

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at Men's Club at 8:05a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Skinner, Ray Early, Ron Blackwell, Matt Szydlowski.

DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bob Stouthamer passed out copies of the December minutes to those who did not have them. Board members briefly read over the minutes for approval. Dick Lemoine made a motion to approve the December 5, 2005 minutes. Motioned seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that we have unofficially 286 members, 36 of which are paid as of January 1. Bob requested that Ken make available a handout update of the membership status at each meeting. Bob also reported that just before Christmas he had prepared and submitted the CR-15 to the Recreation Center. This is an annual requirement to make sure that the players are current paid up residents. This list consists of players' name and recreation number only.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick Lemoine distributed the treasurer's report with a beginning balance as of 12/1/2005 of \$8,110.37 and a closing balance as of 12/31/2005 of \$6,036.77. There was a discrepancy in the amount of the uniforms cost. Therefore, Dick will correct this discrepancy and make the updated copy available to the board members.

Dick also expressed his concern about the monies collected for sponsorship of the teams and are we making money or losing money? Dick has requested that maybe the new board take a look at new methods of handling team sponsors in the future. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken. Bob Stouthamer will put this on the agenda for the February meeting.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken reported that as of December 31, 2005 the balance owing on the clubhouse is \$18,248.12. Lyle also invoiced four billboards on December 17. Those billboards are: Saturn of Arrowhead, Piper / Jaffrey, Axberg • Heartburg • Willis, and Harrah's Ak Chin Casino.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire reported that we were considerably over budget on uniforms. Jim reported that it's not the shirts and even though we are buying uniforms for the women's teams, that was taken into consideration. Jim had budgeted \$3,300.00 for overall cost. This budgeted amount includes everything with the uniform; excluding the shirts. Bob Stouthamer will put this on the agenda for next month's meeting to be discussed in more detail.

Uniforms / Equipment:

Jim McGuire reported that it costs \$55.00 per uniform and he has budgeted a 25% increase replacement cost each year. Bob suggested that we back up and figure out how many teams are playing, and what money is being spent for sox, pants, and so forth to outfit each player. Excluding the shirts. This would give us an actual cost of what we are spending to outfit each player per year. This would help with our future budgeting, and would be kept separate from the actual income raised through sponsor fees.

Billboard Marketing:

Dick LeMoine reported that Paul Tone, Sun Country Credit Union, and Budweiser are all renewing their boards. Dick also reported that he and Paul Turley are working up a sales brochure that will include photos of the sponsor's teams in front of their advertisement. This brochure would include what we have accomplished over the last three years. Dick and Paul will also be doing a brochure on what the club would like to do over the next three years. This would include pictures of the new planned Ramada. They passed around the pictures he currently had. Also Dick asked that the current billboard sales and renewals be split up between the current board members. This would mean that each board member would have approximately 3 sponsors that they are responsible for in getting their respective sponsors on renewals, when they expired. Dick has also ask that each person contact and follow up with each sponsor at least every 6 months to see if everything is OK, how we can help them better, and how they can help us. After a lengthy discussion the decision was made that there would be a special meeting of the board to discuss nothing but billboard sponsoring. Also, that the billboard sponsoring take a high priority of the club if we want to continue to use the revenue generated by this method. Bob Stouthamer will set up a date in the near future for this meeting and will contact the board members as to when this meeting will occur. This meeting will more than likely be at the Liberty Field Clubhouse. This meeting will be an open meeting to anyone who would be willing to help with billboard sponsorship. If you know someone who may be willing to help with this please encourage them to attend this meeting. Dick will also e-mail Bob his outline, and Bob will forward this outline on to each board member. This will give each individual a chance to review the outline prior to the meeting. Dick has agreed he will stay on to help with the sales and renewals of billboards even though he may not be a current board member. Bob Stouthamer has also sent a newsletter with a cover letter to each sponsor thanking them for their support to the community. Bob will also continue to do this in the future. Bob feels this is necessary to keep our name in front of the sponsors.

Team Sponsors:

Bob Stouthamer has appointed Ernie Mueller to maintain an active list of potential new team sponsors should we need them.

Field Maintenance:

Bob Stouthamer appointed George Karras to be in charge of Field maintenance. George will have a committee and will outline a seven-day field maintenance program in which there are plans to water the field each day between 3–4p.m. The person(s) of that day that is scheduled for maintenance will also check the clubhouse to be sure it's secure before they leave. George was also instructed to contact the respected person to have the Century 21 billboard removed from the outfield.

There still seems to be a water seepage problem in left-center field and Bob will follow up with this.

Special Events:

Bob Stouthamer appointed George Karras, and he suggested that maybe he could get Ken Skinner and Bill Allen to work with him.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Bob Stouthamer appointed Dennis Farrar to coordinate and maintain the Planning/Annual Event Calendar for the coming year. Bob Stouthamer will continue to do the secretarial monthly attendance report as required by the Recreation Center.

Bob received an e-mail from Jack Pendar from Sun City Grand who was contacted by Edward Jones to set up a tournament to benefit the Westside Food Bank. Bob covered the outline in detail, and all the details may not be listed below. There would be a \$100.00 entry fee for each team to play with all monies raised going directly to the Westside Food Bank. There would be four teams from each community with double elimination play. No more than six American League players on each team. Players start with a one and one count, which is negotiable. A committee will be set up to go over all the details. This tournament has been set for Saturday, April 1, 2006.

"T" BALL & NET FOR BATTING PRACTICE:

Ray Early passed around a magazine showing the prospective Tball & Net that could be purchased. No discussion. No action was taken at this time.

PLANNING CARDIAC KIDS TOURNAMENT:

Ken Skinner reported that they're going to a one-day tournament instead of two with five teams. Three teams from SCW, one from Arizona Traditions and one from Sun City Grand. Ken is trying to get the gentleman who does the training on the AED out to the tournament. There will be \$100 per team entry fee with all monies raised going to benefit the Arizona heart foundation. Bob has asked Ken to get a hold of the newspapers for publicity. There was some discussion that Bill Bromley is encouraging only American League players to play in this tournament. A discussion followed with the conclusion that Bob contact Bill Bromley for clarification of why no National League players are being encouraged to play.

70'S TOURNAMENT

George Karras reported that there will be a four team tournament. George has contacted the Hombres in Sun City Grand, Sun Lakes, and also a Mesa team. But they have not given him firm answers yet. George hopes to get them this week. This will be a two-day tournament at the cost of \$125.00 per team. All money raised will come to the Sun City West Senior Softball Club. George also mentioned that there will be \$100.00 in prize money given away instead of shirts. Bob has requested that George finalize the details on this tournament and get the details to Ken Skinner to be posted on the web site.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Bob passed out respective job descriptions to the new board members that the previous board typed up. Bob has asked the new board members to add or delete from their job description as they see necessary as to their duties as a new board member. Bob will then create a book with the job descriptions which will be available to the new board members for 2007. This will enable the new board members each year to know what is expected of them.

RESULTS OF RAMADA PROJECT MEETING WITH RECREATION CENTER PEOPLE:

Dick Lemoine reported that he and Bob Stouthamer met with the Recreation Center, and that the cost of this project would not cost the Recreation Center anything for this project. We are continuing to move forward with this project, with an anticipated target date set for 2007.

UPDATE, CENTURY 21 COLLECTION STATUS:

Dick Lemoine reported that Century 21 refuses to respond, and the next step would be to get a court order from a small claims court. However, with their attitude, they probably would not show up for the hearing. The board is in agreement that we do not want to set a precedence that we are known to not stand behind our contracts. Therefore, we will continue the collection proceedings.

CONCRETE SOFTBALL PAINTING UPDATE

Bob Stouthamer reported that a letter went out to Larry Griffith with exactly what has to be done with all the paperwork requesting that the ball be painted. This letter went out on December 9.

STATUS OF SECURING IRS NUMBER

Lyle Bakken reported we have a new IRS Number. Lyle will make a copy and give it to the Rec Center. The application for the tax status exemption has been paid and mailed along with a check for \$500.00. As of this meeting, Lyle has not received any response back from them.

2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Bob reiterated that the 2006 membership dues are due, and that there is a mailbox provided at the field for members to deposit their checks in. Treasurer, Lyle Bakken will have a key for the box to pick up the contents on a regular basis. Member can also mail their checks to Lyle. His address is in the January newsletter. Bob has asked Ken Skinner to post this information on the web site. No new form is necessary to accompany dues money unless your information has changed from last year. The intention is to have everyone fill out a new form for the year 2007.

GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Dick Lemoine reported that the golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday, April 2, 2006. The beer garden and the playing tournament will be held at Pebblebrook. There will be a sit-down dinner at 6 p.m. at Palm Ridge which will be catered by the Southwest Valley Art Museum. There will be a choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Blue. There will be a small amount of wine and beer available and will be complementary with each dinner. If you wish to bring your own beverage feel free to do so. There will be another meeting of the committee in the near future to button up all the details. They're also be a direct mail out to all those who attended last year. This tournament will sell out fast so make sure you get your reservations in early. Dick has also asked that the national league board members help him in getting out the information about this golf tournament in hopes that there will be more National League involvement this year. Be sure to check the February newsletter for more details and a registration form.

ALTERED BAT DECISION FROM LEAGUE:

Bob Stouthamer reported that there has been information posted on the web site and the bulletin boards about altered bats and the penalties attached to altered bats. Technically the only thing you can put on your bat is, your name for identification, and or, arthritic tape. However anything else you do to your bat is considered altered. Basically if anything is done to enhance the performance of your bat it is considered an altered bat. Bob reiterated that if an altered bat is discovered the batter will be removed from the game. And each time the batter comes up to bat, there will be an automatic out. Everything is posted on the bulletin board, so please be advised. Bob continued by expressing his disappointment on why a player would want to alter their bat when we are just playing for fun. We should be here to have fun, but have the integrity not to cheat while doing so. After lengthy discussion this decision will be dealt with at the league level and we are bound to uphold the league's decision concerning altered bats.

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY:

Bob Stouthamer has appointed a Building Security Committee consisting of George Karras, Dennis Farrar, and Ray Early to make sure that the Liberty Field Clubhouse secure at the end of each day. This committee may add members as they deem necessary. Bob suggested that we have a total of 7 so there is

a person for each day. Bob also instructed Dick Lemoine to have the combination on the upstairs clubhouse door and the lower west door changed. The new combination of these said doors will be given to the committee and anyone deemed necessary.

SELECTING 2 LEAGUE BOARD MEMBERS:

Bob Stouthamer appointed Dick Lemoine to represent the American League, and Dennis Farrar to represent the National League at the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Board meetings. If the appointees are not able to attend a given meeting they may appoint a proxy to represent them at the meeting. The proxy does not have to be a board member. The next meeting is listed at the bottom of these minutes.

TRI CITIES LEAGUE UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer reported that there is not a whole lot to report on the Tri-Cities League. Not enough interest at this time.

EXPANDED SPRING FLING:

National League on Thursday & Friday and the American League on Saturday & Sunday. The date for the Spring Fling this year will be March 2-5, 2006. No regular games will be scheduled for Thursday, March 2. George Karras, Ken Skinner Ernie Mueller and Bill Allen will be working on this.

BY LAWS UPDATE:

Bob passed out current copies of the By-laws for us to go over to see if they needed to be updated. Bob would like to have recommended changes be brought to the next meeting to be discussed. Jim McGuire will chair the committee and appoint others to help him on this project.

YEARLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dennis Farrar will be working on this.

SCW SOFTBALL CLUB CLOTHING:

Bob mentioned that we need to get Dick Lemoine and Paul Turley involved in this so Bob is going to hold off on this until he talks to them.

PICTURE DAYS:

Bob Stouthamer reported that February 21 & 23 have been tentatively set, but may conflict with the photographer's schedule, so we may have to set the date for March 7 & 9. More on this later and when the date is confirmed it will be posted in the newsletter.

PRIORITIZE LONG RANGE PLAN:

Bob Stouthamer mentioned that he would like to continue with this. However, because Dick Lemoine had left the meeting and was not present, this has been tabled.

ANNUAL BANQUET PLANNING:

Jim McGuire reported that the annual banquet will be on April 20 this year, and he would like to include door prizes as part of the banquet. Jim is looking at getting in a sports figure to speak at the banquet, if possible.

This would be considered community service; therefore the individual would not be paid. Jim has requested that the board members help him with getting door prizes for the banquet. However Bob mentioned that Jim can also go outside the board to solicit other ballplayers to get door prizes. Jim will continue working on getting a caterer for the banquet as well as other details, and should have another report at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bob mentioned there was none at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

?? *Cordless Microphone:*

Dennis Farrar had a concern about the cordless microphone not being available for weekend games. Bob mentioned that he is responsible personally for the safety concerns of this microphone therefore he is going to keep it in his possession. However, if anyone needs to use it contact Bob and he will be happy to accommodate you.

