program. Cost: \$105,000 + \$69,000 + about \$4,500 per year (half of which the Rec. Center will pay). Dennis Horvath made a motion to take recommendation to the Membership, which was seconded by Dan Mellon. The motion passed unanimously. Ken Skinner will turn in CR-13 per the committee recommendation.

2. **NEW FIELD** - Craig Hone announced that Carol Bowden & Ron Wambach will continue to follow progress of SCW Rec Center providing the club with an additional playing field as part of a 5-year plan. The only viable option seen at this time is renting Centennial Field from City of Surprise.

NEW BUSINESS -

1. **NEW BALL** - The .52/300 ball made by *Rock* judged better than the one we have been using made by *Trump*. General agreement is to change asap over all leagues depending on cost and returning current inventory. The Sun City Club is expected to approve the change at their meeting January 14th.

2. **INCREASED ANNUAL DUES** - Craig Hone announced after paying for artificial turf replacement our financial situation will be stretched very thin. Since annual dues have not been increased in over 17 years, we should consider an increase. After discussion Bob Lee made a motion to increase annual dues to \$50 starting in 2020. Motion was seconded by Dan Mellon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **TEAM PICTURES** - Schedule: February 11th Central League, February 12th American League, February 14th National League. 1st teams playing will have their picture taken AFTER the game. All others should arrive AT LEAST 30 minutes BEFORE, to make sure games are not held up because of late players. Managers are encouraged to contact their sponsor to invite them to come for the photo.

Meeting was adjourned by Craig Hone at 10:05am

Respectfully submitted by Ken Boyd, Secretary