?? *Uniform Replacement Schedule:*

Ray Early passed out a schedule with uniform replacement dates to the new board members.

MEETINGS SCHEDULE:

Bob is putting together the 2007 meeting calendar. January 1, 2007 falls on the first Monday. Therefore Bob was asked by the board to set a January 2007 meeting only to January 8, 2007 if possible.

Bob also brought up whether to change the general meetings to a different month other than February and October. The next general membership meeting will be February the 20th and the October meeting will be October 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim McGuire moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by George Karras. Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Farrar, Secretary

**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Men's Club at 8:00a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ron Blackwell, Carol Bowden and John Doherty.

JANUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Board members briefly read over the minutes for approval. Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2005 meeting and January 9, 2006 special meeting concerning the billboards. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Bob Stouthamer reported in the absence of Ken Skinner the following membership status as of February 6, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 256

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	111	Inactive (Injured List)	13
National League (Active & Sub List)	84	Inactive (Injured List)	14
Woman's League	34		
Totals	=SUM(ABOVE) 229	=SUM(ABOVE)	27

Players that didn't pay dues (renew) 41.

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail. The report was reviewed. Dick LeMoine moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Jim McGuire.

Motion carried. Lyle is still working on getting the 501(c) issue resolved and will write a letter and have Bob Stouthamer sign it to get this taken care of.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken reported that as of February 6, 2006 the balance due for the Liberty Field Clubhouse is \$10,748.12. The board will present a check for the final payment for the clubhouse and include a picture, when it happens. Dennis Farrar moved to accept the clubhouse report as presented. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire reported that he wants to have the Budget and Finance reports placed on Lyle's computer, so as Treasurer Lyle can track expenses. Jim also was concerned that we are going through a lot of balls with all the games that are being played. Bob Stouthamer has agreed to discuss this with the president of the Sun City Club, Bill Buxton to advise him of the situation. No further action taken.

Uniforms / Equipment:

Jim McGuire suggested that the umpires of each game wear a black and white striped referee shirt like that worn in football to alleviate some confusion due to similarities with players' jerseys. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Billboard Marketing:

Dick LeMoine reported that Arrowhead Honda, Budweiser and Paul Tone have all signed 3 year contracts. In addition, Windermere is signing another 3 year contract for a second board. Other sponsors that are up for renewal have to go to corporate to get approval. George Karras has consented to be the point of contact for Dick's position as Billboard Sponsor Chairman when Dick steps aside. This will make George the main contact for billboard sponsorship.

Team Sponsors:

Ernie Mueller is continuing to oversee and work with Bill & Joan McKenna in maintaining the contact list of the team sponsors along with a priority list of potential sponsors.

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported he has talked to Todd Patty on getting a maintenance shed and Todd has no problem with putting the shed down the left field line. He would like to go to Home Depot to see if they would like to donate one in exchange for advertising on the side. George has also painted the drinking fountains in the dugouts. The recreation center has agreed to purchase the lime needed to lime the field for each game. This will save our club \$300-\$400 per year. George also has put up screens behind home plate to help with the fly ball issues that we had. George has assigned 7 people to water and secure the field at night. There is one for every day. In addition, George has 6 people who have agreed to

open the field for the day. George brought an idea that he would like to see signage on the back of each spectator stand with the signs saying Liberty Field, and possibly the Sun City West logo. Along with his signage, George mentioned he would like to have a place on the signage for an erasable whiteboard to put messages on. After some discussion, it was decided that blue would be the color to match other field signage, and that we should get Dennis Raczak or Paul Turley to work up some designs. Concern and discussion of safety issues at our field will be addressed at the same time. Todd Patty said that they would like to laser level the field each year. No future discussion.

Special Events:

George Karras will continue to work with Ken Skinner on special events.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar passed out an updated planning calendar to those present. This planning calendar allows us to plan and prepare ahead. No further action taken.

PLANNING 70's TOURNAMENT:

George Karras reported that everything is set. There will be four teams total. George was able to get a good deal on Pepsi and Frito-Lay products, and had other players helping him with this effort. It amounts to getting the pop for free, so all the money's made on the pop will be 100% profit. No further action taken.

UPDATE ON RAMADA PROJECT:

Dick Lemoine reported that this project is still ongoing but should be completed by the end of the year. It is probable that this project will not cost the SCW Recreation Center any additional monies if we continue to actively pursue those involved in this project.

GOLF CAR OPPORTUNITIES:

Dick Lemoine reported that the Nadaburg School's PTSA is sponsoring a golf tournament at the Pebblebrook Golf Course on Saturday, February 25, 2006. There will be flyers posted at the clubhouse for more information. They are in need of golfers, and golf cars. So even if you don't play golf, and would like to donate your golf car for this tournament please talk to Dick Lemoine. No further action taken.

TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Dick Lemoine reported that they are about one third full for registrations for golf so they need to get in their registration as soon as possible. The maximum amount of golfers has been determined to be 144. No further action taken.

CLUBHOUSE SECURITY STATUS:

Dick Lemoine reported that the security of the clubhouse is being pursued by re-keying and recoding the locks. As soon as this is finished Bob Stouthamer will be given the code

and the keys to be distributed as he sees fit. Dick reported that the cost of this project will be in the neighborhood of \$100.00 to \$300.00. No further action taken.

SPRING FLING PROGRESS:

Bob Stouthamer reported on the spring fling progress. He commended Rich McAndrews for the outstanding job he is doing for the National League. John Doherty will type out a questionnaire to be given to the managers of the American League. The American League is scheduled to play on Saturday, March 4 & 5. No further action taken.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Jim McGuire reported his recommendations, and Bob has volunteered his wife, Gail, to type the bylaw changes. Bob will then make copies available.

HALL OF FAME BANQUET UPDATE:

Jim McGuire reported on the Hall of Fame banquet details. After some discussion, it was determined to let Jim pick the menu to be served. Jim also passed out cards with various restaurants to get free dinner certificates. Jim asked Dennis to make up flyers to be posted at the clubhouse. Jim will send Dennis the verbiage he would like to have on the flyer, and Dennis will make up eight or nine of these.

PICTURE DAYS UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer reminded everyone about the picture days on which team pictures will be taken at Sun Bowl Field in Sun City. The American League will have their pictures taken on February 21 and the National League pictures on February 23. There is more detailed information about this in the February newsletter. No further action taken.

PRIORITIZE LONG RANGE PLAN OBJECTIVES:

Bob Stouthamer passed out the objective list. Bob asked that each board member prioritize at least four objectives on the list. Bob will then compile the priorities, and send the board members the results. These objectives will also be brought up at the next general meeting on February 20. No further action taken.

OUTFIELD SEEPAGE UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer reported that this has been an ongoing problem for months. George Karras reported that they are going to shut off the water to this area, to see if the area still has a problem. If it is determined that there still is a problem they will start to dig up the outfield in this area to take care of this issue.



BILLBOARD SPONSOR CONTACT UPDATES:

The following changes have been made as follows:

Ernie Mueller now has Sun Country CU, Van's Pro Shop, and Piper / Jaffrey.

George Karras now has both Windermere boards.

No other changes were effected.

Bob asked Dennis to update the form by adding another column "Date of Last Call".

EVENT SCHEDULING GRID

Bob Stouthamer has agreed to maintain an activities calendar. If you need to use the field for an event, please, go through Bob Stouthamer before you commit so he can put it on the calendar. Once it is on the calendar, that's it.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL:

October 28, 2006 has been set up for the Sun City West Softball Club to have a "Sponsor Carnival." This event will include a pancake breakfast, and will allow Billboard sponsors and team sponsors to set up tables, which will be provided, to promote their businesses. The suggested cost would be \$5.00 for the breakfast. This will be open to the public and could possibly have a Halloween Theme. Carol Bowden has agreed to check with some of the women players to see if there is any interest, and to try to get them involved in this endeavor. Carol will report back her findings. Bob Stouthamer is also going to bring this up at the next General Meeting. More on this as we move forward. No further action taken.

UNIFORM DISCUSSION FROM LAST MONTH:

There was a lot of discussion on this issue. The feeling was, if we make it mandatory that the sponsors pay for new jerseys after the four year term, we would loose some of these sponsors. Jim McGuire moved that we leave the current arrangement and price on how we bill team sponsors, as is. Ernie Mueller seconded. Motion carried. No further action was taken.

SUMMER LEAGUE COORDINATORS:

Bob Stouthamer has asked Dennis Farrar to set up the summer league play. Bob would like Dennis to work with Richard (Tex) Wells, or another player from the American League who would be willing to help Dennis coordinate teams and a playing schedule. Dennis will call Tex to see if Tex is willing to work with Dennis on this again this year.

SCSSL RESPONSIBILITY:

John Doherty reported for the American League Committee on the AL Rule updates that will be presented at the next Joint Board Meeting on February 15. Copies of these rules will be emailed to those folks who are involved in the process to edit and make changes. The committee will then present these rules to the League Board. The AL committee is proposing that once the rules have been changed and adopted, a copy of the new amended rules be given to each player.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Bob Stouthamer has asked Dennis Farrar again to work up a PowerPoint presentation to be presented at the February 20, 2006 general membership meeting. Dennis has agreed to

help Bob on this, and Bob will send Dennis the agenda for him to put together. No further action taken at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No one reported any at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Discussion was brought up about the length of the meetings. It was suggested that maybe we should have committees for various projects, and have them report their recommendations, and suggestions to the board at the meeting. It was a consensus of those left at the meeting that this may help speed up the meeting, as everyone feels the meetings are getting too long. Any ideas? No further action taken.

NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:

Monday, March 6, 2006 8:00 A.M. Men's Club (*Stampede Room*)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Dennis Farrar moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ernie Mueller. Meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Farrar, Secretary



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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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GUESTS PRESENT:

Carol Bowden, Mike Hester and Ken Skinner.

FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dennis passed out copies of the minutes for those who could not get them via email. Board members briefly read over the minutes for approval. Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of March 6, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 266

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	114	Inactive (Injured List)	11
National League (Active & Sub List)	112	Inactive (Injured List)	15
Woman's League	40		
Totals	266		26

Players that didn't pay dues (renew) 38.

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported a beginning balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of March 4, 2006 is \$10,298.09. The report was reviewed. Jim McGuire made a motion to except the treasures report as given. Ernie Mueller seconded. Motion carried. Lyle Bakken passed out the National League Spring Fling Income/Expense Report that was detailed by Rich McAndrews. National League reported a total income of \$621.23. Total expenses \$308.52, leaving a net profit of \$312.71. Jim McGuire of the American League turned in their monies and receipts for Lyle to report at the next meeting.

Lyle had quite a stack of paperwork to go through that the IRS sent him. Lyle is still working on getting these IRS issues resolved.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken reported that as of March 6, 2006 the balance due for the Liberty Field Clubhouse is \$5,700.00. Lyle stated that we are waiting on \$9,500.00 to come in on the billboards that will more than cover the balance due on the Clubhouse. Jim McGuire moved to accept the Treasurer's and clubhouse report as presented. Seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire reported that we are on Budget and well on track. No further action taken.

Uniforms / Equipment:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report.

Billboard Marketing:

Bob Stouthamer asked those present to update the Billboard grid. George Karras will be assuming the Billboard duties when Dick Lemoine steps away.

Team Sponsors:

Bob Stouthamer gave Ernie Mueller a list of team sponsors and will be the board contact point from the board standpoint. Ernie will continue to oversee and is working with the coordinators, Bill & Joan McKenna. Some discussing came up about changing the fees for team sponsors. The board has recommended no change at this time. The current \$475.00 initial cost and \$250.00 for renewal is the board's recommendation. We will continue to bill team sponsors in May in hopes to receive the monies before fall play. This time line will allow us to get new jerseys in time for fall play, if needed. Bob Stouthamer is going to write a letter to Lund Cadillac thanking them for all that they are doing for us.

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that he has been in contact with the recreation center persons on putting up rails on the bleachers. Also, the water fountain in the home dugout has been repaired. George was concerned about who to contact for tournaments. Bob Stouthamer said that we need to start with Ken Skinner first. Dennis Farrar was approached after the last general meeting by a couple of players who expressed a desire to donate money to help with some of the projects that we would like to work on. Particularly the storage shed. Some discussion followed with a board consensus that we set up a special fund for donations. This special fund would be to help fund field projects that we are working on. Players who donate to this fund could be recognized, or remain anonymous, if they wish. All players wishing to donate would need to go through George Karras first for details.

Special Events:

George Karras will continue to work with Ken Skinner on special events.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Bob reported that if you need to add anything to the planning calendar please do. This calendar will be at every meeting. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS**BILLBOARD SPONSOR CONTACTS:**

Bob Stouthamer passed around the billboard grid and updates were added if needed.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

Ken Skinner and George Karras have volunteered to work and get the wheels going on this. This will be on October 28, 2006. Bob Stouthamer will attempt to get Beardsley Park. More details will be coming up later.

RAMADA PROJECT UPDATE:

In the absence of Dick Lemoine, Bob Stouthamer had nothing to report.

TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Mike Hester reported that the registration is going good, but will be limited to 144 golfers. They are giving a golf car away as one of the prizes. Mike also reported that they are starting to work on the 2007 Tin Cup Classic and this will be at the Briarwood Country Club and there is also the potential of Lexus as a corporate sponsor so that the entire tournament will be a write-off. This sponsor wants to donate a car to raffle off as one of the prizes. There are some other things in the works. Mike said that this year the SCW Softball Club could expect to see around \$2,000.00 – \$3,000.00 and next year it could go as high as \$20,000.00.

HALL OF FAME BANQUET UPDATE:

Jim McGuire reported that some of us are having trouble getting the restaurants to donate. Bob mentioned that we need to write thank you's when someone donates. If we don't, we may find ourselves not being able to get donations in the future. It was also suggested that we purchase door prizes to give away. It was also suggested that we make business cards to give to potential sponsors or to businesses when asking for door prize donations. The business card could say something like: "Thank you for your community support" or "Your community involvement means so much to us and we thank you". Ken Skinner can make up these cards for us. These cards would also display our logo. Dennis Farrar gave some names of individuals that may help us with the entertainment. Apparently the entertainment that Jim had lined up has backed out. Jim will be at Liberty Field on March 16 to collect tickets and money from the managers so he can have a hard count on the number that will be attending. Bob Stouthamer has agreed to write the letter if Jim gets him the Names, addresses of each potential door prize donor. We can't continue to beg and not thank. Bob suggested that maybe we poll those in attendance at the banquet to see what the people want.

SPRING FLING UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer thanked Rich McAndrews of the National League and Jim McGuire from the American League for their outstanding job of setting up the Spring Fling Tournament. Jim McGuire thanked Ken Skinner for his yeomen duties and George Karras for keeping the field in tip-top shape for play. Jim also thanked all the managers for their outstanding service.

NEW BUSINESS**APRIL TOURNAMENT:**

Bob Stouthamer passed around the master calendar to add special activities.

There will not be a tournament the first weekend in April due to the Tin Cup Golf Tournament.

Bob Stouthamer asked Ken Skinner to start working on getting teams for the Westside Food Bank Tournament to be held on Saturday, April 15. Ken will get other players to assist him on getting these teams set up. There is a \$125.00 donation per team to play with proceeds going to the WFB. SCW will have 3 teams and Edward Jones that will be in our division. Grand will have 4 teams. This will be a double elimination if possible. No further action taken.

NEW JACKET (Proposed):

Bob Stouthamer presented a potential new jacket for the SCWSC. This jacket is lined better, and has cuffs instead of a the ring of elastic around the wrist. Because of the quality, this jacket could go for as much as \$50.00. It is red and will be embroidered with the SCWSC Logo on the back. There is a setup charge of \$125.00. Jim McGuire moved to pay the setup charge. Seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried.

LADIES LEAGUE FINANCIAL REQUEST:

Carol Bowden has requested that the club give Loran Swanson up to a \$300.00 fund to purchase t-shirts to help promote and recruit Women's Softball. Lyle Bakken made a the motion. Seconded by George Karras. Motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES:

Bob Stouthamer said that it was overwhelming response at the General Meeting on February 20, 2006 that the club wants stadium seating. However once the building is paid for, we should probably look at getting the foul poles and new foul lines first. The board felt that we should start using our funds that the recreation center has on our behalf. Otherwise we could find some of the monies being allocated for other uses or projects that are not SCWSC related.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No one reported any at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

By-laws:

Bob Stouthamer is still working on retyping the bylaws.

Printing costs:

Lyle is concerned about the club's printing cost. If you get something printed at the UPS Store please get the tapes to Lyle so he knows what the printing is for. Sun City should be paying of 1/3 of the printing cost of the newsletters and other printing for the league.

Team Pictures:

Bob Stouthamer has no invoice from Sun Photo for the team pictures. Bob will get the pictures to Dennis Farrar or Glen Carroll for distribution to the National League.

Clarification on field use:

Anyone who has a recreation card in Sun City West can use the field, except during scheduled play. Players on the Friday Co-ed teams do not have to be a member of the SCWSC, but must hold a SCW Recreation Card to use the field or be a guest of a card holder. No action taken.

Retired military tournament:

Jim McGuire had a thought for a retired military tournament. Some discussion but no action taken.

NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:

Monday, April 3, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Jim McGuire moved to adjourn. Seconded by George Karras. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 3, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Men's Club at 8:00a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ken Skinner, Matt Szydowski.

MARCH MINUTES APPROVAL:

Ernie Mueller made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of April 3, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 272

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	114
National League (Active & Sub List)	88
Woman's League	41
Members not assigned to teams	29

Totals 272

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported a beginning balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of March 29, 2006 is \$8,973.66.

Lyle also reported that he has received a letter from the IRS indicating that we are now approved for tax exempt under 501(c)7. This issue has been resolved.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle also reported that we are clear and paid on the Liberty Field building, with a surplus balance of \$3,800.06. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report. No further action.

Uniforms / Equipment:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report.

Billboard Marketing:

Dick Lemoine reported that there are a few billboard monies left owing. All billboards that have not renewed will be coming down. Dick will get with George Karras to confirm which boards have not been paid so they can be pulled off of the outfield fence. Bob Stouthamer also passed around the billboard grid for members to update as needed. This grid will be passed around at each meeting for updates to be added as needed. George Karras will assume the billboard duties when Dick Lemoine steps away.

Team Sponsors:

Ernie Mueller reported that he has received additional 6 potential sponsors that he is added to his list that was given to him by Bill & Joan McKenna. So we have a list of 13 potential sponsors total on the waiting list. Dick Lemoine added that both Windermere billboard sponsors have expressed an interest in sponsoring a team as well and should be put on the top of the list. Bob Stouthamer reiterated the fact that we are trying to get all sponsor money in by the end of May and no later than July 1 if possible. This should give us enough time to pull from the waiting list should some current team sponsors choose not to renew.

Dick expressed some concern about how involved Southwest Golf Cars wants to be involved in our club. Dick said he has approached Desert Golf Cars and they are very interested in our club and would like to be a team sponsor and would not only be willing to sponsor a team but would provide us with a free golf car each year (*including maintenance*) to help us maintain our field. Discussion followed and it was suggested that Ernie Mueller contact Desert Golf Cars to see if they would like to be put on the potential list of team sponsors. No further action taken.

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that Mel Schiebel knows a lady in Sun City who has had experience on painting concrete and would be glad to paint the ball in front of our clubhouse. George Karras has been asked to check with Mel to get with the person to paint the ball for a quote.

George also reported he is ordering lime for the field and to get cushions for the wooden benches behind the backstop. No further action.

Special Events:

Ken Skinner reported that the Westside Food Bank Tournament is going as planned. The teams and playing schedule has been set up and posted at the field. There will be concessions, but we don't know what the concession will consist of. No further action.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

BANQUET RECAP:

Jim McGuire reported that the banquet cost more than he anticipated because he had to change caterers. Most of the people were quite pleased with the meal from the comments that various individuals received. Lyle Bakken passed out a breakdown of income and expense of the banquet. Total attendance is as follows:

Sun City West: 112

Sun City: 91

Sun City West sponsors, billboards, recreation center, and the Hall of Fame: 36

Dennis Farrar was asked to send a thank you letter to Classic Catering for catering the banquet. Dennis also mentioned about the possible need to send out thank you letters to those businesses that donated door prizes for the banquet. Dick Lemoine reported that he had taking care of that on his end, of those businesses that he received prizes from. No further action.

BY-LAWS UPDATE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bob Stouthamer passed around the Sun City West Softball Club suggested changes to the bylaws for the board members to go through and be ready to address these at next month's meeting. These changes need to get to Mike Whiting to be voted on, and if approved, be voted on by our members at our next general membership meeting in October. No further action taken.

TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Dick Lemoine reported that the golf tournament was held at Pebblebrook and there were 144 paid members (golfers). The Beer Garden and Dance were very well received. The dinner was catered by Classic Catering.

Dick said that over \$16,000 in cash was spent on prizes. The golf cart was won by Ron Johnson that was donated by Lexus. Ray Bond won the plasma TV, and the putting tournament was won by Ozzie Ostrow. Dick also mentioned that Paul Turley was given a crystal clock and 3 bottles of Turley wine for all the time, labor and dependability he has donated over the years. The gifts were paid for by the Tin Cup. There should be enough seed money to start the Tin Cup next year and we will be going corporate. Windermere and Lexus have expressed a desire to sponsor next year's tournament, which will be held at Briarwood Country Club. Next year our goal is to give away a car. No further action.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL COMMITTEE:

Bob Stouthamer reported that we have secured the Beardsley Park and its entirety for the Sponsor Carnival which is set for October 28, 2006. This will be a pancake cookout event and will be open to the entire Sun City West community for these sponsors, both billboard, and team to display whatever they want to advertise their businesses. We will be allowed to go in and setup at 8 a.m., and have the park from 9-3 p.m. George Karras and Ken Skinner will be chairing this event. Matt Szydlowski as the Sun City West Recreation Board will work with George and Ken on getting the word out to the community.

RAMADA PROJECT UPDATE:

Dick Lemoine gave an extensive report, which included that the Core Construction Company will build the Ramadas and they want to get involved in what we are doing. Core Construction Company has requested that we prepare our site and get ready to build. We will need somebody to do the blueprints so we can take them to Maricopa County and get the permits. Dick will be working on this, however this will be on hold over the summer months. What we have left to decide is how good of a Ramadas do we want to build. It has been suggested that the board get together on a given day and time to go out and look at other Ramada's in the area to get an idea or a feel of what we would like our Ramadas to look like. Core Construction felt that this was a great idea as well. Dick will continue to work with Larry Griffith to make sure that we stay focused on this project.

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK TOURNAMENT:

(See Special Events)

SAFETY, RAILINGS, BLEACHERS UPDATE:

Bob Stouthamer as turned in a CR-13 requisition for railings to be installed on both sides of the bleachers, and the Recreation Center is in agreement that this needs to be done as soon as possible because of safety issues. No further action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

BILLBOARD MARKETING COMMITTEE:

Dick Lemoine will work with George Karras on making the transition over, as George Karras will be taking over for a Dick. George will set up a committee, and Bob Stouthamer will be turning to George Karras for the Billboard marketing committee report.

BILLBOARD SPONSORS NOT RENEWING:

Bob Stouthamer reiterated the fact that if the billboard sponsors are not renewing it is imperative that we get those boards down as soon as possible and get them recovered by Todd Walker. Dick Lemoine mentioned that Todd Walker has reduced his costs by 25%, and we will continue to use Todd as we have in the past. No further action.

LONG RANGE PLAN ISSUES:

Bob Stouthamer suggested that maybe we should focus on the foul poles and the storage shed and at the same time start the design work on the stadium seating. After a lot of discussion, Bob asked for someone from the board to chair a Planning Committee for the Long-Range Planning issues. No one at the meeting volunteered at this time. No further action.

NO PARKING RH JOHNSON BLVD.

There was a lot of discussion on this subject, however, effective immediately there is no parking or standing on RH Johnson side of the ball field. Those who do not adhere to the posted signs will be ticketed by the Sheriff's Department. Please cooperate in this manner. Until then we will wait to see what happens out of this. No further discussion.

MAY, SEPT, & OCT BOARD MEETINGS:

Because of the library expansion, Bob Stouthamer reported that because we could not get the Men's club for the May, September and October meetings the meetings will be as follows:

May Meeting – Lecture Hall

September Meeting – Lecture Hall

October Meeting – It was suggested to get Bashas', if possible. Matt will check on this possibility and get back to us.

November & December – Men's Club

POPCORN MACHINE:

Because of the overwhelming response we've had with having popcorn at Liberty Field events, Dick Lemoine suggested that we purchase a Popcorn Machine on wheels. Some discussion followed. Jim McGuire made a motion that we buy a Popcorn Machine on wheels. Dick Lemoine seconded. Motion carried. Dick will go out and purchase an 8 ounce Popcorn Machine. No further discussion or action.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bob Stouthamer received an email from Carl Elitz that there is a mandatory Charter Club Meeting of club officers on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. Bob Stouthamer said that we would get an update on new activities and be introduced to the new Activities Director, Cindy Nolton.

Bob Stouthamer also read a letter from Loran Swanson and thanking the club for the support of the women's teams. Some discussion followed, with no further action taken. Loran also turned in monies to the club that has been generated from the women's softball activities at the field.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Ken Skinner has been asked to revise the application is to include “would you be willing to help”. Ken said he would be happy to add the additional requested information if he was given the verbiage as to what the board would like to see on the application. Hopefully, this will encourage new members to get involved by volunteering in areas in which the club needs volunteers.

NEXT SCW SOFTBALL CLUB MEETING:

Monday, May 1, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Lecture Hall. Please note that this will be the last meeting until the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary

Secretarial Note:

BOB STOUTHAMER RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY:

After the meeting was adjourned Bob Stouthamer made his statement of a formal resignation as President of the Sun City West Softball Club. Bob stated that he feels that he has been inadequate or ineffective in his position as president during his second term. With those present at today’s meeting, the consensus was that all would like to see Bob fulfill his term. After a lot of discussion from each Board Member, and the guests present, Bob has agreed to stay on the Board until after the May meeting. After the May meeting Bob will step aside as President. This will mean that the Board will have to select a candidate to fulfill a vacancy position. No further action or discussion taken.



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club at 8:04a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Bob Latzo, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, Paul Nagelson.

APRIL MINUTES APPROVAL:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported a closing balance as of April 25, 2006 is \$9,271.81.

Lyle also gave the Tin Cup Golf Tournament report of an income of \$21,483.50 with another check from Northern Trust of \$250.00. The expenses were \$19,043.00. This leaves a net income of approximately \$2,690.00. This is in a Wells Fargo account to be used for the 2007 Tin Cup Tournament.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that we now have railings on both bleachers that extended from the top all the way down to the bottom. This was done due to safety issues.

George also posted the practice times of the field on the whiteboard posted on the outer screen of the third-base dugout.

Dick Lemoine also added that he had talked to Todd Patty and they are going to replace the clay at home plate, First Base, Third Base and the pitcher's area next week.

Budget / Finance:

Jim McGuire had nothing to report on budget and finance but took his time to introduce the National League players on the board to the new board member, Bob Latzo. No further action.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action.

Membership:

Dick Lemoine reported for Ken Skinner the following membership status as of May 1, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 273

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	114
National League (Active & Sub List)	89
Woman's League	41
Members not assigned to teams	29
Totals	273

Billboard Marketing:

George Karras reported that he is taken down the boards as requested and Todd Walker had picked them up. Lyle Bakken also mentioned that PFG also needs to come down. Dick Lemoine mentioned that there is an inquiry about sponsorship from Avondale Toyota.

Team Sponsors:

Ernie Mueller reported that he has talked to John Forsythe from Desert Golf Cars about team sponsorship. There was some discussion on where to put them on the team sponsor lists because they do not sponsor a billboard. After a lot of discussion it was determined that we will put them toward the top of the list. Dick Lemoine will talk to Carol Johnson at corporate of Windermere Realty to see if they will reconsider being first to sponsor a team giving Desert golf cars priority because Desert Golf Cars is willing to provide us with a new golf cart each year with full maintenance. This will put Windermere second on the list for team sponsorship. If there is a vacancy for a team sponsor before the new season starts then Desert Golf Cars would have priority for team sponsorship. After some discussion it was determined that if a billboard sponsor also sponsors a team that if they dropped a billboard they must also drop the team sponsorship as well. Dennis Farrar made a motion to have Dick Lemoine check with Carol Johnson at corporate of Windermere to see if they would be willing to step aside their spot for team sponsorship giving Desert Golf Cars priority for team sponsorship. If Windermere is not willing to give Desert Goff cars priority in the sponsorship order, then Desert Golf Cars would automatically be placed at number two on the waiting list for team sponsorship. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. No further action taken.

League Meeting – April Review:

Hall Of Fame:

Dick Lemoine reported that at the last league board meeting he had requested to review the process in which Hall of Fame candidates are selected. The reason for the request was because some of the existing Hall of Fame members were having issues with some of the procedures of the Hall of Fame Committee. There was a lot of input at the March meeting, which carried over to the April meeting in which a committee from the league board was formed to check into these procedures. The league board therefore has established a committee to revise the procedures and the format in which Hall of Fame candidates are selected. In conclusion, the selected committee from the league board will establish new procedures and format to get more members actively involved in the selection process.

Dennis Farrar reported that League President, Arvid Peterson will be calling a special meeting of the committee prior to the next league board meeting to discuss the direction in which we will go forward. If you would like ongoing information on this, please check the Internet web site for the league minutes to keep updated on a regular basis.

New League Forming:

Dick Lemoine also reported that the Sun City Club, Sun City West club and the league board is in favor of possibly starting a new league on Mondays. This will be a small league and there will be a sign-up sheet to see how many players want to play. There's a possibility of having at least four teams. There will be more on this later at the league meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

SPONSOR CARNIVAL STATUS:

George Karras reported that he has formed a committee to go forward with the Sponsor Carnival on October 28, 2006. This committee will meet on Thursday, May 4. George also reported that we can only have people from Sun City, Sun City Grand and Sun City West in attendance otherwise we will have to pay for the park and the facilities that we are using. George also has meetings set up in June, September and October. George said that letters will be sent out to all billboard and team sponsors advising them of what this is, and how we would like them to participate. The main purpose of the carnival is to give the sponsors better access to our members, and to show the sponsors that we are trying to support them in our community.

CHARITABLE TOURNAMENTS:

Dick Lemoine talked to Linda Murray just before she left and she brought up that we're walking a real fine line when we have charitable events. The Recreation Board is not in favor of charter clubs getting involved in charities. We need charities, but we just need to be careful on how we organize it. In the future we need to look closely at charitable events, and to see how this may affect our relationship with the recreation center on how we do it.

Dennis Farrar also mentioned that when we do these charitable events in most cases we are playing an age bracket of our own children when these charitable events should be played within the same age group. Some other comments that was said was, "I thought this was a senior tournament"! There has been many balls hit into the tennis courts and even some of our own players have been injured when playing these tournaments with players that are much, much younger than us. In some cases the average age that we were playing against was 29. There is no doubt the safety plays an important part of these tournaments and that safety, both on our field and the surrounding recreation areas should be our first concern and take precedence. In conclusion, future tournaments played on Liberty Field will be screened as to the age and ability of opponent players and mandatory playing restrictions will be implemented as necessary to enforce the safety issues and concerns.

POPCORN MACHINE:

Dick Lemoine passed around a brochure and some internet print outs of various machines and prices. The popcorn machine will be stored inside the clubhouse when not in use. Dick reported that at this time there are two ladies who will keep a popcorn machine cleaned. Dick said that the popcorn machine that would fit our needs would probably run around \$1100. After some discussion, Dennis Farrar made a motion to buy an 8 ounce popcorn machine not to exceed \$1200. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. No further discussion or action.

NEW BUSINESS

UNIFORMS:

Ray Early reported on the possibility of getting new caps. Ray had a sample of what the new caps would look like, and reported that the cost would be \$10 each. Ray also said that the Sun City West caps that we have now are also \$10 each. We also can change the logo on the front of the cap if we would like. Dick Lemoine will take this report to the next League Meeting for a possible decision. The proposed cap

change started with several players complaining to the league that they would like to have better caps to wear with their uniforms. The newer caps do not hold up as well as the older ones. No further action.

ON-DECK CIRCLES:

Ray Early presented samples of on-deck circles for Liberty Field. The cost is less than \$600 a pair. The on-deck circles come with a limited five-year warranty. These on-deck circles would be taken into the clubhouse after used to protect them with hopes to give them longer use. Dick Lemoine suggested that if there are any of these on-deck circles on other fields that we take a look at these prior to purchasing our own.

Ray Early will find out where we can look at these on-deck circles or have the distributor present samples prior to purchase.

Lyle Bakken made a motion that Ray Early and George Karras look into this and if they are satisfied with the results that they go ahead and order the on-deck circles. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried. No further action.

FOUL POLES:

Bob Latzo gave a detailed report on foul pole sizes and cost. After a lot of discussion, the board agreed to have both Bob Latzo and George Karras get the pipe needed (32 feet from ground) and have the local metal shop weld up our foul poles to our specifications. The foul poles would include wings with wire mesh screen welded to the extended poll mounted in the ground and be painted yellow. The Sun City West Recreation Center maintenance department will install the poles once they are painted and ready to install. Bob has agreed to paint the foul poles before they are installed. Paul Turley has made a computer designed, and the a sail to go across a grillwork that has the stars at the top and white and blue ways of the flag down to the middle and lettering that will say "Liberty Field". The sails will be made of a Dacron material. After some discussion, Jim McGuire made a motion to have Bob Latzo follow up on this project with a competed target date by opening season, October 24. Motion seconded by Dennis Farrar. Motion carried. No further action.

FOUL LINES:

Paul Nagelson presented various options of having new foul lines put on the field. 1) using spray paint specifically designed for painting lines on grass. This would be sprayed on each time the recreation center cut the grass, or as needed. 2) using artificial foul lines with a 4 inch white line and the center. This would be permanently installed from the infield dirt area out to the fence on both sides of the field. The recreation center would maintain the foul lines no matter which way we go. Dick Lemoine said he had talked to Todd Patty on this issue, and Todd is tired of spending hours and hours maintaining the current foul lines which are fire hoses spiked in the ground. The sun deteriorates it, and the lawnmowers catch it. Todd is agreed to paint as needed our foul lines or install and maintain any artificial turf foul lines that we come up with. Todd would like to work on this project in July. After some discussion, the decision of the board is to have Bob Latzo work with Paul to go ahead on this project and sometime during the summer have a cell phone board meeting to make a decision on which way to go. No further action.

BALL PAINTING:

Dick Lemoine called Albrecht Construction to see if they would paint the ball. Dick is meeting with Albrecht Construction to talk "turkey" about giving Albrecht some notoriety for painting the ball. After some discussion, Dick is going to offer Albrecht a six-foot banner that we will fly somewhere on our field. We will buy the banner and fly it for a pure time. They'll also receive a free ad in the newspaper in

the fall. Dick is going to try to get basically, this \$850 job accomplished for free with a little notoriety. The board unanimously agreed. Dick will advise us on this project. No further action.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Resignation Letter:

Jim McGuire read a letter from Bob Stouthamer on his resignation as president and from the board. Dick Lemoine will keep this in the files for future reference as needed. Dennis Farrar reported that he had posted a bulletin at the clubhouse to have any correspondence or references come to the new president Dick Lemoine or any of the other officers. On this notice is a list of all the current officers' phone numbers and e-mails. No further action taken.

Blue Book Inquiry:

Dick Lemoine received a letter of inquiry from Carl Elitz, Chairman of Charter Member Clubs requesting to know how many of our officers have a current blue book. Each officer of the board signed their name with the appropriate response yes, or no. This will be forwarded back to Carl for follow up. No further action.

Sound Equipment:

Dick Lemoine mentioned that he received an e-mail from Ray Early stating informing him that Bob Stouthamer had in his possession a cordless microphone and requested that he should return it. Dick forwarded Ray's e-mail to Bob to let him know of our request. Dick will talk to Bob if necessary to get the mic back.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that he was asked to see what the cost would be on getting a couple high round tables with chairs like is at the bowling alley to use inside or outside the clubhouse. Dick Lemoine mentioned he has asked Ray Early to check on this and to get back with him on the availability and costs. Ray will have this information available at the next meeting. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, September 4, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Lecture Hall • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, May 10, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

Please note that this will be the last meeting until the September meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Lyle Bakken move to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Liberty Field Clubhouse at 7:55a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Bob Latzo, Dick Lemoine, and Ernie Mueller.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Carol Bowden, Ray Early, Ken Skinner, and Richard Wells.

MAY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bob Latzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Ernie Mueller. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dick Lemoine distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported on behalf of the treasurer, Lyle Bakken who was absent. Dick reported a closing balance as of August 20, 2006 of \$10,409.98. The SCW Recreation Center is currently carrying a balance for us of \$12,097.42. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by George Karras. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

Field Closure:

George Karras reported that the field will be posted closed for overseeding and other maintenance work from October 2 through October 23. Fall league play will start on Tuesday, October 24. There is a possibility that it could open earlier. During this closure, arrangements have been made for four practices at the Bicentennial Field in Surprise. We have 57 players currently assigned to play. Anyone who plans to attend any of these practices will need to sign a waiver form before they will be allowed to play. We would like to extend a special thank you to Steve Griswold for setting this up for us.

New Storage Building:

The new storage building is in and on a concrete pad and this was all funded by Sun City West Softball Club. Members also donated their time to pour this concrete pad. Dick had contacted all the board members by phone and it was unanimous that George follow up on getting the new storage building and getting the concrete slab poured for the new storage sheds foundation. This project was also voted on and passed at the last general meeting in February, so the George just followed up on completing the project. Thank you George for all the hard work and effort you have done to complete this project.

Donated Shopping Cart:

George Karras reported that we now have a shopping cart that was donated by Bashas' for us use for our practices. There's also a new set of bases, but they will not be used, except for tournament play. We will play with the current bases for regular play until they fall apart. George also mentioned that we now have a new pitching rubber.

Small Storage Container:

George has requested, pending board approval, to purchase a small storage container to put the bases and things into and to place the container behind the drinking fountain on the third base side. Dennis Farrar made a motion that we authorize George Karras to buy the small storage container as he requested, but not to exceed \$100.00. Ernie Mueller seconded. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning:

For our long-range plan, George reported that they planned to take down the existing bulletin boards in the dugout's and put new bulletin boards next to the Hall of Fame bulletin board. George feels that we would have better control of the bulletin boards and what goes on the bulletin boards if placed in this area. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Sponsor's Carnival and Pancake Breakfast:

George Karras reported they had a trial run breakfast that did not turn out well because the gas grill did not work. Ken Skinner sent out 42 letters to all the sponsors and is at one response back so far. Ken has requested that all sponsors RSVP by October 6. Sponsors will be given two weeks after receipt of the letter, and then we are to make personal contact with them to find out what their intentions are. Joan McKenna said she would make the follow up contacts on behalf of Sun City West Softball Club. Larry Kuberka will do the same for the Sun City Club. The recreation center has made it quite clear that nothing can be sold at this event. Sponsors can give out items such as pencils, pens coupons, advice or information. The local firemen will be there doing free blood pressure tests. George Karras is asking that all ballplayers who plan to attend, whether you are working or not to wear your sponsors jersey and hats. This will enable all the sponsors who attend to see all the uniformed players at one-time. George also mentioned there will also be local publicity in papers of Sun City West, Sun City as well as Sun City Grand. Posters will also be up at the Recreation Center and various businesses in the area. George said that he would like to have an idea of how many may attend so they are pre-selling tickets. See Ken Skinner for tickets. The menu is, precooked bacon, pancakes, orange juice and coffee. All for only \$3.00 per person (all you can eat).

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action.

Sponsors:

Team:

Ernie Mueller reported that Bill & Joan McKenna are no longer helping him with the team sponsors. The new couple to help Ernie with the team sponsors will be Joe & Diane Oliver. Joe plays in the National League. For clarification, Ernie only does Sun City West team sponsors. Desert Golf Cars will now be a team sponsor and replaced Wells Fargo Bank. All other team sponsors are paid and current. Larry Ott Realty will be the sponsors of the newly formed all woman's team known as the "Sparks." Ernie also mentioned that Lund Cadillac will provide us with 2 more sets of summer jerseys and we will now wear our league hats. Lund will also provide us with balls, shirts and hats for the Friday, Saturday, and Monday teams. We would like to thank Lund for their continuing support and for their support over the past 12 years.

Billboards:

George Karras said we now have 17 sponsor billboards up right now. A program has been presented to True Value Hardware. George said that they will meet with them after the first of the year to determine what they want to do. True Value has showed a great interest. A program has also been presented to the Federal Government regarding the smoking program they have and it looks pretty good. In the future there is a program that will be presented to Gila River Casinos. The Daily News Sun and The Exterminator are also going to be board sponsors.

Election Committee:

Dick Lemoine has appointed Dennis Farrar, Bob Latzo, Ernie Mueller, and Jim McGuire to serve on this committee with Dennis Farrar as the chairperson. Dennis reported that he has received no interest at this point. Dennis posted a list of the committee on the bulletin board with the names and phone numbers of the committee members. Please contact one of us if you are interested in being nominated for the board. This is a two (2) year term.

Dennis will follow up with those that have expressed an interest and make a list of candidates who are willing to be placed on the ballot. The election will be held on November 9 (National League), and November 14 (American League).

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported the following membership status as of September 11, 2006:

Total members in good standing: 277

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	103
National League (Active & Sub List)	105
Woman's League	42
Members not assigned (injuries, etc.) to teams	26
Unassigned	1
Totals	<u>277</u>

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported that the new uniforms have been ordered and should be received in time for play. Ray said we will need to order more balls before the year is over but we have enough for now. Ray also presented the jersey design for the newly formed women's team called the "Sparks". No further action.

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION:

Ken Skinner mentioned that he would like to start an umpires association that would umpire tournaments and possibly regular league games. Ken would like to have this clinic once a week for going over the rules and specific mechanics to those who attend. There will also be uniforms for the umpires. Ken will keep us posted on how this is coming along. Ken's first session will be September 28, 2006. Please plan to attend if you are interested.

TOURNAMENTS:

Ken Skinner reported the following events are on the calendar:

Nov 4-5	Bosom Buddies	Jan	None Scheduled
Nov 11-12	SCW Firefighters	Feb 3	Cardiac Kids
Dec	None Scheduled	Mar 1-4	Spring Fling

Dennis Farrar has asked Ken Skinner for an article to be put in the newsletter, so be looking for Ken's articles in the upcoming newsletter.

Dick Lemoine has suggested in holding a Vintage Softball Tournament. This would be based on the first year of baseball which was 1864. They would use a rag ball and the players would be wearing vintage uniforms and the calls of the game would be of that era. Mike Hester is willing to set this tournament up. Dick would also like to see "League Of Their Own" which was the 1940's women's ball game if there is enough interest to participate. And also Dick would like to see a "10 up" game. This type of game is popular in Canada. Dick has access to the "10 up" rules. No further action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Dick Lemoine covered again on the cost of \$215.00 to wax the both floors. Dick also said we have players that know how to do this and if we rent the buffer they would do the waxing. Dick said that Mike Graham now has the managers picked for the AL fall league play. Dick has the list if you would like to know who they are. Dick read a letter received from Wayne Mitchell about summer ball stating that he would like to see if the players are interested in using a different softball during summer play only. Wayne is asking that a better ball be used for summer league play. No action taken.

Dick reported that Matt Szydowski is no longer the liaison to the softball club. Dick Lemoine met with Matt at a meeting. Dick read part of the minutes of the meeting that basically covered what the Recreation Center want to do with the parking lot and other plans for the future that would affect our field.

OLD BUSINESS

FOUL POLES:

Dick asked Bob Latzo to repaint the foul poles in preparation of getting them installed. The Recreation Center is going to prep the areas by moving back the fencing on both foul areas the first day the field is shut down (October 2). They are going to drill the holes and place the foul poles right after that. General Sign is the company that is going to set the poles. Once we get the poles in place it will be the Recreation Center job to maintain them.

FOUL LINES:

The Recreation Center made the decision to remove the fire hoses as foul lines. Todd Patty then had the maintenance crew remove the fire hoses and replace them with sod in its place. They've then painted the lines with paint. The recreation center has agreed to purchase the paint, but the club will have to keep them painted. There is a painting machine that has been provided for us.

If this doesn't work Todd has agreed to do something different, but we are not going back to the fire hoses. Todd will be asked to set a 4 inch line instead of the current line.

SCORE BOARD:

When the contract was signed with Liberty Buick, Matt Szydowski gave the field naming rights Liberty Buick for 20 years. The name would call "Liberty Field". The plans of grillwork being submitted to the recreation center to be placed above the scoreboard in Center Field. On the scoreboard there will be the words "Liberty Field" in 16 inch red letters. The approximately \$500.00 to cover the cost of this project will come out of the SCWSC treasury. The local metal shop is working on this grillwork, and it should be completed within two weeks after the field is closed. This will complete the scoreboard as planned.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW LEAGUE HATS:

Several members have expressed an interest in purchasing new hats for the league. This would be a better quality hat and would cost around \$6.25 each which includes embroidering and shipping. Paul Turley is working on a new logo for the new hats. It was also indicated that each hat would have a small American Flag over the left ear of the hat. Sun City West will cover two thirds of the cost, and Sun City club will cover one third of the cost. Dick Lemoine has agreed to present this at the next League Board Meeting on September 13, 2006. No further action.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next general membership meeting will be held on October the 16th 2006 at the Palm Ridge recreation Center. Dick Lemoine has asked Ken Skinner to give a presentation on special events that are coming up. George Karras will also make a presentation on the proposed bleachers and dugouts. Dick Lemoine will cover how the Ramada's project is going and Loran Swanson will about the Hall of Fame.

BLEACHERS / DUGOUTS:

George Karras has planned about doing something with the bleachers and the dugouts and presented a plan to the members present. George passed out the drawings and after some discussion it was determined that Paul Turley would render these drawings on a computer in a picture format and then send that these drawings to Dennis Farrar to render in a PowerPoint presentation for George to present to the club membership at the October 16. At this meeting, George will cover the cost of this project at the General Membership Meeting so you want to be sure you're there. A project like this could take as much as 12 to 14 months to approve because of having to go through the Recreation Center for permits and final approval. The Recreation Center has agreed to meet with us after a general membership meeting to determine how soon we can move forward with this project. No further action taken.

SUMMER LEAGUE PLAY:

Rich Wells mentioned that for the third session the sub list was too long, and that a sub list should never be that long. Also you need to do one session at a time and not all three at one time. A player plans could change. Rich asks each player himself and if they can not make half of the games they do not play for the summer play.

Dennis Farrar mentioned that his main problem and frustration was that some players would schedule to play in a session and then tell their manager they would be leaving for the summer after only playing four or five games. Players need to understand that there is a lot of effort exerted to setting up the summer play, (or any play as far as that goes) and the players need to be honest and "shoot straight" with the coordinators that are setting up rosters to make teams. Dennis on the other hand feels that the length of the sub list is irrelevant. Many of the subs on the list were from the National League and were going to be gone on and off for a couple of weeks or so and didn't mind not being assigned a team but wanted the opportunity to play if they were called. Dennis saw no harm in this concept as long as he and the manager knew. Managers were instructed to pull from the sub list first before going to other teams for subs. All managers should know that if you get an answering machine you go to the next one. This allows more players to play more ball games and not just a selected few. In conclusion it was agreed upon that a committee be formed to set up some standards for the summer league play. Rich Wells and Dennis Farrar have agreed to stay on to be a part of this committee and two others (1 more NL player and 1 more AL player) will be appointed to make up the Summer League Committee. Dick Lemoine suggested that maybe we try something different in the last session. Dick Lemoine thanked Rich and Dennis for all their hard work and for volunteering to setting up the summer play. No further action taken.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

On-Deck Circles:

Having on deck circles were presented again by Ray Early with samples and the approximate cost would be approximately \$950.00 for two. These would be stored in the new shed. Dick feels that this item should go to the membership for a vote. Dennis Farrar made a motion to present the on deck circles at the next general membership meeting being held October 16, 2006 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. Ernie Mueller seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Field Practicing:

Carol Bowden has requested a slot for the ladies to practice on Liberty Field. Carol was authorized to have Mondays from 2 – 4 p.m.

Clubhouse Cleaning:

Dick Lemoine mentioned that last week he had brought in a cleaning woman, and for \$65.00 she cleaned the downstairs and the upstairs of the clubhouse. They were there for over four hours. It is a feeling that we need to talk to the recreation center about doing a better job on keeping our clubhouse cleaner. Pointed out that we all need to make a better effort on keeping our clubhouse cleaner.

New Home Plate Proposal:

Ken Skinner suggested that we take home plate and make it all one piece. This would do away with the black rubber extension behind existing white plate secured in the ground. Dick Lemoine has appointed Ken Skinner to check on this and report back to the board with his findings on costs and related information. This means that the catcher behind home plate can touch a part of the white to record an out. So you would not have those unforeseen bounces from the ball as it came in and hit the ground.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, October 2, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City **(please note the normal date change)**

ADJOURNMENT:

Dennis Farrar moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by George Karras. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club (Stampede Room) at 7:58a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Bob Latzo, Dick Lemoine, and Jim McGuire.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, Ken Skinner, and Mike Hester.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bob Latzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Lyle Bakken there was no detailed report given. Dick Lemoine did report that we have received the \$6,750.00 from Bashas' for their three year billboard renewal. Also a check from Desert Golf Cars for their team sponsorship. Dick said that he wrote a check for \$16.00, and there was no other activity this last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

In the absence of George Karras Bob Latzo reported that he had talked to Todd Patty and next week they are going to lazer the field, and also drill the holes for the foul poles. The new foul lines are in and will be maintained by the recreation center maintenance crew at no charge to the club.

Special Events:

Sponsor's Carnival and Pancake Breakfast:

Ken Skinner announced that he now has 16 sponsors who have replied and they plan to be at the carnival. There will be another committee meeting next week. Tom Drizler who is involved with the "Tin Cup" Golf Tournament has express an interest in having a golf instructional booth at the carnival. Tom is not a sponsor but has been very active in the "Tin Cup" Golf Tournament that our club benefits from. Ken said as long as there is room for him to set up that would be okay. Dick will let Tom know he is welcome to set up.

Vintage Baseball:

Ken reported that it is too costly to set this up. The balls are \$19 each. The gloves are around 40 bucks. The cost is around \$200.00 to outfit each player. This would be \$3,000.00 for a 15 man team. Dick Lemoine has asked Mike Hester if he would agree to run with this and explore in further detail until we get to a point where we cannot do it. Ken Skinner has agreed to work with Mike Hester on this. Dick has asked Mike to pursue the Vintage Baseball idea with the possibility of having a tournament next October or November and what is required of the club to host such an event. No further action taken at this time.

“10 Up”:

Dick has given this further thought and has suggested that instead of having a “10-up” Tournament that we would played by the 10 up rules for the last summer session. No further thoughts and no further action taken at this time.

Planning / Annual Calendar of Events:

Dennis Farrar had nothing to report at this time. No further action.

Sponsors:

Team:

No report due to the absence of Ernie Mueller.

Billboards:

Dick Lemoine reported that the Daily News Sun has chosen to back out of negotiations on putting a billboard up on the field at this time. They feel that the expense of creating the billboard pushed them over their budget allowed. Also reported that a check from Bashas’ to renew their 3 year billboard has been received. Dick also has received a letter from the Federal Health Department and that they feel that the \$2500.00 would be better spent on our children instead of the seniors. No further action.

Mandatory Chartered Club Meeting:

Dick Lemoine asked for a volunteer to attend the mandatory chartered club meeting since many of the board members would not be in town. This meeting is to review rules, regulation and procedures. This mandatory meeting is done twice per year. Dennis Farrar has agreed to contact Peggy Hostetler to confirm that he will be attending one of the meetings to represent the Sun City West Softball Club. No further action taken.

Election Committee:

Dennis Farrar reported that he has placed the following individuals in nomination:

Carol Bowden Mike Hester
Bruce Brady Art Nelson

No others have come forward to be added at this time. Again, as a reminder, the election will be held on November 9 (National League), and November 14 (American League).

Rules Committee:

Dennis Farrar gave Dick Lemoine six copies of the American League rules as amended and adopted by the League Board in January of this year. The managers will receive enough copies to hand out to each player on opening day October 24, 2006. Dick reiterated that he had talked to Arvid and the rules are being typed up for copy and distribution.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early passed out a guideline worksheet concerning sponsor jersey replacement. The idea of this guideline is to try to get at least four years wear of the jerseys. Ray mentioned that he is in the need of ordering more softballs. Dick has talked to Bob Straub who has a distribution company throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Dick will introduce Ray and Bob next week to follow up and see what the possibility is for us to purchase our balls from Bob's company. Bob carries both Worth and Dudley. No further action taken at this time.

Membership:

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CORRESPONDENCE:

Dick Lemoine has received a letter from Gail Stouthamer advising us that she is stepping away from the Angels in the Outfield. Linda Graham and Joyce Fano will continue as the contacts for all future concerns and needs regarding league players. Dick thanked her for all she has done for the Angels and feels that we all could do a better job in promoting the Angels in the Outfield. Ray Early mentioned that he has six vests with Angels on them that would be available for the Angels to wear when they are doing a fund raiser, tournament games or operating the concession area. Dick asked all of us to be thinking about what we could do to put more energy in the Angels in the Outfield program. At the next meeting he will put the Angels in the outfield on the agenda and invite one of the members to come and speak. No further action taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

SCORE BOARD:

Dave Trober was the engineer that designed the honeycomb grill work to go above the scoreboard. After the metal shop received the prints on how it was to be made, the metal shop changed the design and then sent it off to powder coating. Dick will pick up the grillwork from the power coater this week and take it back to the metal shop to be done to our specifications. After the metal shop completes the grillwork it will then be sent back for powder coating before installation. No time frame as to when this will be completed. No further action taken.

FOUL POLES:

Bob Latzo reported that the Recreation Center now will be taking out the old foul poles today and drilling the holes for the new foul poles to be installed. The new foul poles are then placed in a receiving sleeve that is placed in concrete. After the concrete has the proper time to cure the new foul poles will be erected. This should be completed sometime next week.

NEW LEAGUE HATS:

Dick Lemoine reported that the design and a style has been selected. We need to order 432 or more hats to get them for \$6.25 each. The total order will be for 500 hats. The League Board will order 500 hats total. One hundred and fifty (150) hats to Sun City, and Three hundred and fifty (350) hats to Sun City West. After a lot of discussion, Jim McGuire made a motion that we purchase 350 hats. Motions seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried. Jim McGuire made a motion that each member will receive a new hat free providing they turn in their existing hat. If they have no existing hat to turn in the hats will cost \$10 each. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Additional hats may be purchased by members at the cost of \$10 each.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Because of scheduling conflicts of some of the board members the October 16, 2006 General Membership Meeting at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center has been canceled and will be reschedule. Dick Lemoine will check on having the meeting on November 13 or 15 in the evening. Dennis Farrar made a motion that we cancel the October 16 General meeting and reschedule on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. if Dick can secure a meeting room. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Ken Skinner will put the change on the web site and Dennis Farrar will post the change at the field on the bulletin boards and clubhouse.

Secretarial Note: Dick Lemoine called later in the day and said that the next General Meeting will be November 15 at 6:30pm at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in the Lecture Hall. Please plan to attend.

LAWN & WALL:

Dick Lemoine gave the following report that in the new design proposal there will be lawn installed on the third-base side for warm-ups. In addition Dick requested that if the Recreation Center would put in a wall on the first-base side and level the ground and to give the area more definition that the club would be willing to pay for the sod. The Recreation Center has agreed to this at this time. The area to be covered would be approximately 28' x 100' at the cost of \$.26 per square foot. This being said the cost to the club to purchase the sod would be approximately \$728.00. The Recreation Center will supply the labor to prepare the area involved and to lay the sod. Dick will continue to pursue this but no further action taken at this time.

PEPSI POP MACHINE:

Dick reported that the Pepsi machine located outside the clubhouse has been empty since February. Dick has talked to the Recreation Center and has requested that the club take full control of the Pepsi machine. We have also requested that a newer machine be place in the same area. The Recreation Center has agreed, so effective immediately the new Pepsi machine will belong to the SCWSC. Pepsi will deliver and has agreed to sell to us at wholesale. However, we still can purchase product at the local stores if we can buy for a cheaper price. Pepsi will invoice us so we do not have to pay at the time of delivery. The thought was we would like to go to the 12 ounce cans so we could sell them for less money. Ray early has volunteered to take the responsibility of the Pepsi machine. Ray will stock and take the money out of the machine to be turned into the club. We will no longer be using the refrigerator inside the clubhouse to stock pop and other soft drinks. The refrigerator in the clubhouse will strictly be used for drinks that cannot be purchased from the Pepsi machine. No further action taken at this time.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

New Home Plate Proposal:

Ken Skinner has not followed up on this at this time. Dick Lemoine will be at the metal shop tomorrow and checked to see if they can help us with this endeavor. Ken Skinner will continue to pursue this matter. No further action taken.

King and His Court:

Jim McGuire mentioned he had the opportunity to umpire one of these games and would like to see the possibility of having this team play one of our teams in a tournament setting. This is a fast pitch team. The cost to get this team to play is approximately \$3000.00. If anybody is interested in setting this up contact Jim McGuire. No further action taken.

Softballs:

Dick Lemoine reported that because of competition Dudley is going to a .44/400 compression ball. This ball does not have any more pop, but the ball seems to hold its integrity better. No further thoughts or action taken.

Senior Baseball League:

Ken Skinner mentioned that some of the seniors are playing in a baseball tournament. This tournament will be held the first of November in Surprise. There are 340 teams and this nationwide tournament. Some of our seniors in our league will be playing in this tournament and if you're interested in going to any of these baseball games contact Gene Monk of the AL.

New Microphone:

Ray Early reported that the clubhouse now has a new microphone that you do not have to hold up to your mouth and he is invited anyone who would like to call games to be a part of the announcing program. Ray also downloaded additional music CDs for us to use at our games.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 6, 2006 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, October 18, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 • 6:30 P.M. • R.H. Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) • Sun City West.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jim McGuire moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

Attendance: Dick Lemoine, George Karras, Lyle Bakken, Ernie Mueller, Bob Latzo and Glen Carroll (sitting in for Dennis Farrar).

Guest: Dave Hall

Minutes from previous meeting Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Bank summary submitted. Opening Balance: \$6,639.87. Closing Balance: \$9,741.76.

Pancake breakfast net income: \$ 274.78. Report approved as submitted.

Discussion re new umpire association plans. Letter received from Ken Skinner explaining plans. Only suggestion was team Managers be notified prior to game day where possible.. So players can possible Sub for the day.

Wester is looking at possible including weekly game write ups for the league.

Dick Lemoine discussed an idea to lend club support in securing a athletic field for the Naderburg school District. Rotary Club will lend their assistance. Motion passed to support this effort.

Committee Reports:

Field Maintenance, 10 tons of stabilizer applied to level field. Ray Early will not handle the Donuts and Coffee this year. George Karras will arrange for some one to handle.

Thank you to Paul Nagelson for coordinating the field improvements with the Recreation Centers.

Special events, Pancake breakfast. We fed 600. Sponsors very happy with the event.. Special thanks to George and his committee for their support in making this event a success. Also a thank you from the Naderburg school girls who assisted. George Karras will head up the committee to develop and implement 2007 plans. He will be assisted by Bruce Brady & Wayne Mitchell

George suggested the club consider a contribution to the posse and Naderburg school of \$100.00 each. Board approved

Bill board sponsors. now have 18, room for three or four more. there are prospects we have 3 billboards up for renewal in January.

Joe Oliver has taken over the board sponsor contacts from Bill & Joan McKenna.

New team sponsors several have expressed an interest. This will be updated after review and contact.

Election of SCW Board. Ballots prepared. Box will be at the club house. Committee will consist of Dennis Farrar, Ernie Mueller, Bob Latzo & Jim McGuire.

We have 3 positions to be filled. Currently running: Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Mike Hester and Art Nelson.

Uniforms and Equipment: We have a current supply of Balls and Uniforms.. the proposed new hats are planning to be ordered. a sample is expected this week.

Ray Early will take a poll at the annual meeting regarding keeping current socks or going to plain white etc.

Tin Cup: Briarwood will be considered. Will result in some increase in cost. Approved with understanding the tin cup chairman will manage the process and at no cost to the club.

Suggested we sell banners (50) for the Left and Right field fences. to raise funds for major projects. Funds would be held for future projects by the Rec. Centers. This was approved subject to Recreation Centers approval.

New Business:

Dave hall presented proposal to re write mercy rules for National League. This was referred to National League Committee for review and report back to club board.

Discussion re setting up a 4 team schedule on Mondays. This was approved.

George Karras proposed we purchase 2 (100) cup coffee makers (good ones). Approved.

George Karras proposed we come up with a formal expense form which must be filled out prior to a payment. Referred to George and Lyle to submit a plan at the next meeting.

Meeting over 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Carroll
in the absence of Dennis Farrar, Secretary



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick Lemoine at the Men's Club (Stampede Room) at 8:05a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, George Karras, Bob Latzo, Dick Lemoine, and Jim McGuire.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Bruce Brady, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Dr. Terese Farrar and Dave Hall and Wayne Mitchell.

NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bob Latzo made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Lyle Bakken there was no detailed report given. Dick Lemoine did report an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 is \$6,639.87. A closing balance as of December 1, 2006 of \$7,381.46. Our recreation center billboard balance is \$26,084.17. There was a question as to if the billboard balance is that the 75% that goes to the board or the whole amount? Dick said that this amount is what is left in trust for us. Lyle will be back and clarify this for us at the next meeting. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurers' report. Motion seconded by Bob Latzo. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

George Karras reported that he now has volunteers to replace Ray Early. Also George intends on having a meeting with his maintenance crew to go over the watering schedule and to make sure that everything is locked up. George is also putting together a Liberty Field manual that will have everything we need to know about the field and clubhouse. Popcorn machine is in and put together and ready for use. George has contacted Todd Patty and there is going to be a shoe cleaner installed in each dugout. George also talked to Todd about too much water on the field and that he is aware of this and they will either cut back on the water or change the times. George would like to buy a first aid kit that would have a minimal amount of product and installed on the third base side of the field. There is not always someone available to open the clubhouse and this would give those players access to a first aid kit if needed. Dick said to purchase one and give the bill to Lyle Bakken for payment. George has also taken off all the old messages on the phone, and has the instructions on how to retrieve and delete messages. George is also trying to get in touch with Todd Walker concerning the on-deck circles but hasn't been able to make the connection yet. As soon as George gets in touch he will report back to us.

Dick added that we will be getting grass or turf on the first base side. Dick will do a Form 13 and the blue prints finished and Dick passed them around to look at.

The third base side is on hold right now pending the building of the new Ramadas. Core Construction is the company that will do the Ramada construction. No further action.

Special Events:

George Karras has been involved in this but will eventually turn this over to Bruce Brady, Wayne Mitchell, and Mike Hester. George had nothing else to report at this time. Dick did mention that Mike Hester is still pursuing the Vintage Softball. Bruce said that Bill Bromley is trying to get a couple more teams to play in the Cardiac Tournament.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Dick LeMoine reported in the absence of Ray Early that Ray said he is running out of hats and to have Dennis Farrar post a sign at both fields that if you have more than one hat that you please return them so they can be washed and reused for the new players coming into the league until we get the new ones. New hats are in route and Cleats will now be the vender for our hats. Cleats are honoring the same price we were originally quoted by the other vender, and that a couple demo models will be available within 7 days. No further action taken at this time.

Sponsors:

Team:

No report due to the absence of Ernie Mueller.

Billboards:

Dick Lemoine will be making a presentation to Edward Jones this week. Dick added that the billboard sponsors get first shot at team sponsors because they have a billboard. We have two from the same company. There is Windermere and Windermere-Mary Edman Agent. Both of these want to be team sponsors. Dick has talked to them and they will decide who is first. The next AL team sponsor will be one of these. The second AL team sponsor will be the other one. The NL will go to 14 teams but no answer there. No further action.

Membership:

Due to the absence of Ken Skinner there was no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

SCOREBOARD:

The scoreboard addition is completed and behind the fence for over a month. We are waiting for the recreation center to put it up.

LEAGUE BOARD MEETING REPORT:

Dennis Farrar gave a capsule report of the November League Board meeting. If you want to know the details of the report reported you can go to web site and click on the League Board Meeting Minutes for November. No further action.

BAR-B-Q STATUS:

About a year ago there was a fund started to build a bar-b-q for the events. This is on hold until the Ramada project. The money is still there and Dick said that we need to put the fund back on the treasurer's report.

POPCORN MACHINE:

George talked about the popcorn machine and now we have one. Costo had them on sale \$239.00 so we bought one. There are a couple of women who are going to be in charge of this and will make a work sheet on how to make popcorn.

ASA BATS:

The League has voted and passed that no bat will be permitted unless it has one or both of the ASA Logos below. Also, flat spot bats and cracked bats are not legal and can not be used.

**NEW BUSINESS****SUNDAY'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**

Dick LeMoine gave an in detail report about the issue concerning the Sunday Woman's League. Dr. Terese Farrar who sponsors one of these teams was asking why someone or whoever gave the authority to squash the Sunday League program only to use some of those women to be drafted to another traveling tournament team called the "Sparks". Some of these women, including Dr. Farrar have to shuffle their schedules because they are still working outside the home. There are also some women who feel they are just filling a position and are not ready to play competitive softball. Dr. Farrar feels that because her team was eliminated she should have been given first opportunity to sponsor the "Sparks" and was not. Because the board does not generally meet in the summer months all these critical decisions were made without going before a scheduled board meeting. The Sunday Women's program may start up again, but for now the league does not exist.

As a committed sponsor, Dr. Farrar would like to have the opportunity to sponsor a National League team and would like her husband Dennis on the team but not manage because of having to make all the phone calls to get subs. She also has requested that the individuals that have created this issue not be on this team. Dr. Farrar also said that she does not hold the board to blame but feels that the board needs to rectify the situation and to make sure that this dilemma will never to any other sponsor in the future.

After a lengthy open discussion including some unanswered questions, Dick LeMoine made the statement this will move forward as a review process and this board after today will set up a meeting with the women's softball league. The board will get some answers and to resolve these women's issues to make sure that this won't happen again, and to take Dr. Farrar's request into consideration. Dick has tabled Dr. Farrar's request based on the board meeting to rule on a decision. Dick has asked George Karras to report back on the options and how soon a team could be set up for Farrar Chiropractic. No further action taken at this time.

FRIDAY LEAGUE ISSUE:

Dick LeMoine read an email that he received from Dave Hall with his concerns on how the Friday League handles their teams and player selections. Dick addressed each item of Dave Hall's concerns. (*This email is on file with the secretary*)

It is the action of the Sun City West (SCW) Recreation Center and the SCW Softball Club board that anyone who steps out onto Liberty Field **must** sign a waiver of liability.

These waivers are on file with the club secretary. Dave responded and is content with how the board addressed his email concerns. No further action.

Dave then passed out another correspondence requesting that there be open sign ups to play on the Friday Co-Ed League, along with other concerns about the Friday League program.

Dick LeMoine has accepted Dave's formal request and this will be brought before the board at a later date to allow ample time to address his additional concerns. Dave reiterated that his intent is to open up the Friday League program, not to destroy it. (*This correspondence is on file with the secretary*) No further action taken.

PEPSI POP MACHINE:

Dick reported that the Pepsi machine located outside the clubhouse has been removed and a new one is scheduled to be installed any day now. This will allow us to get the pop out of the refrigerator inside and get it in the machine. The prices of the product will be set at the next meeting.

MONEY SYSTEM / PETTY CASH, ETC.:

We have a lot of issues with people taking pop, candy bars and other items and not paying for them. Therefore, Dick LeMoine has asked the treasurer, Lyle Bakken to set of a system of money and product trail so we have some accountability for the funds that are collected. This will be addressed in further detail at the next board meeting. No further action.

RULE FOR SUBS BATTING ORDER:

Some discussion or the batting order of subs. Currently all subs must bat at the bottom of the order in the line up. After the discussion the board felt that we would recommend to the League Board to leave this ruling as written so the subs will continue to bat at the bottom.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS ELECTIONS:

Jim McGuire conducted the election of officers for the 2007 board members with the following results:

President – Art Nelson	Member – Bruce Brady
Vice President – Mike Hester	Member – George Karras
Secretary – Dennis Farrar	Member – Ernie Mueller
Treasurer – Lyle Bakken	

A special thanks to the out-going officers for a job well done. Thank you Dick LeMoine, Jim McGuire, and Bob Latzo.

4TH ANNUAL TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Dick LeMoine reported that the committee is about to meet but not sure when. One precedence is that they would like to give away a car. Dick read the article that will soon be published in the December newsletter. We have a car dealer who is sponsoring this event and that there is going to be a Lexus given away. The club just needs to set up the details on how we want to proceed with this and how we give it away. The car dealer has made only one request, and that is, we do not give this car to another car dealer. The Tin Cup will be Monday, April 16, 2007 at Briarwood Country Club. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters or postings on the bulletin boards.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Announcements on PA system:

Bruce Brady would like to see more emphasis put on announcing other information. There seems to be too much priority set on only announcing woman games and activities. The board needs to take more control on what is announced on the PA.

After some discussion on this, George Karras suggested that we have an announcement white board to post all announcements to go over the PA system in priority to be announced.

Anyone that is at the mic would then look at what needs to be announced and do it. Art Nelson made a motion that we purchase a white board for this purpose. Seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Dick LeMoine has asked George Karras to look into this and report back his findings. No further action.

Sunday Co-Ed League:

George Karras suggested that we look into a Sunday Co-Ed League that would give the women who want to play non competitive softball a chance to play. These teams would consist of men and women who just want to go out and have fun and would consist of men only from the NL. This would also be true co-ed with 6 women and 5 men per team. George Karras said that he would be willing to chair and will set up a committee and report back at the next meeting. No further action.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, January 8, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Stampede Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 • 9:00 A.M. • Bell Lanes Bowling Alley • Sun City

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will be in February 2007. The exact date has not been confirmed, so check the internet and upcoming newsletters for details. This is a very important meeting as we will again need to vote on co-mingling with Sun City.

ADJOURNMENT:

Bob Latzo moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Jim McGuire. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:41a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Stouthamer at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center at 1:05pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, Dick Lemoine, Jim McGuire, Ernie Mueller, and Bob Stouthamer.

INTRODUCTION:

President, Bob Stouthamer introduced his board members: Jim McGuire, Vice President; Lyle Bakken, Treasurer; Dennis Farrar, Secretary; Dick Lemoine, Board Member; Ernie Mueller, Board Member; George Karras, Board Member (absent).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Bob Stouthamer reported the following current membership status as follows:

Total members in good standing: 260

Detail breakout:

American League (Active & Sub List)	112
National League (Active & Sub List)	87
Woman's League	35
Inactive (Injured List)	26
Totals	260

Treasurer's Report:

Lyle Bakken distributed the treasurer's report in detail. Lyle reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of February 18, 2006 is \$11,899.11. Lyle said that if anyone had any questions about the treasurer's report he would go over it with them in detail as he did not want to take meeting time to detail the treasurer's report.

Clubhouse Report:

Lyle Bakken also reported on the Liberty Field Clubhouse as follows:

Total cost for the clubhouse \$228,158.04. This cost includes the clubhouse and patio area and all the permits, blueprints, printing and other items needed to build. The current balance due to the Sun City West Recreation Center \$8,248.12.

LIBERTY FIELD EVENTS:

Bob Stouthamer reported in detail with a PowerPoint presentation on the upcoming events for Liberty Field.

January – Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Bob reported a total of \$691.00 raised for the Heart Foundation. This included entry fees to the players and items that were sold at the tournament.

February – Winter Classic Tournament:

Bob reported around \$225.00 raised for the Sun City West Softball Club from this tournament.

March – NL & AL Extended Spring Fling:

Bob also reported that this year's expanded spring fling will include the American League. The American League has approximately 60 players signed up.

April – Open:

Bob said there is a possibility of getting the recreation centers employees involved in doing a tournament during this month. No further action taken.

TEAM PICTURE DAYS:

Bob reiterated about getting your team pictures taken. The American League will be on February 21 and the National League will be on February 23. All pictures will be taken on the Sun City Softball Field. Bob said that this is one way we say thanks to the sponsors by giving them team pictures of their team. Please arrive early before your game to get your picture taken.

RAMADA UPDATE:

Dick Lemoine passed around some sketches of the proposed Ramada to be built adjacent to Liberty Field. Dick reported that the board has made presentations to the recreation center, and is working with contractors in the area to provide services at no charge to the recreation center or the Sun City West softball club. This Ramada will include picnic tables and barbecue. He also asked for suggestions from those members present as to what they would like to see on this project. This project looks like it may be well under way during this year.

OTHER LONG RANGE PLANS:

Bob mentioned that the board is trying to define the clubs long-range plan as to what we can do with the money that is coming in from the billboards once the clubhouse debt is paid. Bob reported that the board voted to paint the concrete softball in front of the clubhouse; however the recreation center has denied the request saying that the paint would not hold up. If we wish to continue with this project we will have to go to the outside and request bids.

PRIORITIZE LONG RANGE PLANS:

Bob took a vote of those members present with the following results as to the prioritizing of long-range plans.

The board voted as follows:

1. Ramada
2. Foul Poles
3. Bulletin Boards in the dugouts

The membership voted and expressed the following priorities:

1. Storage Building – Lots #1
2. Stadium Seating – Lots #2
3. Foul Poles – 17
4. Misting System – 10
5. Bulletin Boards in dugouts – 2

Bob is hoping that we can get the needed Storage Building donated. We will continue to work on this and keep the membership advised as to the outcome.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL:

The Board talked about how we can get the sponsors more involved in what we do. This event has been tentatively set for October 28, 2006. One of these areas would be to sponsor a carnival in which the sponsors would have an active part. This would include a pancake breakfast in which the entire public would be invited and involved. There would be a nominal fee for the pancake breakfast. The sponsors would be given tables and space in which they could display their goods and services to those in attendance. This will help our sponsors get the exposure that is needed, and that they deserve. This will not be held in Liberty Field. A location will be announced at a future date.

CO-MINGLING VOTE:

After a lot of discussion on pros and cons, a motion was made by Larry Ott to continue to co-mingle with Sun City as we do now. Motions seconded by Bill McKenna. Motion carried. A ballot vote was taken. Dennis Farrar and Jim McGuire counted the ballot votes with the following results:

80	- Yes
26	- No
2	- Abstained
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108	TOTAL PRESENT

Prior to the vote Ken Skinner presented a Microsoft Excel grid on the overhead screen to show the games and practicing schedule that would need to take place at Liberty Field if we were to split and just use our field for Sun City West players of the American and National League. Ken made a very compelling presentation.

The next co-mingling vote will be taken at the General Meeting in February 2007.

BILLBOARDS:

Bob Stouthamer thanked Dick Lemoine for his outstanding job in the Billboard sponsoring area. He also reported that George Karras would be taking over for Dick once the necessary individuals are trained to sell and follow up on Billboard advertisement. This will free Dick to focus on getting the Ramada project completed at Liberty Field. Bob reported that each board member has been assigned billboard sponsors that they will pursue and follow-up with on a regular basis.

SPRING SESSION ENDS:

The Spring Session will end on April 6. Please make sure you get your jerseys back to your managers on that day.

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS:

The first Summer Session begins April 18. Dennis Farrar and Tex Wells will be working on the summer schedule.

ANNUAL HALL OF FAME BANQUET:

Jim McGuire is heading up the banquet program. The banquet will be held at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center on March the 24th at 11 a.m. Banquet tickets are available through your team manager at the cost of \$10.00 per person.

Q&A:

Bob opened up the floor for a question and answer session and numerous ideas, comments and suggestions were heard. Some of the suggestions will need to be taken to the League Board. No immediate action was taken on any of the others.

Ken Skinner promoted the web site and asked everyone to check the site for the latest information.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will be in the fall. Please check the bulletin boards and the Newsletter for location, date and time.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Dick LeMoine at the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center (Lecture Hall) at 6:31pm.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:

A total of 61 SCW Club members were present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Farrar, Bob Latzo, Dick LeMoine, Jim McGuire, and George Karras.

INTRODUCTION:

President, Dick LeMoine welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. We haven't had an evening meeting before but was necessary due to the availability of rooms. Dick introduced his board members both present and absent, which are: Jim McGuire; Lyle Bakken, Treasurer; Dennis Farrar, Secretary; Bob Latzo, Board Member; Ernie Mueller, Board Member; George Karras, Board Member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership:

Dick LeMoine reported that we now have 296 paid members. Dick said that will increase in January when the next session starts.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick LeMoine distributed the treasurer's report in detail, and reported that we have an opening balance as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. The closing balance as of November 13, 2006 is \$7,978.85. We also have a Recreation Center Billboard Account balance as of November 13, 2006 of \$26,084.17. Dick said that we passed all audits and if anyone had any questions about the treasurer's report he would go over it with them in detail as he did not want to take meeting time to detail the treasurer's report. No further action.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Bob Latzo reported that the newly elected board members are: Bruce Brady, Mike Hester, and Art Nelson. Congratulations to all of you. Dick reminded the new members that the next board meeting will be held on December 4, 2006 and the board will then vote on the officers. No further action.

2007 TIN CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Dick showed the new logo to be used and reiterated on the success of the 2006 Tournament. Mike Hester who is the chairperson briefly recapped the 2006 and then reported that the 2007 Tin Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West, and will be on Briarwood's schedule every year hereafter. There will be a putting contest, 18 holes of golf and a beer garden and dinner afterwards. There is a need for golf cars if you have one to lend. If you are interested in working on this event please contact Art. Art said that they are in hopes to give away a car, but nothing is set yet. No further action.

BILLBOARD SPONSORS:

George said that we now have two new billboard sponsors which are, Daily News Sun, and SS Exterminator. This brings us to a total of 18 billboard sponsors, with room for about 3 or 4 more. If anyone knows of a business that would like to join our family of billboard sponsors, let George know. George will go out and make a presentation. George said that he has two leads right now that will be pursued after the first of the year. George reiterated that the billboards are very important to us as each sponsor pays \$2500.00 per year and sign a three year contract.

RAMADA UPDATE:

Dick LeMoine had Dennis Farrar pass around some sketches of the proposed Ramada to be built adjacent to Liberty Field. Dick reported that he has met with Core Construction and they said maybe they will and like the idea, and the Recreation Center has okayed this project and is on the fast track.

The Ramada's will include picnic tables and barbecue. He also asked for suggestions from those members present as to what they would like to see on this project. This project looks like it may be well under way during this year.

FIELD MAINTENANCE:

George Karras reported that the field maintenance crew along with the volunteers has done an excellent job keeping the field up to our expectations. The field has been laser leveled and 9 tons of stabilizer was added to level the infield again. New foul poles were installed and the fire hose foul lines were pulled up and the recreation center is now painting our foul lines on the outfield grass. There will soon be a finishing touch added to the top of the scoreboard in the outfield which will say "Liberty Field".

The Pepsi machine is gone and will be replaced with a newer one that the club will stock with products from the Pepsi Company as well as store bought drinks. The prices will be very reasonable for purchase. All profits will go directly into the clubs treasury.

George mentioned that the new shed is in and was paid for by club funds. Many club members volunteered to help install and pour the concrete pad and sidewalk area.

George wrapped up by thanking his committee of volunteers that work on the field maintenance. They are: Gene Monk, Ernie Miller, Bill Bromley, Bruce Brady, Frank Welch, Jerry Bianchi, and Gene Sutter. Since Ray Early wants to take a little break and sleep in, if possible, George has asked for volunteers to help make coffee, etc. on Tuesdays at Liberty Field. If interested contact George Karras. George thanked Ray for the job he has done. Thank you again.

Dick LeMoine added that he talked to Todd Patty and there will be about 28 feet of grass or turf installed on the first base side for the purpose of warming up. Todd has indicated that he would like to have this project finished before our January session starts. Which will be January 16, 2007.

OTHER LONG RANGE PLANS:

George Karras presented a modification plan of our bleachers. The plan calls for the installation of step, either in the center or on the side with the railing.

Along with this plan the front row of bleachers would be removed and new dugouts would be installed in front of the bleacher area. In addition, the old dugout fencing would be dropped to the height so that the spectators could see over the old dugout area. The old dugouts would be used for additional seating. This new plan would give our spectators an open view of the whole field area and also provide us with additional safety to our players and spectators.

The recreation center as expressed a desire for us to expand in the stadium seating which would cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000.00, and no one seems to know quite yet how to pursue this or the means of which to fund this project. George will keep us updated on how his projects are going, and if you are interested in looking at George's proposed plans see him after the meeting.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Dick LeMoine introduced the president of the Sun Cities Softball League, Arvid Peterson. Arvid talked about the Sun Cities Hall Of Fame process and encouraged everyone to use the nomination form to nominate their choice. This would be someone who has contributed a lot to their club and/or league. This is way we all can give a special recognition to those who have unselfishly give of themselves. The Hall of Fame Committee will then review all nominations past and present to determine their selection or selections. You can also get this form off the web site or in the November Newsletter. The Hall of Fame Committee is, Bud Herron, Larry Kuberka, Bob Latzo, Ernie Owen, Loran Swanson, and Carl Johnson. Arvid wrapped up by encouraging everyone to get out and nominate and the selection or selections will be named at our spring banquet. Arvid mentioned how the league board is made up and introduced the current board members who are: Arvid Peterson, President, Larry Kuberka, Vice President, Dennis Farrar, Secretary, Dick LeMoine, Member, and Ernie Owen, Member.

UNIFORMS, HATS, EQUIPMENT, SOCKS:

Dick touched on the long socks, and then took a straw poll to see if the membership wanted to continue wearing the long socks with the blue strips, and it was almost unanimous to continue wearing our current socks.

Ray Early reported that he now has new socks in if anyone needs them. Ray gave a full report of what it costs to uniform a player and where the different items are purchased and we currently are using (including Sun City) about 10 dozen balls per month. If you would like to know more information on uniforms, equipment, etc., see Ray.

Ray reported the approximate cost of on-deck circles. No they're not needed but would add a more professional appearance to our already great field. The cost of two on-deck circles would be approximately \$500.00 each. These circles are guaranteed for 5 years. After a lot of discussion Bob Freeman moved that we purchase two on-deck circles at the cost of approximately \$500.00 each with the stipulation that they are safe to use, and they will be used for league games, tournaments and women's games. Motion seconded by Art Nelson. Motion carried.

Ray closed by reading a poem written by our own Hugh Kelly titled, "Oh What The Heck".

Arvid mentioned that our military overseas in Afghanistan and other hot spots are looking for bats and gloves. If you want more information contact Arvid.

Ray also introduced the managers for the Hot Flashes which are Bill Schwingendorf, and for the Sparks, Herb Clark. No further action.

FRIDAY PRACTICE:

Dick LeMoine mentioned that there were some issue at the Friday morning practice. After a lot of discussion it was decided that the board would not intervene with setting hard fast rules but let the players at the practice dictate how they handle the Friday practice sessions. For example, how many pitches are given to each batter, and when can a batter bat, etc. No further action taken.

THANK YOUS:

Dick LeMoine thanked all the officers for all the work they have done for the club while he has served as the club president. The secretary, Dennis Farrar, the treasurer, Lyle Bakken, the Vice President, Jim McGuire, and the board members, George Karras, and Ernie Mueller.

Dennis Farrar added that the rumor he has heard that the newsletter is just a Sun City West newsletter is not true. The "Batter Up" newsletter is a newsletter to disseminate information to the whole league, not just one club. Dennis also asked that if you have any articles or news to add, please get this information to him by the 20th of the month so you will be sure to get your news in the next issue. Dennis also thanked Chuck Cain and Larry Kuberka for making the newsletter boxes that are attached to each field's bulletin board.

AMERICAN LEAGUE DRAFT:

Bob Freeman introduced the Rules Committee. They are: Bob Freeman (SCW), Wayne Mitchell (SCW), Mike Graham (SC), and Gregg Owens (SC). Bob went on to talk about the upcoming draft to take place in January. The American League draft will take place on January 8, the manager's only meeting (due to space) will be on Saturday, January 6. The next session will start on January 16, 2007. There are a lot of new players coming on. The League Board will make the decision on how many teams we will have. The rosters should be posted by January 11.

SPONSOR CARNIVAL:

George reported that the Carnival was a huge success. There were 26 sponsors who attended. The attendance was overwhelming. We served 500 people not counting the sponsors and the volunteers who attended. The sponsored were excited over the turnout, and they all are looking forward to next year. George said they ran out of mix and other items and had to go to the store to replenish. George took the opportunity to thank his committee who were, Ken & Sharon Skinner, Frank & Ginger Welch, Bruce Brady, Carol Bowden, Laurel Andrew, Glen Carroll, and Paul Nagelson. George also thanked the other volunteers that included some 8th grade students from Nadaburg School.

George said they actually made money, but did not intend for this event to make money. It was just a thank you for all that our sponsors do for us, and we wanted to have this carnival to show our appreciation.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

George said that there will be a Bosom Buddies Tournament on January 13 & 14. This event is to benefit the breast cancer endeavor. The Hot Flashes and the Sparks women's teams will participate in the event. George also said that he is considering a garage sale to be held at Liberty Field in the future, and if you have any ideas how to promote softball in the Sun City West area let George know.

Mike Hester gave a brief report on the Vintage Softball. Look for some more information in the future on this. Bill Bromley will look into doing another Cardiac Tournament, so look for information on this as well.

MONDAY LEAGUE:

Dick LeMoine talked about putting together a Monday League program and if you are interest sign up on the sign up sheet, or contact Dick. This league is going to try and get started on or about December 1. Hopefully there will be enough players to field four teams (2 games) and start around 12:30pm.

Q&A:

Throwing Of Bats:

Bruce Brady talked about some of the players throwing bats. Please do not throw the bats. All of us put a lot of money into our equipment to play so respect those bats and do not throw them. The on-deck batter should be responsible for getting the bat from the last batter and then hand the bat to the batter "in-the-hole" for them to put back into the dugout. Let's all respect others' property and not throw these bats. If you have any other ideas, please pass them on to Bruce to pursue. Thank you.

Monday Open Practice:

The Monday open practice will stay the same for now which is 8-10am until further notice. These times are subject to change depending on how the Monday League goes.

Umpires Association:

Mike Hester still has the umpire's shirts if you have not picked up yours yet.

Scorekeeper/Scoreboard:

Hugh Kelly has an ongoing concern that people are not showing up to keep score and run the score board. Please, all players and managers make an extra effort to see that these positions are cover.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Meeting will be held in February and this will be the meeting we will again take a vote whether to co-mingle with Sun City. Please watch the newsletter and bulletin boards for exact date and time.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary