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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:01a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Art Nelson, Bruce Brady, Ernie Mueller.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Glen Carroll, Ray Early, Ken Skinner, Carol Bowden, Pat Williams, and Rich McAndrews.

DECEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to accept the December 4, 2006 meeting minutes as he electronically distributed via e-mail. Motion seconded by Mike Hester. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his usual detailed report. Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$6,639.87. A closing balance as of December 31, 2006 of \$7,559.03. Lyle Bakken clarified that the recreation center billboard balance of \$26,084.17 is the total amount that the recreation center is holding on our behalf. 25% of this amount we can take out if we need to and the other 75% remains on account but can be used for softball projects. The current balance is \$9,769.64. A total of 110 members have paid their dues so far. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

Bruce Brady reported on behalf of George Karras who was absent. Bruce said that the on deck circles are in and will be stored in the clubhouse. Each dugout also has shoe brushes/cleaners and the batter's box has been widened by one foot in accordance to the 2007 ASA rules change. The template will be modified to reflect the increased batters box. Dennis Farrar mentioned that Chuck Cain made the newsletter boxes located in the dugouts and beside the bulletin boards at both Liberty Field and Sun bowl Field. Chuck Cain was the one that made the batter's box and possibly Chuck would be interested in modifying the template to the increased dimensions. Art Nelson had a question about who sets up Liberty Field for the AL on Tuesdays. George Karras is opening and making the coffee and Ray Early stops at Bashas' to pick up the donuts.

Club Computer:

Art Nelson brought up that the computer upstairs in the clubhouse has been tampered with and that we have lost some files. Dennis Farrar said that some of the files that he had on the computer to do the sound effects for the games are no longer available and not in the computer. In order for Dennis to continue using the computer for the sound effects at the games he will have to take the computer home again and reinstall the program files that are missing.

This being said, and with board approval, Art Nelson appointed Dennis Farrar to be the club's administrator of the computer in the clubhouse and that he assign passwords to the few individuals who are using the computer to help protect the security and the integrity of the files. Dennis Farrar said that he is periodically backing up some of the files on the computer. This will help to protect the files in case of a computer crash, hard drive failure or malicious activity. No further action taken.

Grass Warm-up Area:

Todd Paddy has been presented with a blueprint of the retaining wall and grass area to be installed on the first-base side of the field as a warm-up area. This project should be completed soon.

Scoreboard Addition:

The honeycomb addition to the scoreboard that says "Liberty Field" in large red lettering is still behind the fence in center field on the ground and has not been installed. Art Nelson will contact Todd Paddy and find out what the delay is and to get a projected target date for completion.

First Aid Kit:

Don O'Mara has been the one that has been keeping our first aid kit stocked and he will be instructed to replace any necessary supplies to the kit as needed.

Special Events:

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Ken Skinner mentioned that Loran Swanson is in charge of the Bosom Buddies event and it is a go for January 13 & 14. The Bosom Buddies have also requested the use of the popcorn machine and will purchase their own supplies. Art Nelson has given them the okay to use the popcorn machine during this tournament. Last year the Bosom Buddies raised about \$3000.

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Ken Skinner reported the Cardiac Kids Tournament is February 3 and there are currently enough players for three teams in the American League and the National currently has 21 players, so they will be comingling the two leagues for this tournament. The Arizona Heart Foundation will be involved in this tournament and be the recipient of all moneys raised. The local fire department will be attending to do blood pressure testing. Last year the tournament raised close to \$800. There will also be food available at 12 o'clock for purchase. Ken said that everything is ago and we are in good shape. No further action taken at this time.

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner reported that the Spring Fling will be held March 1-4, 2007 and all league games scheduled for that Thursday will be canceled. The National League will play on Thursday and Friday, and the American League will play Saturday and Sunday. George Karras will be in charge of the American

League, and Rich McAndrews is in charge of the National League. If you are interested in playing please contact the appropriate person for your league.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported that there is a new sponsor for the American League and the jerseys are in. The new team sponsor is Windermere Realty (Mary Inman). Ray gave her a game schedule so Mary would know when her team would be playing if she would like to attend. Mary also requested an extra jersey to be ordered for her husband. Ray said the jersey would cost an additional \$50 and asked for board approval. Bruce Brady made a motion that we purchased the extra jersey for Mary's husband. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Team:

Ernie Mueller reported that we no longer have True Green as a sponsor and that they have been replaced with Windermere Realty (Mary Inman).

Also, IMAX and the Crooked Putter have changed ownership and we need to start over in contacting these businesses to see if they are interested in sponsorship. IMAX and the Crooked Putter want to be on the sponsorship list. Joe and Diane Oliver are taking over the team sponsorship duties from Bill & Joan McKenna and should have the priority list of who would be the next team sponsor. Any future team sponsors need to go through the board. Dennis Farrar said that Farrar Chiropractic would like to have the board hold their sponsorship in credit and would like to sponsor a National League team as soon as a vacancy becomes available. Dennis questioned why Farrar Chiropractic wasn't on the current list that Art read. Art Nelson will research this discrepancy and find out why Farrar Chiropractic was omitted from the list of potential team sponsors. Piper/Jaffrey is no longer a billboard sponsor and the National League is temporarily using the old Wells Fargo jerseys for the 14th team.

Billboards:

Art Nelson talked to Air by Dean which is a heating and air-conditioning company who is very much interested in sponsoring a billboard. They were impressed on our sponsor's carnival and pancake breakfast we had in October of last year. Art will keep us advised. No further action taken at this time

Membership:

Ken Skinner gave a detailed report of the membership status and we currently have 306 members. Ken has requested from Carol Bowden a roster of all the women who are playing in the league so he can verify his database.

QUORUM:

Ken Skinner reported that the SCW Recreation Center requires us to have a minimum of 45 people in attendance at our 2 annual general meetings for a quorum. However, in the Sun City West Softball Club bylaws it states that we must have 20% of the members present in order to have a quorum. After some discussion, it is agreed by the board to leave the quorum requirement in the bylaws as it currently states. No further action taken.

UMPIRES:

Ken Skinner reported that we have an association of umpires within our own group. Ken said that the umpires that are part of the association have uniforms and wants them to be consistent on their calls and the goal of the training is to help them be better umpires.

The umpires are umpiring league games, tournament games, and also women games. Ken said that in spite of any rumors you may have heard, no one in the association of umpires is being paid. The only exception would be the games umpired outside the league, such as the Sidewinder games.

Ken said he has watched the umpires in action and is very pleased and what he has seen thus far. Ken mentioned that the Umpires Association meets at Liberty Field every Thursday at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend whether you are an active player or an inactive player. Ken is encouraging the umpires to do as many league games as they can to get more experience. Ken Skinner said he would be happy to teach a Saturday session like he has in the past if Art Nelson would get him a room at Kuentz Recreation Center. Art will check on this and advise.

Also the all the team managers need to be better promoters of Ken's umpiring sessions to train new players who are coming into our league. No further action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Friday League:

Art Nelson received a letter from Bill Hill who is a member of the Friday League requesting permission for the teams to use Liberty Field for the 6 teams that are played each Friday for the 2007 calendar year. Lyle Bakken made a motion to approve this request. Motion seconded by Bruce Brady. Motion carried. Ray Early had a question that if there is a tournament to be held on a Friday that the Friday League game would be canceled for each of these Sun City West sponsored tournaments. Art is not clear on who the Friday League representative is to the SCW Board. Lyle said he thinks its Ray Murphy. No further action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

LEAGUE HATS:

Ray Early reported that the hats will be ready at any time so they should be available to be distributed at the first game for the American League at the next session on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. The National League will receive their hats on Thursday, January 18, 2007. Ray early is keeping track of the hat count for each club. If you have any questions you can contact Ray. If players want additional hats, they are \$10 each.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Carol Bowden reported that the women have their open practice every Monday at Liberty Field from 2-4pm. If there is enough to play a game then teams will be selected with the players that are there. Any woman that wants to play is welcome to come out and play.

Carol had a question if she still needs to leave the first Monday's open for SCW Tournaments. Art Nelson will get with Carol on this issue.

A lot a discussion from the floor on the status of the competitive teams, the "Hot Flashes" and the "Sparks". Art Nelson has entertained a special meeting to resolve this issue. No further action taken at this time.

TIN CUP:

Mike Hester reported there would be a meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2007 and that the committee is well underway in the planning stages. There will be a Lexus car given away at this year's event. The only thing left to do now, is to figure out how to give it away. This is what the meeting is about on Wednesday. They want to sell temporary banners to be displayed along the fence to help raise money. Mike Hester will check to see if the recreation center has given us permission to display these temporary banners or

signs. The Lexus that is being given away is costing the club \$10,000, and we need to raise as much money as we can. There will be discounted tickets for the ball players to purchase early before going public, so be sure you buy your tickets. Remember, you can't win, if you don't play.

VINTAGE SOFTBALL:

Mike Hester brought up the issue of having a Vintage Softball game. As it stands as of now, to pull this off it will take a lot of money to uniform the teams (\$6,000. per team). There is a group of individuals trying to set up a Vintage Baseball League that was played with the 1890's rules. Art is trying to figure how he can adapt this to our setup and as he said, "it's getting to be a bucket of worms". Mike is working with Herb Clark to see if they can make this a "go". This idea is still up in the air and no further action was taken at this time.

HALL OF FAME:

Loran Swanson is collecting all nomination forms for the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee will do the selection, and this is a League Board item.

NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT:

Rich McAndrews said that they have adopted the ASA rule on foul balls, and will be meeting with the managers to clarify this rule. Ken Skinner gave a brief interpretation of the rule. This rule will be printed in the February 2007 "Batter Up" Newsletter under Ken Skinner's "Umpires Corner". Make sure you read and understand this rule.

The National League adopted on a temporary basis the "in-field" fly rule for the last 4 game of the fall session, but will discuss with the managers at the next managers meeting to see if the rule will be adopted in the spring session starting January 16. Rich said that the NL will have enough players to field 14 teams. No further action taken.

RAMADA PROJECT:

Nothing to report because Dick LeMoine was not present to report. This has been table until Dick can report on the status of this project.

PEPSI MACHINE:

Lyle Bakken reported that George Karras is in control of the stock and money that is generated from the Pepsi machine outside the clubhouse. When George has an excess of money, he turns this over to Lyle Bakken the club treasurer. George is also keeping a journal of the money collected and the stock so we have an accurate accounting of what profits are generated.

NEW BUSINESS

AMERICAN LEAGUE DRAFT:

Mike Hester reported that the American League draft will take place immediately following today's meeting. The rule changes have been sent to Wayne Mitchell for the rules committee to act upon. There will be other issues and concerns that will come up at today's meeting. Mike Hester also mentioned that at the last meeting the board indicated that you must be in full uniform in order to be on the field. You cannot coach if you do not have your uniform properly worn. Also Mike covered some National League rule changes. If you need to find out these changes they are posted to the Internet under the minutes of the League.

The ruling on bats limitations the league decided to go with the ASA rules.

Mike mentioned that the blood drive for Mike Graham filled up in 2 days and everyone should be congratulated who have signed up to donate blood. No further action taken.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Art Nelson thanked all the committee players who are working on the board. All have stayed.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, February 5, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men’s Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men’s Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will February 19, 2007 • 9:00A.M. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). This is a very important meeting as we will again need to vote on co-mingling with Sun City. Please plan to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Hester moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Bruce Brady. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

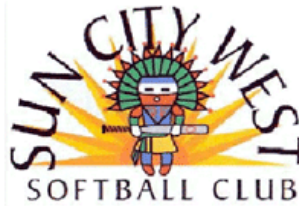


Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

Secretarial Note:

– **Board Member Resigns**

After the meeting had adjourned, Art Nelson read a letter received from Ernie Mueller giving his resignation from the SCW Board. Ernie gave no reason for his decision and the board accepted his resignation. The board then voted to have Carol Bowden fill out Ernie’s term which will be completed December 31, 2007. Art Nelson will contact Carol and ask her if she will accept this appointment. No further action taken.



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FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:01a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, George Karras, and Art Nelson.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, introduced the newly appointed board member, Carol Bowden who replaced Ernie Mueller who resigned from the board last month.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Laurel Andrew, Ernie Cultum, Ray Early, Jay Finley, Sally Hayes, Karen Hill, Dick LeMoine, Rich McAndrews, Wayne Mitchell, Ken Skinner, Loran Swanson, and Pat Williams.

JANUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Carol Bowden made a motion to accept the January 8, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his usual detailed report. Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$7,559.03. The closing balance as of February 2, 2007 is \$9,953.62. Lyle Bakken clarified that the recreation center billboard balance is \$35,774.65 which, 25% is immediately available for Club Share of \$8,943.67 as of February 2, 2007. Lyle also reported all reports were turned into the Recreation Center on January 18 which included the CR-7 and the membership report. Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurer report as presented. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

70's League:

Art Nelson received a letter from Jack Harrison requesting the use of Liberty Field on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the 70's teams of the National League. Art Nelson pre-approved this prior to the meeting so no further action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

Field Times:

George Karras gave a new schedule to everyone with the corrected times for field usage. There's a conflict with the Friday Times. The Friday coed league has the field from 10am-2 pm. George has made this correction on the schedule.

Watering Problem:

George also said we had a problem with the water system, but the problem has been corrected.

Scoreboard Signage:

The scoreboard area with the new signage that says, "Liberty Field" has been installed. The problem is, the red letters do not show up on the green background of the trees. George will follow up with this and get this corrected. No motion was given to correct this. George Karras has been given the OK to proceed with this and get this corrected.

On-Deck Circles:

George reported that the on-deck circles were nice when we got them, but they are not holding up. George said he talked to Todd Walker and he is going to come out and will fight this out with the manufacturer and see what we're going to do. These on deck circles were made to walk on and should not be peeling so soon.

Pepsi Machine:

George also reported that the income received from the Pepsi machine is around \$39.00 in the hole because we had to buy our initial order from Pepsi. The concession right now stands at \$115.00, but goes up and down periodically, because we also stocked a first aid kit out of this fund.

Closet Request:

George is looking into building a closet in the clubhouse to store the chairs, tables, etc.

New Ball for Batter Swing:

George would like permission to buy a new ball for the warm-up batting swing that's along the left field fence. Dennis Farrar made a motion for George to buy new ball for the batting swing. Motion seconded by Carol Bowden. Motion carried.

Batter's Box Mat:

George also has requested of the board to purchase an artificial mat to put in the batters box. This mat would be sure to be used for batting practices. George had a magazine with a picture with the cost being around \$400.00. Lyle Bakken made a motion to have George look into this. Motion seconded by Carol Bowden. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Wavy Infield:

George also mentioned that we have a wavy infield and the recreation center will take care that for us.

Recreation Center Workers Recognition:

It was mentioned to check with Todd Paddy about rewarding some of the people who take care of our field and possibly recognizing them during the spring fling. Art Nelson will follow up with this and report back. No further action taken.

New Flag Pole & Flag:

There's also the possibility that we need a new flagpole and flag. Art Nelson requested that George Karras follow up on the pricing of an 80 foot pole and get back to the board with his findings. No further action taken

Wheels On Batting Screen:

Also it was mentioned about what is the possibility of putting wheels on the batting screens. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Loran Swanson reported that the tournament was a success with one exception, the weather. Loran also read a couple letters of appreciation. The Bosom Buddies have also requested that they be invited back to participate again next year. Loran reported that this year's tournament will raise approximately \$5,500.00. Altogether in the past two years at this tournament it has raised over \$8,000.00. Loran said that this tournament has already been set up to accommodate eight teams for next year. Your support is greatly appreciated. Also on e-mail was received from Loran Swanson of the merchandise that was not use and was left for the Sun City West Softball Club to use or sell.

This includes: 2 cases of popcorn, 3 cases of Pepsi, 1 case of water, 2 cans of coffee, and miscellaneous stuff such as cups, napkins, etc. No further action taken at this time

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Ken Skinner reported the Cardiac Kids Tournament was a huge success. There were four teams of combining American League & National League players. The total raised for this tournament was \$1300.00. Better weather for this tournament then the Bosom Buddies. Ken was proud to announce that in just two short years this term and has raised almost \$7,000.00 for the Arizona Heart Foundation. No further action taken.

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner reported that the Spring Fling is starting to roll and George Karras has sign up sheets out and Rich McAndrews will have his sign up sheets out soon. The goal is to have 8 teams from the National League. Ken reported they had four teams from the American League last year and would like to have more, if possible. There will be an entry fee for each player that will cover the refreshments, and miscellaneous expenses to offset the cost of putting on the tournament. The dates for the tournament will be March 1-2 for the National League, and March 3-4 for the American League. No further action.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported that our inventory is in real good shape with approximately 12 dozen softballs on hand, which should get us through April. Ray also reported that he has 160 new league hats in inventory. Ray also mentioned that he tries to keep a small inventory of pants, shorts, belts, socks etc. so he has them on hand as player's request them. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

George Karras reported that there is a new billboard sponsor named, Air by Dean, who is very excited about being a part of our organization, and is also willing to work with us. George reported he has an appointment to talk to Edward Jones today.

Also George said that the Bell Lexus has changed their name to Arrowhead Lexus, and that the billboard in the outfield will be re-done and Arrowhead Lexus will pay for the changes. No further action taken at this time.

Lyle Bakken reported that there are three Billboard contracts due January 2007. Lyle reported he has collected \$12,500.00 on billboards so far. However, Lyle Bakken reported that billed Capital Title on January 30 and they still have not paid the final year of their three-year contract. Lyle was told that Dick LeMoine had told Capital Title when they signed the contract; they could opt out for the third year and would not have to pay. This is not the first time this has happened. This same situation has happened with other sponsors and we cannot just sit back and say they don't have to pay. Lyle said that he will call Cindy of Capital Title and let them know that they need to pay their last year contract or we will proceed with legal collection procedure.

George Karras said that he had a resolution to help with this problem. Being in charge of the billboards, George said he will set up a Billboard Committee, and that there be no less than two members (and possibly 3) of the committee present when a billboard presentation is given. Also, the billboard sponsor needs to understand when they commit by signing, that this is a legally binding contract acted on good faith and that they are expected to fulfill their obligation set forth. The Billboard committee consists of Carol Bowden, Don Rasmussen, Herb Clarke, George Karras, and Dick LeMoine.

Hopefully, by having a committee in place this will help alleviate any misunderstandings in the future contracts between our Billboard Sponsors and the Sun City West Softball Club. Lyle Bakken said that he would follow up on the billboard sponsor's that he has billed and will report back to the club at the next meeting the results. No further action taken at this time.

Team:

Art Nelson brought up that the team sponsor of the Bosom Buddies, Gary Kelly had requested his \$250.00 on account since the Bosom Buddies Women's Team is not currently playing.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to refund the \$250.00 to Gary Kelly. George Karras seconded the motion. Motion carried. As an added note, Farrar Chiropractic has chosen to leave their \$250.00 on account until they reorganize another women's team or they are able to sponsor another team.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that when we finished the 2006 year with 307 players. As of February 2, 2007 we now have 260 currently who have paid their dues. There still are approximately 21 women in the club who have paid their dues for 2007 who are not currently playing for various reasons.

Membership Dues Cut-off Date Implemented:

After a lot of discussion the board decided that we need to do something about players who came in toward the end of the year and expect to have their dues paid for the coming year. This being said, Lyle Bakken made a motion that any player paying their dues after December 1 will be applied for the coming year. Dues paid before December 1 will apply for the current year. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

PALM DESERT TOURNAMENT:

Mike Hester reported that Palm Desert from California is getting up a team to play us. Mike Hester, along with Art Nelson and John Selby has been discussing this with the representatives from Palm Desert with the following recommendations.

The games will be on April 14, 2007 and Palm Desert will be here to play games. There will be two games in the morning, and then we'll break for lunch, and two games in the afternoon. Mike went through the playing schedule and if you need to know more about this event you can contact Mike Hester for further information. Palm Desert has also invited us back to play them, but no definite date has not been a date at this time. Mike Hester has requested permission to buy hot dogs and hamburgers and so forth to serve for lunch at this tournament. George Karras mentioned that there's a possibility that Edward Jones or one of the sponsors may want to participate in this. George Karras will follow up with this and report back at the next meeting. There was suggested that we add a woman's exhibition game and asked the "Hot Flashes" and "Sparks" to participate.

Karen Hill will get back to Mike Hester on the possibilities of a woman's game. After some discussion, it was decided to table this until the next meeting. No further action taken at this time.

UMPIRES:

Ken Skinner reported that we have an association of umpires of 11 or 12 who are currently umpiring league games. In case you haven't heard the umpires clinic has been moved from Thursdays to Mondays at 4 p.m. at Liberty Field. This change was made due to conflicting league game times. Ken Skinner pointed out that as an umpire and a player, he is opposed to playing the seventh game at Liberty Field due to safety concerns of which is due to the sun obstruction in the outfielder's eyes for the last game. After a lot of discussion and concerned that the games are running longer than necessary and the last game is started 30 to 45 minutes late the decision was to get the manager's to have their umpires to keep the game moving along. It is a player's duty to get on off the field quickly as possible. Remember as a manager and a player although you have the first game, think about those who are playing after you that have the later games and get in and out of the dugouts quickly. Art Nelson is going to send an e-mail to Mike Hester on this concern to have this possibly be brought up at the next league meeting. No further action taken at this time.

TIN CUP GOLF INVITATIONAL:

Mike Hester reported that the letters to participate have been mailed out to everyone so you should have received them by now. The next mailing will be sent out this week sometime according to Dick LeMoine. There will also be a day in the park that (Beardsley Park) that will be held in February 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ramada's 7,8,9, and 10.

Dick reported there is a volunteer committee of about 15 to 20 that has been put together to work on this invitational tournament. Dick reiterated that the Tin Cup will be on April 16, 2007 at the Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West. Putting tournament starts at 10:00am with tee off at noon. Dick LeMoine also passed around a copy of the contract in which they are using to sell banners on the inside of the left & right field fences. These banners will remain for approximately 6 weeks. Dick also reported that a Lexus has provided for us to give away at the evening dinner banquet. Dick will also meet with Windermere Realty to find out what their position is going to be. Dick said that most of the sponsors from last year have return again and that Sun City Grand, and Arizona Traditions have been asked to participate. No further action.

RAMADA PROJECT:

Dick LeMoine gave an overview on how we got where we are now. Dick reported that the Ramada project was approved by the SCW Recreation Center. The goal was to fund this project through the Tin Cup and other money-making projects so as not to affect the Sun City West Community. Dick attended a meeting with Matt Szydowski, Wayne Mitchell and others to discuss the possibility of expanding the parking lot along with building of the Ramada's. Out of this meeting also came the idea of expanding the warm-up area on the first-base side that would include a retaining wall and grass or turf area. Dick had blueprints available for the Ramada project at the meeting and was given the okay to proceed. Core Construction Company will be the primary contributor for this project. Dick is also hoping that within the next 30 days there will be an answer as to where we go with the Ramada project from here forward.

Ray Early commented how nice the grass looked on the first-base side and wanted to know if there were any plans on doing the same to the third-base side. Dick LeMoine said that this was included in the Ramada project plans and would be done when the Ramada's were built. Dick went on to clarify that the club would be responsible for the funding of the Ramada project, and the SCW Recreation Center would be responsible for site preparation. Dick LeMoine said that if anyone wanted more details or clarifications he would be happy to answer those concerns, but not take meeting time to do this. No further action taken.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Team Photos:

Mike Hester reported that the next League Meeting will be on February 21, 2007 at 9:00am at the Men's Club (Round Up Room) in Sun City West. Mike also contacted Bob Stouthamer on photo day which will be March 20, (*National League*) and March 22 (*American League*).

All photos will be taken at Sun City Field. Mike will have more information later. Remember, you will need to get one of your trading cards to Joe Rottmann who is in the National League who is keeping a scrapbook for the league. If you need assistance on this please let Mike know or you can give your trading cards to Dennis Farrar and he will see that Joe gets them. No further action taken.

Bats:

To clarify what determines a legal bat or not, Mike said that he is going to bring this up before the next League Board Meeting.

Email from Linda Graham:

Mike Hester read an email received from Linda Graham with the concerns stating that any Sun City member in good standing be allowed to participate in any club activity. However, an individual club may have a rule that requires that a member meet a minimum requirement as to their ability to participate. (that is, if a player is a danger to themselves or others by being on the softball field, the club would be allowed to limit participation)

After some discussion it was decided that this is a League issue. No further action taken at this time.

Linda Graham Resigns:

Mike Hester reported that Linda Graham has resigned from the Sun City Softball Club Board, and therefore no longer be representing the Sun City Club at the Sun Cities League Board. Mike Hester will find a replacement in a week or so. No further action.

League Banquet:

Mike Hester reported that the Annual League Banquet will be held on March 23, 2007 and that we have guaranteed a guest count of 250. Mike also read the menu. John Selby is arranging this year's banquet and it will be catered by Dillon's. The cost of this year's banquet is \$15.00 per person. This being said, Dennis Farrar made a motion that each player be limited to no more than 2 tickets at the cost of \$10.00 each, with the respective clubs picking up the \$5.00 charge per ticket. If you want to purchase more than two tickets you will have to pay the full \$15.00 price. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mike said that he would like to see the annual banquet be held on a game day to try and get more participation. Next year SCWSC will host the banquet. After some discussion it was decided that we have ample time to plan for next year's banquet, so no further action was taken.

RULES COMMITTEE:

Wayne Mitchell left the meeting so there was no report.

SCORE KEEPING:

Art Nelson passed around an article from Tony DiBiasio expressing his concerns about how some of the players are keeping game stats. This article will appear in the March newsletter so please read it. Let's all try to be better score keepers. Again, it's the manager's responsibility to make sure that your players keeping score, score the game properly and that each score sheet is completed before they leave the field.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Karen Hill is the new women's league representative who reported Bruce Brady had a meeting with the women and other concerned individuals as to where they were going with the Hotflashes and Sparks and the women teams in general.

Karen is in hopes that they can get 3 teams that will eventually play in the Saturday games. After a quite lengthy discussion, Mike Hester made a motion to recognize the women teams as part of the Sun City West Softball Club with the knowledge that the women recognize the they are under the control of rules of play and stipulations as set forth as in the American & National Leagues. Such as, but not limited to, 1) open up the teams only, and to all women with a Sun City or Sun City West recreation cards, and 2) create parity amongst themselves, and 3) to assure that all women are welcome to be placed on a team. Also, there may be additional stipulations forth coming by the SCWSC that will apply for the women to maintain their sponsor status. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. No further action taken.

FRIDAY LEAGUE:

Ray Murphy is the Friday Co-Ed League representative and Lyle Bakken reported that everything is going fine.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Rich McAndrews report that they have a new committee member who is Len Wicketts.

The National League Committee is as follows: Rich McAndrews is chair and coordinates the rosters, schedules, manager meetings, National League, and Tournament play. Len Wicketts monitors new players from the Green Team with placement recommendations. Glen Carroll is the rules & score keeping coordinator. Bill Nyblade is the newsletter and Angels in the Outfield coordinator.

Rich is hoping to get 8 teams for the Spring Fling as in the past. Ray will supply t-shirts as in the past for prizes. Rich reiterated that he is going to be addressing the late games with the managers to try to impress on them the importance of keeping all the games moving. No further action.

FIRST AID KIT:

The First Aid Kit for the dug-outs has not been purchased yet.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Art Nelson thanked everyone for the successful blood drive on Mike Grahams' behalf.

VINTAGE SOFTBALL:

Mike Hester reported that he has turned this idea over to Herb Clark for research to see if we can continue with this project.

SUNDAY CO-ED LEAGUE:

George Karras left the meeting early so there is no report.

MESSAGE / ANNOUNCEMENT BOARD:

George Karras was supposed to purchase a White Board for us to write special announcement on to be announced over the PA system during the games. This has not been purchased yet, so there is nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

ROSIE'S EMPLOYEE:

Art Nelson reported that one of our sponsors, Rosie's Café had an employer that had a fire in her home and they lost everything. Wayne Mitchell is in charge of this and it has passed out fliers to every ballplayer requesting donations with the information where to donate.

You can stop at Rosie's Italian Café located at 13930 W Camino Del Sol # 111, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Phone: (623) 584-1739 to make your donation. Web site: www.rosies.biz. No further action taken.

POSSIBLE RULE CHANGE:

Strike Mat:

Ken Skinner suggested that we develop a strike mat, 21” wide x 38” deep that covers home plate. This mat would be placed right over the top of the existing home plate. Any part of this mat will be considered home plate, and would be used for the strike zone and for the defensive player to go to make an out on a runner advancing to home. It was noted that this is a League Board issued and would be taken under consideration of the League Board. No further action taken.

UPS STORE REQUEST:

Art Nelson said that he has received a notice from the UPS Store in Sun City West that is requesting that we purchase a pre-paid card for us to make copies. Lyle will talk to Les and follow up on this request and report back at the next meeting.

RECEIPTS TO LYLE BAKKEN:

Lyle said that Sun City Club has not been billed all of last year for the 1/3 of our printing cost. Lyle will get the figures together and send a bill to the Sun City Club for the past year. Lyle also is concern that he is not getting receipts from people who are going to the UPS Store and getting copies made. If you get copies made at the UPS Store please sign your name and what the copies are for and then drop your copy of the receipt in the mail box located at Liberty Field for Lyle to pick up. No further action.

CO-MINGLE VOTE:

Ray Early suggested that we have the Co-mingling vote open at the ball park like we do for voting for new board members. After some discussion it was the board’s decision to leave as is so we can get members’ opinions as to their feelings about the co-mingling vote. You must attend the February 19, 2007 meeting to vote, so please plan to attend. The board welcomes your concerns and comments.

FILING CABINET:

Lyle was concerned that all the financial records are in a cardboard box and should be kept in a more secure place. This being said, Lyle has asked permission to check on pricing of lockable filing cabinet. Mike Hester made a motion for Lyle to go and check on the pricing and to purchase a four-drawer lockable filing cabinet. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken. Dennis Farrar suggested that we take some of the more important documents and electronically scan those to have a back-up in case of emergencies. Lyle said that the SCW Recreation Center has copies if we need to fall back on them. No further action.

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

No comments.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, March 5, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men’s Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will February 19, 2007 • 9:00A.M. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). This is a very important meeting as we will again need to vote on co-mingling with Sun City. Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

Dennis Farrar made a motion to adjourned. Motion seconded by Lyle Bakken. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club



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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) at 9:04a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, George Karras, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

No guests present.

ATTENDANCE:

A total of 87 members signed in and were present at the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken made available his usual detailed report to the membership including a copy of the CR-7 that goes to the Sun City West Recreation Center.

Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$7,559.03. The closing balance as of February 16, 2007 of \$24,047.97, in which \$14,660.00 is the Tin Cup Income to date. Lyle Bakken clarified that the Recreation Center billboard balance is \$34,942.14 in which, 25% is immediately available to the SCWSC of \$8,735.14 as of February 16, 2007. Lyle also in his report covered the costs of \$2,809.52 for the erection of the Foul Poles and another \$9,332.51 for the material and labor costs that were accrued for the warm-up grass area on the first base side of Liberty Field. No further action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Maintenance:

Grass Turf Area:

This project has been completed.

Scoreboard Signage:

This project has been completed.

On-Deck Circles:

Art Nelson reported that the on deck circles have been returned to the manufacturer due to the fact that we did not receive what we ordered. Art doesn't know if were going to get them replaced or not. No further action taken.

Ramada Project:

Dick LeMoine gave an overview on the Ramada project that was started over a year ago. Dick LeMoine passed around the blueprints of the Ramada project for those in attendance to look at. Dick reported that the funding for this Ramada Project will be funded by the Tin Cup Tournament and/or the generosity of the contractors. The Ramada Project is moving forward. A question came up whether the Recreation Center gets any portion of the money raised from the Tin Cup. The answer is no. The only money that the Recreation Center holds for us is the money raised from Billboard sales only. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Art Nelson reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament raised \$6,000.00 for breast cancer.

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Art Nelson also reported that the Cardiac Kids Tournament raised over \$1800.00 for the Arizona Heart Foundation.

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner reported that the 6th Annual Spring Fling is underway with the National League having enough players to field eight teams. The American League has not responded as favorably and if you want to play it is open to all American League players regardless of rating. Ken Skinner said it depends on how many American League players sign up, as to what the format there will be for the Saturday and Sunday games. The Spring Fling Tournament is open to all players of the league regardless whether you live in Sun City West, or Sun City. No further action.

Tin Cup Tournament:

Dick LeMoine reported that the Tin Cup started three years ago to show our appreciation to our sponsors. There will be a beer garden, evening dance and awards. Arrowhead Lexus has made a car available to us to generate funds. This tournament will be at Briarwood Country Club in Sun City West on April 16. There is a slight increase in costs this year over last year and we're trying to keep the cost down as low as possible, but we still want the prizes and fun that comes with it. Wayne Mitchell reported that there are 15 openings left for golfers at this time. Dick LeMoine said that the Tin Cup is a means for the Sun City West Softball Club to generate funds to help improve our field such as stadium seating. The Tin Cup is also selling banners that will be displayed around the Briarwood Country Club. These banners will then be moved to the Softball Field after the Tin Cup and will be displayed for a minimum of 6 months along the left and right field fencing. We also need people to volunteer their golf cars for the tournament. You can contact Dick LeMoine if you would like to participate in this endeavor. Dick also reported that on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Beardsley Park there will be a "Day in the Park". This event is set up for the sponsors who participate and will give us the opportunity to thank them for all they do for us. You will be able to test drive a Lexus and the new line of golf cars from Desert Golf Cars. Also, Windermere will be sponsoring a putt for a pie. There will also be free food and other activities. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Art Nelson reported that we have three new billboard sponsors. Air by Dean, Cranstoun Court Jewellers, and Windermere will have their third billboard in the outfield.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that as of today we have a total of 266 members in the club, which includes 32 women players. Ken Skinner also reported that not all players are playing who are members due to them not being assigned or due to injuries. No further action taken.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that this year he started an umpires program that is called the SCSSL Umpires Association. We currently have a total of 12 active umpires. Ken also reported that we meet at Liberty Field every Monday at 4 p.m. these clinics are open to anyone in the league who wants to participate. None of the umpires are paid and you must purchase your own uniform. No further action taken.

League Board Report:

League Banquet:

Mike Hester reported that the Annual League Banquet will be held on March 23, 2007 at the Sundial Auditorium in Sun City. The total cost per meal is \$15.00 per person and each club will absorb five dollars of this cost. Mike continued by reading the planned menu and at that time the new inductees to the Hall of Fame will be announced. No further action was taken.

Team Photos:

Mike Hester reported that our annual photo day will be March 20, (*National League*) and March 22 (*American League*). All photos will be taken at the Sun City Field. Mike asked for volunteers to help with this from the American League and National League. Mike also reported that the women's team pictures would be taken on Thursday, March 22. The format and the costs will be the same as last year.

Sun Cities Palm Desert Tournament:

Mike Hester reported that he was contacted by a softball club in Palm Desert, California that will be playing tournament games with us. The date has been set for Saturday, April 14, 2007. There will be two games in the morning, and then we'll break for lunch and two games in the afternoon. Palm Desert has also invited us back to play them, either in May or October. However, no definite date has not been a date at this time. If you're interested in playing in this tournament you must see Wayne Mitchell, or Hugh Kelly. No further action taken at this time.

Rules Committee:

Wayne Mitchell reported that there is a rules committee for the American League which consists of Bob Freeman and Wayne Mitchell from Sun City West, and Greg Owens and Bill Buxton from Sun City. Wayne also mentioned that whoever is the league president at the time also sits on the committee as the fifth member. There are a couple a rules that they will be looking and will be meeting next month to go over the possible rule changes to be brought before the league. Wayne also indicated that when there is a possible rule change, they like to implement these changes during the summer session to see what effect they have on the players and the game. No further action taken at this time. *Special Note:* The National League has the National League Committee to make their rule change recommendations. No further action.

Women's League:

Carol Bowden reported for the women's league representative who is Karen Hill who had to leave. Carol reported that the Women's League is now sanctioned by the Sun City West Softball Club and will be establishing their own rules of play within the guidelines of the American League and National League. These rules will be presented to the club as soon as the season is completed and the women's league has decided what they want in the rules.

On Mondays the club has provided the women the opportunity to play and practice. Carol said that they would like to keep the Hotflashes and Sparks teams with the hopes of adding a third team. Carol also reported that within the five teams that are members of the Northwest Valley Women's Softball Association, the Hotflashes still maintain their undefeated position. Also, the "Sparks" are gaining respect and ability as they continue to play. No further action.

Friday League:

Lyle Bakken reported that Ray Murphy is the designated representative but was not present. In Ray's absence Lyle reported that it's going fine. Because someone has taken the sign-up sheet that was in the clubhouse, if you are now interested in playing on one of the Friday Co-ed teams, please contact Dennis Farrar and he will place you on the placement list. No further action.

National League:

Rich McAndrews reported that there are 109 players signed up. There will be eight teams and the managers will be drafting players for their teams on Friday, February 23, 2007. There will be prizes for the winning team, and a consolation prize for the runner-up team. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

SUN ISSUE AT LIBERTY FIELD:

Mike Hester reported that the sun for the last game at Liberty Field has become a big problem. Mike Hester will bring this before the next league Board meeting. This scenario will change as play continues and the sun moves in a different location. No further action taken.

ABUSIVE LANGUAGE AND/OR GESTURES

Mike Hester reported that from time to time we have players who get too loud and verbal during the game. We need to all watch what we say in the words we use. Remember, there are many spectators who watch our games and some of the players even bring their grandchildren to the games. So please watch your language!! Mike is suggested that a player be given a warning on the first offence, and the second time it happens the player is removed from the game. However, this will be at the total discretion of the umpire and Mike intends to bring this up at the next League Board meeting for a ruling and clarification. No further action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

PROPERTY DAMAGES:

Art Nelson reported that at one of the games a player hit a foul ball that went out into the street and broke the windshield on a passing car. Art went to the Recreation Center, and they instructed him it is the same as a golf ball. If you hit a ball that damages someone's property it is your responsibility to take care of it. The Softball Club and the Recreation Center do not have insurance that covers this type of property damage. Art Nelson has called the lady whose car was damaged but has not received a call back from her yet. The Sun City West Softball Club has agreed, this time only, to cover her deductible, if applicable to the lady's insurance on glass coverage. However, from this point forward the player that creates the property damage is responsible for damages. No further action taken.

BORROWING CLUB PROPERTY:

Art Nelson reported that we had an individual who is a club member who requested to borrow one of the coffee urns located in the clubhouse for his neighbors, daughters, wedding. This individual was told no, and proceeded to go into the clubhouse while the cleaning crew was cleaning and took the coffee urn anyway. The equipment and inventory that the Sun City West Softball Club has is not for individual use. Art Nelson said that this incident will be brought up at the next Sun City West Board Meeting for action. No further action taken at this time.

CO-MINGLE VOTE:

After some discussion, the annual co-mingling vote for reciprocal play between Sun City West & Sun City was taken by ballot vote with the following results.

- Yes = 65
- No = 22

Therefore, we will continue to co-mingle with Sun City Softball Club for the 2007 season. This issue will be addressed by the Sun City West Board at a future board meeting for a possible change in the bylaws to eliminate this annual process.

COMMENTS:

Annual Dues Cut-off Date:

Per the minutes of the Boards Meeting on February 5, 2007, Lyle Bakken added that anyone paying dues before December 1 would be applied to current year, and any dues received after December 1 would be applied to the New Year. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, March 5, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will October 22, 2007 • 9:00a.m. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) • Sun City West. Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, introduced his newly appointed board member, Rich McAndrews to replace George Karras who resigned from the board.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Ray Early, Karen Hill, George Karras, and Pat Williams.

FEBRUARY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Bruce Brady made a motion to accept the February 5, 2007 meeting minutes and the General Meeting minutes of February 19, 2007 as electronically distributed via e-mail. Mike Hester seconded by Mike Hester. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his usual detailed report. Lyle reported an opening balance of as of January 1, 2006 of \$7,559.03. The closing balance as of February 16, 2007 is \$24,047.97, of which \$14,660.00 is income from the Tin Cup Invitational so far. Lyle Bakken clarified that the recreation center billboard balance is \$34,942.14 which, 25% is immediately available for Club Share of \$8,735.14 as of February 16, 2007. Lyle also reported there are still monies coming in for the Tin Cup.

Because we got off in talking extensively about the billboard sponsors there was no motion to accept the treasurer's report. No further action at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Art reported that there was no correspondence at this time.

FIELD MANAGER:

Art Nelson suggested that we get a Field Manager that would be responsible for scheduling all the maintenance on the field, be, in charge of the clubhouse, and for getting the field prepared for games, etc. Lyle Bakken made a motion to make George Karras stay on as the Field Manager. Motion seconded by Bruce Brady. Motion carried.

Special Events:

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner commended Rich McAndrews of the National League for his hard work in getting the NL so involved in the Spring Fling. The NL field 8 teams for the Thursday & Friday games. The stands were full of spectators and coffee, doughnuts and chips were available. The AL did not have such a good turn out but all had a great time. Ken suggested that since each player pays a \$5.00 entry fee he would like to see us provide more refreshments such as hotdogs or hamburgers to give the players a little more.

Ken also mentioned that since the Spring Fling has always been set up as a SCW Club event and not a League event. Anyone who is a member of our SCWSC or SCSC is eligible to play in this tournament for either the AL or NL teams. Rich said that next year this will be implemented. Ken has also requested that since the championship shirts were given to the wrong team he asked Ray Early to order another set. No further action.

Rich McAndrews report that from the NL that we collected a total of \$563.00 and after expenses we turned over to the club \$317.00.

Tin Cup Golf Invitational:

Mike Hester reported that the day at Beardsley Park was a success. The vendors and very happy with the outcome. There will also be a "Paul Turley" award given to a well deserving SCWSC member. If you have any suggestions on to who should receive this award, let Mike Hester know. The recipient of this award will be decided by the Tin Cup Committee. No further action.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT:

Ray Early reported that he will order Spring Fling shirts for Ken Skinner and Ray said he should have the National League shirt in today. We are also down to around 6 dozen balls, but Sun City should have enough balls as this is part of the inventory. Other than the balls we are in good shape. Ray has also marked two (2) hats on the underside of the bill with the word "SPARE" for players to use for their game and then return it afterwards. These hats are stored in the closet upstairs.

Mike Hester mentioned about the possibility of having our clothing items such as caps, club jackets, t-shirts, etc. for sale posted on the bulletin board on how to obtain these items. Art Nelson asked Dennis Farrar to work on this project. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Lyle gave an extensive report on the status of the Capital Title Billboard. Lyle met with Cindy and she said that they wanted to opt out the last year as they were told they could do when the contract was signed. However, there were no provisions in writing on the contract giving Capital Title this option. In conclusion, Cindy said that they would be willing to pay \$1000.00 of the amount due (\$2500.00) and be willing to pay for the changes of the billboard with the current owner's information for the last year of their contract. Lyle said he would take this back to the board for advisement and a decision.

After a lengthy discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion that we instruct Lyle to meet with Capital Title and inform them that we do not accept the offer and that if they choose not to complete their contract obligation we will pursue this matter in small claims court. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carol Bowden who is now taking over the Billboards from George Karras reported that George contacted Air-by-Dean who is now sponsoring a board and gave Carol a possible team sponsor, Canyon State Heating & Cooling. Carol also said that she now has 11 possible team sponsors on the waiting list.

Carol read the waiting list of potential sponsors and Dennis Farrar questioned why Farrar Chiropractic wasn't listed when they indicated they wanted to sponsor a National League team since there is already a

chiropractor sponsoring an American League team. After some discussion the board felt that Farrar Chiropractic would be first to sponsor a NL team as soon as a NL team sponsor drops out. Mike Hester said that he feels that each board member should have a copy of the Team Sponsor waiting list. Carol said that she would email a current copy to the board members. Ray Early mentioned the possibility of increasing the team sponsorship for the first year from \$450.00 to \$500.00 due to the possible increase of uniforms. Currently we are loosing \$51.00 the first year at the current uniform prices. After some discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion to increase the team sponsorship the first year to \$500.00. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ray also brought up that there could be a conflict with the price increase with the Sun City Club, so we will have to contact them to see what their thoughts are on this. No further action taken at this time.

George Karras reported that we have about 13 faded boards in the outfield and he would like to see us recover these to make them match the others. The cost would be \$75.00 each to replace, however because we have new sponsors going up we would only have to actually recover 6 boards at \$75.00 each. The board is in favor of doing this, however the board decided to hold off on this until we have a clarification on the divisions of the money the Recreation Center is holding on our behalf.

Bruce Brady brought up the seating modification to our current stands. George has agreed to get his figures together, make the contacts again and bring this back to the board for action.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that the membership hasn't changed. We still have 260 current members. No further action.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that everything is going good. We meet every Monday at 4:00pm at Liberty Fields and all players are welcome. Ken also mentioned the Loran Swanson is going to impress on the new players the importance of the umpires and the role they play in our league. No further action taken at this time. Also, Mike Hester reiterated that the umpires will call batters out of the box and will not tolerate bad language that could lead to an ejection, so be forewarned. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

GRASS WARM-UP AREA:

Bruce Brady expressed his concerns of the cost of \$9,332.51 for the material and labor costs that were accrued for the warm-up grass area on the first base side. After some discussion the board felt they need to meet with the SCW Recreation Center Board for clarification where the funds come from when improvements are done to the field. This being said, the board is concerned about the cost of the Ramada project so we need to make sure of the cost of any project that we do before the okay is given and take to the general membership if necessary. Art Nelson said he will set up this meeting with the SCW Recreation Center Board and other persons involved in our improvement projects and get back to the board to let them know the date and time.

DAY IN THE PARK:

Lyle reported that the SCW Recreation Center is refunding us some money because we did not use some of the items we requested.

ANNOUNCEMENT WHITE BOARD:

George Karras reported that after investigating this possibility he has determined that the announcement board is not necessary. No further action taken.

FILING CABINET:

At the last meeting Lyle was directed to check on getting a filing cabinet but has not checked on this yet. No further action taken at this time.

CLOSET:

Art Nelson left the plans at home that George Karras made up and Art will get back to the board on this item at a later date, with the costs of this project before any action can be taken. Art will put this on the agenda for the next meeting. No further action at this time.

BATTER'S BOX MAT:

George reported that he checked into the new batting pad and it would cost around \$360.00 and is available through First American Sports. This is a grass mat that measures 6ft. x 12ft. with plate and would lie over the existing box. This pad would be used for practice only and would help preserve the integrity of our batters box. When not in use it would be hung on the backstop.

Bruce Brady made a motion to have George purchase the batting pad to be used for batting practice. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Mike Hester reported that the next League Meeting will be on March 21, 2007 at 9:00am at the Men's Club (*Round-up Room*) in Sun City West.

Team Photos:

Mike reported that photo day is scheduled for March 20, (*National League*) and March 22 (*American League*). All photos will be taken at Sun City Field.

Remember, if you order trading cards as your photo package; please give one of your trading cards to Joe Rottmann who is the keeper of the historian album for the league. If you need assistance on this please let Mike know or you can give your trading cards to Dennis Farrar and he will see that Joe gets them. No further action taken.

League Banquet:

Mike Hester reminded all of us about the upcoming Annual League Banquet to be held on March 23, 2007, at Sundial Auditorium in Sun City. John Selby is in charge. Next year the banquet falls on the SCWSC to plan and we need to be thinking of a day and time. No further action.

RULES COMMITTEE:

Mike Hester reported that there are a few items he would like to change or implement for the AL. Some discussion, but this is a league matter and will be address at a league meeting. No further action.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Karen Hill reported that they are going to be setting up a committee with Peg Swanson as chair and this committee will be responsible for setting up a format for the women's league and this will be presented to the board in the fall. The women would like to be self-governing but stay within the jurisdiction of the AL and NL rules. No further action taken.

FRIDAY LEAGUE:

Ray Murphy was absent so no report was given.

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

Rich McAndrews reported that when they set up the spring session the committee did not have the same number of games scheduled. This being said, the committee is extending the spring play thru April 19 which will be in line with the AL. Tuesday, April 17 would make up the February 20 rain-out day and Thursday, April 19 which was the Spring Fling. No further action.

NEW BUSINESS

EQUIPMENT/PROPERTY POLICY:

Art Nelson said that because of the past issue we had over the coffee pot we need to set up a policy that club property is only used for softball related functions and not allowed for personal use. Dennis Farrar made a motion that club property is only to be used for softball related functions and not allowed for personal use, Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This being said, and after some discussion, Dennis Farrar made a motion that the NL Committee Commissioner, Rich McAndrews ask the individual that took the coffee pot to send a letter of apology explaining his actions after being told he could not borrow it. If this individual sends his letter of apology, this incident will be dropped. If not, he will be suspended for two (2) regular games. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

SANDWICH BOARDS / BANNERS:

Art Nelson reported that Dennis Farrar would like to have some sandwich boards made up to advertise our league games that are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays similar to what the Sun City Club uses. Also Bill Bromley would like us to get some banners made up that cost around \$42.00 each to advertise our tournaments, such as Bosom Buddies, Cardiac Kids and Spring Fling. This being said, Lyle Bakken made a motion that we approve the sandwich boards and as many banners deem appropriate based on the SCW Recreation Center approval. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action.

BAR-B-Q GRILL:

While discussing the Spring Fling the Bar-B-Q Grill item was back on the table. After some discussion, Bruce Brady made a motion the we look into getting a Bar-B-Q that we can secure and store but portable so it can be taken to another location if need be. Motion seconded. Motion carried. George is going to look into what Bar-B-Q's are available and report back to the board.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

Art Nelson has appointed Carol Bowden, Dennis Farrar, and Rich McAndrews to be on the by-laws committee to look into changing Article VII – Teams Composed of Sun City and Sun City West Players (Annual Co-mingling vote). The board will approve the change before it is taken to the membership. This change must be posted 30 days prior to the next General Membership Meeting of October 22, 2007 for membership ratification.

SPONSORS FALL BREAKFAST:

After some discussion, November 2, 2007 has been tentatively picked as the favorable date for the Sponsor Fall Pancake Breakfast. We will try to get Beardsley Park the whole day and Bruce Brady has agreed to chair and will get George Karras and other volunteers to help him. Art will work on our decision and get back with the final results of his findings. More on this later. No further action.

RULES OF OPERATION:

Mike Hester brought up his concerns of an email he received from Linda Graham that Sun City may put in a rule that could limit a player's eligibility to play ball. After a lengthy discussion the SCW Softball Club has made the decision that they will not require players to meet a standard requirement or set limitation on players in order to play the game. This issue is resolved with no further action.

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Dennis Farrar brought up that from here forward he will not be hand stapling newsletters. If you have a flier to be attached it will be scanned and stapled by the copier as the newsletter are printed. No more colored copies. No further action taken.

Ken Skinner said that because of the money going thru our club account and the accounting qualifications that he would like to see us pursue to try to keep the current club treasurer in office if he is willing to serve. The by-laws may not allow this so it would have to be addressed. Art Nelson said he would visit this issue at the next board meeting. No action taken.

Mike Hester asked for volunteer to chair and coordinate the Palm Desert Tournament coming up on April 16, 2007. Ken Skinner has volunteered to chair and coordinate this event. No further action.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, April 2, 2007 • 8:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will October 22, 2007 • 9:00A.M. • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, March 21, 2007 • 9:00 A.M. • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

Secretarial Note: I will be absent for the April 2nd and May 7th meetings. If anyone on the board needs to reach me, I'll be on email while I'm gone at editor@azssoftball.com. I hope that everyone has a safe summer and I'll see you in July.

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SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2, 2007

Board members present: Art Nelson, Mike Hester, Lyle Bakken, Rich McAndrews, Carol Bowden.

Guests: Ken Skinner, Ray Early, George Karras

1. Meeting called to order – 8:06 am

2. Minutes –

Motion to approve minutes from March by Carol, 2nd – Mike

Mike made a motion to put all minutes on line, 2nd Lyle

3. Treasurer's report – Lyle

Motion to accept by Carol, 2nd – Mike

Mike suggested taking the money from our 25% of billboard revenue & placing it in Sun Country Credit Union. This would be a show of support for 1 of our sponsors.

So moved by Rich, 2nd – Lyle

4. Correspondence – Art

1. April 17 Nadaburg schools special education class will be coming to Liberty Field, 8:30. American league will have some special arrangements for them.

2. Apology letter from Earl Zopf

5. Committee reports

A. Field – George

1. New grill has been purchased discussion to place it & make it secure near the picnic tables on the 1st base side, making that section look like the warm up area along 1st base – i.e. retaining wall, needs to be discussed w/ Rec. Center, Larry Griffin from Rec. Center to give timetable for our projects, including warm-up area on 3rd base side (turf? Art & George to get infor.), armadas, bleachers (George to get price range)

There will be a trial run for the grill on Apr. 10 & 12 **

TEAM APPRECIATION DAY beginning at 10am

Hot dogs will be provided along w/ soda, water, BYOB

Lyle will be setting up a charge account w/ Bashas' to facilitate the purchase of food & drinks.

2. New, 1 piece home plate has been made & ready for next session SCW will give a section to Bill Buxton (SC), if desired.
3. materials for batters boxes needed, will be put into use in Oct. approval for purchase made by Mike, 2nd – Carol
4. Closet to be built by our members in the concession area where a small hand washing sink & counter are now, submit proposal to Rec. Center (Larry) & include minutes.
5. No information on new golf car from Desert Golf
6. 3 billboards are down * to be picked up for new sponsors; Cranstoun Court Jewelers, Windemere (2 lady realtors)
7. practice days are now ½ hour earlier, 7:30
8. received request for field use from women's representative, Karen Hill, for Mondays, noon to 5pm, beginning Oct. 15
9. Grant funds available, information available at workshop 4/12 (article in Monday's paper 4/2, Rich to attend)

B. Special Events

1. Tin Cup – Mike

Lots to do, still looking for additional golf cars.

Lexus will be at Liberty field next Tues. & Thur., tickets available (3 tickets from retail sales will be drawn)

Ticket drawing for retail sales ONLY on Wed. 4/11 @ Briarwood. Art & Mike to attend.

2 holes-in-one: for \$10,000 & a car.

about \$10,000 profit expected

2. Palm Desert guests– Ken

Sat, Apr. 14, format: 2 games, lunch, 2 games

Womens teams could volunteer to help (wear jerseys to advertise teams)

Get trumpeter to play (Ray Early to check)

Date to return to CA undetermined

C. Uniforms/Equipment – Ray

Everything in order, some team jerseys need to be replaced.

Suggested letter sent to all sponsors to determine if they are returning by May 1, w/ response due May 31. This allows for timely ordering of new shirts.

D. Billboards/Sponsors – Carol

3 billboard sponsors need to be contacted: Piper Jaffry (now UBS), Saturn or W. Phoenix, Axberg, Heartburg, Willis.

Set a date, after Tin Cup, for board to meet to discuss sponsorship. All sponsorship MUST go through Carol, no exceptions.

Lyle mentioned Capital title will be billed for total committed payment & Wells Fargo has not paid yet this year (possibly due to new branch manager)

E. Membership – Ken

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F. Umpires – Ken

umpires are addressing issues of inappropriate language, batter's box

G. League Board – Mike

Managers meeting Oct. 2, 2007 9 am, Roundup room, Men's Club for Oct. 23 start of fall session

Draft Oct. 4, 2007

Accident forms from Rec. Center will be given to all managers, to be filled out if player leaves the game. Forms must be filled out IMMEDIATELY

League banquet ideas tabled until May meeting

H. Rules

I. Women

J. Friday league

6. Old business

Should the treasurer's position be a paid position?

Bylaws change for perpetual co-mingling to be written by Rich

7. New business

A. Charter club meeting, SCW, Apr. 11, to be attended by Art, Mike

B. Suggested photo club members from SCW be asked to take team pictures

C. Blood drive at Cardiac Kids tournament suggested

D. Pocket masks for CPR needed in med. Kit

E. Meeting room requests for 2008 needed

8. Comments from guests

Ray would like to check into getting a digital message board for Liberty field, will check on what is available, prices & confer w/ Cindy Knowlton (Rec. Center)

Next meeting – Monday, May 7, 2007, 8am, Roundup room, Men's Club

9. Meeting adjourned 10:40am

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bowden



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SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 7, 2007

1. Meeting called to order at 8:05am
 - a. Members present: Art Nelson, Lyle Bakken, Bruce Brady, Rich McAndrews, and Carol Bowden.
 - b. Guests: Ray Early, Ken Skinner, Dick LeMoine, Pat Williams, Laurel Andrew.
2. Minutes of April meeting approved by Carol, 2nd – Rich.
3. Treasurer's report – Lyle
Funds from Tin Cup to be transferred to Sun Country Credit Union – Bruce, 2nd – Rich.
4. Correspondence
Letter read from Teresa Smith regarding Tin Cup.
5. Committee Reports
 - A. Field
 1. Bleachers – need to be safe!
George K. has plans for revision of seating & dugouts, cost TBD
Lyle moved to accept proposal; getting cost & time frame, 2ndCarol
 2. Billboard pads – need to replace faded ones
Art to discuss w/ Rec. Center (Cindy) as to who's cost
 3. Closet – plans to put a closet in the concession area & take out counter, cupboards & small sink tabled until Sept. Can shed be extended to handle more storage?
 4. bar-b-que area – George's diagram & proposal presented
Bruce moved to accept, getting cost & Rec. Center approval, 2nd-Rich
 5. Letter to Human Resources director of Rec. Centers commending our maintenance workers for the condition of the field
 6. Batter's box – wait to see how the one in SCG holds up to summer heat. Bruce moved to plan to put new one at Liberty Field while closed in Sept/Oct., 2nd – Rich
 7. 3rd base warm up area – take George's proposal to Rec. Center for approval & cost.
 8. Chairs are now being stored by Pepsi machine, not in concession area
 9. Popcorn machine has been dismantled & stored for the summer
 - B. Special Events
 1. Tin Cup review – Dick LeMoine
Lexus gave the club back the \$10,000 paid for the car, would hope the money will be used for a new flag pole & flag
Response to letter from T. Smith sent by Tin Cup chair
\$20,000 raised, \$15, 000 spent on give away prizes

Sponsors love the event & being w/ club members

40 spots were reserved for sponsors, 104 for club members, sign up on a first come, first serve basis

Peg Swanson does handicapping w/ program used by golf courses

28 banners were sold @ \$350 each, to be displayed for the 1st fall session 2007 to honor sponsors

Rec. Centers want the club to use our courses again; will provide tents, liquor license for an all day event.

Briarwood was not all that was expected; late start, dinner delayed

Committee always looking for help! More volunteers

Bruce moved to continue Tin Cup, 2nd – Rich

2. Palm Desert – we put our best foot forward, guests were overwhelmed w/ our facility & hospitality. Return game in CA projected for Nov. 16, 2007

C. Uniforms

1. Should be ok for t-shirts, socks, shorts

White Lund hats distributed to summer teams

Black t-shirts w/ SCW softball logo will be ready for resale soon, cost will be \$15

(motion made by Rich, 2nd – Bruce)

2. Jerseys for league functions – using SCSSL logo, 30 t-shirts could be ordered, will have to be discussed w/ Sun City

D. Billboards/Sponsors

Letters sent to all team sponsors on May 1

Carol has definitive list of potential sponsors

Revision of billboard contract to be done over summer, will contact Moore Graphics

E. Membership

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Corte Bella would like to have opportunity to play on SCW softball teams, Art to check w/

Rec. Center

General membership meeting Nov. 15, 7pm, lecture hall of rec. center

F. Umpires

G. League Board

1. Hall of Fame banquet – March 27, Palm Ridge, dinner at 6pm

2. Non-playing coach recommendation sent to league, SCW in favor

H. Rules

I. Women

J. Friday league

Will end when regular session does

6. Old Business

A. By-laws change – Sentence to be changed to read

“This waiver shall continue on an on going basis or until the Sun city Charter Club members at a general membership meeting have a majority vote to discontinue play with non-club members”

Art to meet with Rec. Center to clarify

B. Grants

Any applications must go through Rec. Center, seem to be inclined to help youth programs

Will not pursue

C. golf cart – 2 more weeks before delivered

D. digital sign – very expensive (\$30,000+)

1 company will come to give estimate at their expense, Ray Early to meet with them

E. flag pole – Art to meet with Rec. Center to discuss

Possible to use as a cell phone tower?

F. on deck circles – tabled until Sept.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – OCT. 27 BEARDSLEY PARK

Bruce Brady chairperson

Next meeting – Monday, September 10, 2007, 8am, Men's Club

9. Meeting adjourned 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bowden



SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, welcomed all board members and guests.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

John Doherty, Ray Early, Bob Freeman, George Karras, Dick LeMoine, and Ken Skinner

MAY MINUTES APPROVAL:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to accept the May 7, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his usual detailed treasurer report handouts. Lyle reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2007 of \$7,559.03. There is a credit union balance as of August 31, 2007 of \$28,940.33. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$26,912.82. Club balance as of September 4, 2007 is \$4,493.65. Total balance is \$60,346.80. Further details are available.

Tin Cup: Total proceeds of the Tin Cup was \$46,343.64, and expenses of \$26,414.80 giving us a total net earnings of \$19,928.84.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurer's reported by Lyle. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Art reported that there was no correspondence at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

George Karras gave a detailed report of all the improvements that were made to the field during the summer, and potential future improvements including getting rid of all the rock. George has asked board approval to put up red, white and blue bulletin boards. George is also asking that everyone bring your aluminum cans to the field for recycling. After the field is laser leveled the new permanent batters boxes will be installed. George Karras has decided not to pursue the closet idea. George reiterated that there should be no field practice allowed on Wednesdays to allow our field to recover from all the playing it gets. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Palm Desert: Ken Skinner reported that all is set for the players to reciprocate to play the teams at Palm Desert on November 16, 2007. Dennis Farrar made a motion for the SCW Club (through Ray Early) to purchase 36 jerseys in 2 different colors for the players to use at these games. The shirts are to have the SCW logo on the front with a number on the back. These jerseys will be returned to Ray for storage after these games so they can be used for future games. Lyle Bakken seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Fling:

Ken Skinner reported that the Spring Fling will be held on March 6-9, 2008 at Liberty Field. The National League will play their games on Thursday & Friday and the American League on Saturday & Sunday.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that the Cardiac Kids Invitational is February 2, 2008.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Art Nelson reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament will be February 9-10, 2008.

Pancake Breakfast:

Bruce Brady reported that the committee had their first meeting a couple of weeks ago and this event will be held on November 10, 2007 at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. The cost will be \$3.00/per person (all you can eat). Bruce said they are working on kid's price, but, no decision at this time. Serving will be from 8:00am – 11:00am. The next meeting will be September 20, 2007 at 11:00am in the Liberty Field clubhouse. No further action at this time.

Opening Fan Appreciation Week:

Bruce said that he would like to serve Hot Dogs and drinks at the league game opening week. After some discussion Dennis Farrar made a motion to do so. Rich McAndrews seconded. Motion carried.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported that we are in good shape on pants, shorts, socks and hats. Ray said we should not have to buy softballs until January or February next year. Discussion on giving our grounds crew special t-shirts to wear in appreciation for all they do for us. Rich McAndrews made a motion to have George order the t-shirts in the sizes and colors he chooses. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ray Early also passed out his computer uniform replacement grid to those present and indicated that Sunshine Irrigation shirts have been replaced and paid for. Abbott's Men's Store shirts have been ordered and should be in sometime in November. Newton Automotive shirts have been replaced as well and they're paid for. Ray also indicated that Liberty Buick, Northern Trust and Saturn of Glendale jerseys are still in good shape and do not need to be replaced this year. Ray instructed that we move his 2007 indication replacement "x" to 2008. We will look at this again next year for possible replacement. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Carol Bowden has worked over the summer to develop new contracts for renewing sponsors as well as new sponsors. Carol gave copies of the contract to President Art Nelson. Carol indicated that a letter was mailed out on May 1 to all the sponsors asking if they would like to renew their contracts and indicated that she would like a decision no later than the end of May to allow us enough time to order new jersey's if necessary. Carol also reported that the Wester and True Green had declined to renew their sponsorship. Southwest Golf Cars still wants to be a sponsor, but had some concerns about their sponsorship that reflected on a letter dated on August 30, 2002 from a gentleman by the name of Jim Pier. Southwest Golf Cars would like to continue and will update our golf car every five or six years as payment for sponsorship, but we have to keep up on the maintenance.

After a long, long discussion, Art Nelson agreed that we run this by the legal advisor to the Sun City West Recreation Center. This has been table until the next meeting.

Northern Trust indicated they still want to sponsor and indicated that they felt that they had already paid. There was a lot of discussion on this along with a little confusion whether they paid the \$250.00 renewal fee.

Lyle Bakken made a motion that since he reported that he had \$250.00 he couldn't account for (Tin Cup or sponsor fees) that we use this amount to show that Northern Trust paid the this year. Bruce Brady seconded the motion.

Carol Bowden indicated that Sun City has picked up a new sponsor which is Abbott's Men's Store. Carol also reported that since we lost Sonoran Signs that was doing our outfield billboards she has talked to Fast Signs to do our future billboards. Fast Signs has not gotten back to Carol with bids on the costs but they are very interested in doing our billboards. There is a new technology out that will allow Fast Signs to etch the advertising on the blue background versus the peel off stick on type of sign that we currently have. They will get back to Carol as soon as possible and Carol said she will e-mail the board members the results. Carol is hoping to get any new billboards up before the new season starts in October.

Team Sponsors:

Carol Bowden threw out the question about how the board felt about the need for more team sponsors. Carol feels that we should be okay until next winter. It was the agreement of the board that if the National League is short a sponsor that we pull one of our sponsors from the American League so as not to drop any sponsors we currently have. No further action.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that we now have 284 paid up members. No further action.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner announced that the Sun Cities Senior Softball Umpires Association currently meets every Thursday afternoon at Liberty Field at 4:00pm, and all league members are invited to attend and participate.

Rules Committee:

Bob Freeman reported some items that the AL Rules Committee will bring up at the next League meeting. There was a lot of discussion on the runner rule. Rich McAndrews from the NL Committee also contributed the NL interpretation of the runner rule. No further action.

Women's League:

Carol Bowden reported that Karen Hill will give her report at the October meeting. No further action taken.

Friday Co-Ed League:

No report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Next League Meeting will be on September 19, 2007 at 8:45am at the Men's Club (*Round-up Room*) in Sun City West.

Hall Of Fame League Banquet:

Art Nelson reported that it is our turn to sponsor the Annual League Banquet. The banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2008 and will be held at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West. Art Nelson and Mike Hester will be working on this and more details will be forthcoming. Art asked that everyone put this date on their calendar. If you have any further questions, please contact one of them. No further action.

Non-playing Coach/Manager:

Dick Freeman reported that so far there are two non-playing managers. Bob said that so far, Wayne Mitchell and Ed Eckardt are the two non-playing managers in the AL. There was some other discussion and no further action taken.

DIGITAL SIGNAGE:

Ray Early reported that the possibility of obtaining a digital sign has been dismissed due to the cost. Ray will check on sign boards as an alternative. No further action taken.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Art Nelson reported that the Sun City West Recreation Centers Board is meeting on Thursday, September 13 at 9am in the governing boardroom to go over the changes in our bylaws. Rich McAndrews and Art Nelson met with the recreation center to discuss the bylaws change. As a result, we found out that our bylaws were not accurate. The Recreation Center changed some of the wording and this is up for discussion on Thursday, September 13. If they approve it, then we will be able to post the change and vote on this at the general membership meeting in November. We must have two thirds of the membership present to pass this change. Art Nelson will give us the outcome of the September 13 meeting at our next board meeting. No further discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW PLAQUE:

Bruce Brady mentioned that there is a wooden plaque that Theresa Smith had the woodshop make that show our appreciation for George and the ground crew dedication for redoing the bleachers. Bruce would like to see this plaque displayed behind the bleachers unless someone else has a better place. George Karras said that he does not want to do it. George said that what he and his crew do they do for the club and that they enjoy what they do not wish to have special recognition for it. No further action taken at this time.

RCWRC CALENDAR:

Art Nelson spoke of his concern that the SCWRC Board only gave us seven hours notice of a meeting that they were having. We were further informed that this meeting wasn't mandatory but if we wanted to attend we were welcomed. Bruce Brady attended this meeting and reported that every item we proposed for field improvements, the Recreation Center denied. This being said Art Nelson feels that we need at least two Sun City West board members present at any of the Sun City West Recreation Center board meetings. Art also said that if we get enough board members present he would like to see us take minutes of their meetings. Art Nelson went on to say that they are having a meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 9:00am on our bylaws change. The meeting will be held at the governing board conference room. Art Nelson is going to attend, and he has asked for other board members to attend as well. In conclusion, Art Nelson indicated that he plans to take up this matter with Matt Szydowski.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson brought up the fact that we are going to lose four board members in December. Art thanked Dennis Farrar and Lyle Bakken for the great job they both have done over the past 2 years. This being said Dennis Farrar suggested that because we have so much money flowing through our treasury each year, that we make a permanent club accountant position that could work with the current treasurer. The club account would work directly with the Treasurer and train them on the necessary forms and procedures that our Recreation Center requires. Although we have a Treasurer, the club accountant would periodically oversee checks, balances and other activities of the Treasurer. Lyle Bakken has agreed to take the club accounting position. Art Nelson will bring this up before the Sun City West Recreation Center's legal department as to which direction we need to go with this. No further action taken.

Art Nelson also indicated that we need to have new Board member nominees in place so they can be introduced at the next general membership meeting on November 14, 2007. No further action taken at this time.

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Statistical person or persons:

Dick LeMoine mentioned that Loran Swanson has been keeping track of our player statistics for the last two years and would like to step down. With this being said, Dick said he would like to see someone in our club step up and take over this responsibility. Dick LeMoine said that he feels that it's time that Sun City West get their own "Mike Graham" that will keep track of the Sun City West players. This person would be responsible for keeping our own statistical database in the same manner that Mike has done. Dick would also like to see us get a person for each league. One for the National League and one for the American League. These individuals would have to have computer experience in order to maintain the statistical record that we are requesting. There was some discussion on this, but no resolution at this time. Dick LeMoine also feels that we need new player information posted at the fields so potential members have some kind of a contact point if they are interested in joining. There was some discussion on this, and Art Nelson will discuss this with Mike Hester. No further action at this time.

Proposed Picnic Island:

Ray Early proposed the idea of having a picnic island installed under the new patio area. Ray passed out brochures so the board could see the end results from various contractors and how this island could look if we decided to move forward on this project. Ray Early and Carol Bowden have been working on this during the summer and have been getting bids on the cost. The current bids have been between \$4,000.00 and \$5,000.00, which may not cover other necessary preparation costs. The first obstacle is getting electric to the area. This island would be used not only for our special events, but we could use it for coffee & doughnuts at our regular games. This would help eliminate the congestion that occurs behind the backstop. The board is in favor of this project; however the board feels that Lyle Bakken will have to submit a CR-13 to the Sun City West Recreation Center for their approval and then this would have to go to the general membership for approval since the projected project cost exceeds \$2,000.00. No further action taken at this time.

2008 Board Meeting Schedule:

Art Nelson gave a scheduled calendar for next year's meetings. The monthly board meetings will be held at the Beardsley Recreation Center (*Muli-purpose Room #5*), and **not** the Men's Club. Please note the time limitations. We will start at 7:30am and end our meetings by 10:00am.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, October 1, 2007 • 8:00AM • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will Wednesday, November 14, 2007 • 6:00PM • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 • 8:45AM • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:02a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, welcomed all board members and guests.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Dobbins, and Ray Early.

SEPTEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mike Hester made a motion to accept the September 10, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2007 of \$7,559.03. There is a credit union balance as of September 27, 2007 of \$28,717.94. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$26,912.82. Club balance as of September 27, 2007 is \$4,789.01. Total balance is \$60,419.77.

Carol Bowden made a motion to accept the treasurer's reported. Mike Hester seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Art Nelson reported that he talked to Earl at the Recreation Center and that there is a form CR-8A that we need to submit to hire someone to oversee our treasury. There is no limit as far as salary, and would be left up to the board as to decide the amount that this person would receive. After some discussion Lyle felt we should let the new board members for the coming year decide on this matter. The rest of the board was in agreement. No further action taken at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

Warm-up Area 3rd Base Side:

This project is still ongoing.

Memorial Hall Of Fame Wall:

This project is still ongoing.

Electricity to Picnic Area:

Art Nelson reported he talked to Cindy and why Russ Boston can make the sole decision on not approving this project. Art has not heard back from her and will contact her again. So, this project is still up in the air, and no decision has been made at this time.

Bleachers:

Bruce Brady reported on installing some new plastic chairs with backs on them. These chairs come in different colors. After a long discussion on this project, Lyle Bakken made a motion for us to purchase total of 18 wide chairs in green and that these chairs will be installed in both bleacher areas to see how well they hold up to our Arizona weather, before we decide complete both bleacher areas. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Benches:

Bruce Brady brought up the idea of purchasing two benches to be placed permanently on each side of the backstop. After a lot of discussion, Lyle Bakken made a motion for us to purchase two green metal benches, 8 foot long to be installed on each side of the backstop between the dugouts and home plate. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Maintenance Crew T-shirts:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras would like to have the T-shirts in yellow that would say Liberty Field Maintenance Crew" on them with our Club logo. The board agreed to order 12 shirts in various sizes with nothing smaller than a large, and a couple of XXL. No further action taken.

Batters Boxes:

Bruce Brady said that the new batters boxes will be installed at Liberty Field on Friday, October 5. If anyone wants to come out and see this, you are welcome. These new in-ground boxes will help preserve the ground both under and around box area. No further action taken.

Special Events:

Palm Desert: Mike Hester reported that all is set for the players to reciprocate to play the teams at Palm Desert on November 17, 2007. The bus is \$1000.00 plus the cost of putting up the driver overnight. Each person that goes will have to split the all costs.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that the Cardiac Kids Invitational is February 2, 2008 and is ongoing.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Carol Bowden reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament is still ongoing and will be held February 9-10, 2008.

Opening Fan Appreciation Week:

Bruce Brady reported that we should move our Fan Appreciation Week to October 30 and November 1. SCWSSC will furnish the hot dogs and drinks during the games for these two days.

Mike suggested that we send a letter to all the sponsors inviting them to see their team play and have a hot dog and drink.

The League is discussing on having Halloween costume days on October 30 and November 1. The players could come in Halloween dress if they wish and this would be optional. After some discussion the board decided to let the League Board handle this and the board would support their decision. No further action.

Pancake Breakfast:

Bruce Brady apologized for missing the last committee meeting and that the next meeting will be on October 11 and Liberty Field at 11:00am.

They will serve pancakes and bacon from 8:00am to 11:00am is on November 10. Volunteers are needed and Bruce will contact Nadaburg School to help us. The cost will be \$3.00/per person (all you can eat).

Bruce said they are working on kid's price and it was decided to have kids under 12 eat free but not advertise this. Carol said that she will check on getting four sandwich sign boards to set out. No further action at this time.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early reported he has ordered the 18 t-shirts that will be used for league supported functions, but they haven't come in yet. Because SCWSSC is paying for these shirts they will sport the SCWSSC logo. Ray said that we are in good shape on uniforms and would not have to buy balls until after the first of the year. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Carol Bowden reported that she has sent contracts to Van's and Windermere. Carol said that she has Desert Rose contract back. Additional copies will need to be made.

Carol spoke to Cranston Jeweler's and they are waiting to get the approval on the correct Seiko watch to be used on their billboard.

Carol spoke to Jerry at Fast Signs and Carol is going to go over and check on the bid that they are giving us on our billboards. Carol will also check on the cost of making sandwich boards for us. Wells Fargo billboard will be coming down.

There was a lot of discussion on the status of Southwest Golf Cars and to get some clarification on the letter that Art received. This being said, Mike Hester said that John at Desert Golf Cars is ready to supply us with a new car every year that has a box on the back and would also perform all maintenance as needed. After a lot of discussion the board has decided that Art will get back to Earl in the legal department of the Recreation Center as to the status of the letter he received from SW Golf Cars and report back to the board for further action as needed. No further action at this time.

Team Sponsors:

Carol reported that she received some interest from Sandy and Lou at Ken Meade wanting to be on the list as a team sponsor. Carol will follow up on this. Lyle reported that Northern Trust is paid and current as a team sponsor. No further action.

Membership:

Lyle Bakken reported in the absence of Ken Skinner that we now have 287 paid members of which, 28 are new. No further action. Lyle also said that dues are due January 1.

Umpires:

In the absence of Ken Skinner no report was given.

Women's League:

Carol Bowden reported that Karen Hill has not returned and will give her report at the November meeting. No further action taken.

Friday Co-Ed League:

In the absence of the delegate, no report was given. Art Nelson said that Friday League needs to submit a letter to the SCW Board requesting the field and the times needed. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Hall Of Fame League Banquet:

Mike Hester reported that the Hall of Fame candidates have been picked. John Doherty is head of this committee. The HOF Nomination Form will be in the next newsletter.

Non-playing Coach/Manager:

Mike said there are two non-playing coach/managers. Which are Wayne Mitchell and Ed Eckardt.

Rules Changes:

Mike Hester reported the rule changes that will be adopted this year are as follows:

1. Adopt the one piece home plate that was used during the summer play.
2. Adopt the ASA rule that allows a runner to be used as a courtesy runner ONCE PER INNING. However, an "R" must be designated on the score sheet for each player needing a runner prior to the start of the game.
3. Adopt that pitcher (only if needed) after 2 outs can put a "non-charged" runner in to run for the pitcher to allow them time to get their protective gear on.
4. Adopt the rule to allow the pitcher to move from one side or the other of the pitching rubber to help with the sun problem.
5. Adopt that the league will not buy the bat. The players will provide their own bats as they do now.

Some of these rules are being adopted in hopes to help speed up the game. No further action.

Rules Committee:

No report.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Co-mingling:

Art Nelson reported that the Sun City West Recreation Center has approved our bylaw change concerning the co-mingling rule. This proposal is posted at Liberty Field and if approved by the membership at the November 14 meeting we will no longer need to address this issue again unless there is a petition to revisit in the future. No further discussion at this time.

Board Expenditures Limits:

Art Nelson also mentioned that he would like the board to consider changing the amounts that the board is allowed to spend without membership approval. This being said, Bruce Brady made a motion bring before the membership at the November 14 meeting the following:

1. Increase the amount allowed for the operation of the Club without membership approval from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00
2. Increase the emergency amount allowed the President may approve a maximum limit President can approve from \$250.00 to \$500.00.
3. Any amount over \$500.00 must have board approval.

Motion seconded by Mike Hester. With a roll call vote by each member the motion carried, 4 to 1.

Art Nelson instructed Dennis Farrar to post the proposal on the bulletin board.

After much discussion on these issues, Mike Hester suggested that the 2008 Board sit down and implement an annual budget and expenditure plan. No further action at this time.

STATISTICAL PERSON OR PERSONS:

There was a lot of discussion on this issue and Mike Hester suggested that we table until the next board meeting. No further action at this time.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson reported that the following members have put their names into nomination for the SCW Board for 2008-09.

They are:

Carol Bowden Joel Muldoon
Rich McAndrews Cal Shirey

There were no nominations at the meeting, and the floor will be open for nominations along with the elections at the next general membership meeting on November 14, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

TROPHIES:

Art Nelson reported that he received a call from Paul Nagelson saying that Bill Atherton has some trophies he would like to donate. After a lot of discussion, it was decided that they should donate them to the Boy's & Girls Club's, Special Olympics, or similar programs would probably welcome this donation. No further action taken.

PHOENIX COYOTES TICKET SPECIAL:

Carol Bowden received a call from a gentleman who would like to offer special discounted tickets of \$20.00 to a Coyotes Hockey Game. Carol Bowden will call the gentleman back to see if it's something we need to pursue, if it is Carol will e-mail the board with the details. No further action taken at this time.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Lyle Bakken ask if he still wanted him to pursue getting Charley Arme to be our guest speaker at the Hall of Fame Banquet to be held on March 28, 2008. The board is in agreement to ask him to volunteer to be the guest speaker and Lyle will pursue this. No further action taken.

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Players Cruise:

Mike Hester revisited the issue of the American League players that will be gone during the first four to five games of opening season. A player that goes on this cruise is exempted from the rule that says you cannot miss more than five games. Mike reiterated again that the players going on the cruise will know which team they will be assigned to before they leave. No further action taken.

November Newsletter:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that the next newsletter will be coming out in November and if anyone has anything they would like to put in this newsletter be sure to get it to him no later than October 19. Dennis would like to have this newsletter in the dugouts the last full week of October. No further action taken.

NEXT SCWSSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 5, 2007 • 8:00AM • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will Wednesday, November 14, 2007 • 6:30pm • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, October 17, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, welcomed all board members and guests.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Dobbins, Karen Hill, Ray Murphy, Mel Schiebel, Ken Skinner, and Richard Wells.

OCTOBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Carol Bowden made a motion to accept the October 1, 2007 meeting minutes as electronically distributed via e-mail. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2007 of \$7,559.03. There is a credit union balance as of October 31, 2007 of \$26,478.27. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$31,912.82. Club balance as of October 29, 2007 is \$4,705.67. Total balance is \$63,096.76.

Dennis Farrar made a motion to accept the treasurer's reported as given. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

Warm-up Area 3rd Base Side:

Art Nelson reported that George Karras has talked to Todd Paddy and the only thing we can do is grass and between fence and the sidewalk. The idea is to get rid of the rock and make it look like the first-base side. Todd Paddy has estimated the cost to be about \$1000.00. A CR-13 will need to be submitted to the recreation center for this project. Rich McAndrews made a motion to follow through with this project. Carol Bowden seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Art Nelson also reported that he has met with Peacock Landscaping and they will install the retaining wall like is on the first-base side of the field at a cost of approximately \$5,250.00. Art Nelson reported the details of this project and will become before the General meeting on November 14, 2007.

Memorial Hall Of Fame Wall:

Art Nelson reported that we would like to have George Karras get prices on this Hall of Fame bulletin board. This item has been tabled pending on pricing. No further action taken.

Electricity to Picnic Area:

Art Nelson reported that the recreation center has given us the go-ahead to put electricity to the picnic area. Art Nelson has a drawing that he will submit to the recreation center for approval. This project will be added to the CR-13. No further action taken.

Bleechairs:

Art Nelson reported that there are a lot of good comments on the few Bleechairs we have installed in the bleachers on both sides. This being said, we will need another 35 to complete the project at the cost of \$1399.65.

Lyle Bakken made a motion to complete the seating project. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

Field List of Rules:

Art Nelson reported that George Karras would like to post a list of field rules when using Liberty Field. Art Nelson went over list of rules. The board feels that the list of rules that George has presented is okay, except, we want to be able to hit off the brown batters box to see how well it will hold up. The list of field rules will be posted inside the fence by the water fountains in each dugout. No further action taken at this time.

Replacing Flagpole:

Art Nelson reported that Mike Hester has done some research on replacing our flagpole in left field. Art Nelson will table this item until the next meeting. No further action taken at this time.

Other Field Issue:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras has talked Todd Paddy about where the infield meets the outfield grass and that the grass area is a little higher. Todd Paddy said that he will work on this to even this area out. Also Bruce reported that Todd Paddy does not want golf cars parked on the first-base side in the gravel by the sidewalk. George Karras will see Todd Paddy to have the use no parking signs installed. No further action taken.

Outfield Grass Cutting:

Bruce Brady reported that George Karras and Todd Paddy have discussed cutting the outfield grass. Todd Paddy has expressed his concerns of only being able to cut the outfield grass once per week. Todd Paddy would like to cut it at least twice per week. This being said, it was reported that currently the recreation center is cutting the grass after the Monday practice, and after the co-ed games on Fridays. No further action taken at this time.

Special Events:

Palm Desert: Ken Skinner reported that they are ready to go. They have two teams, the managers are selected, and is scheduled for November 17, 2007. No further action taken.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Ken Skinner reported that the list keeps growing. Ken said that there are now 58 players who qualified to play in this tournament. This tournament will be held on February 2, 2008 and is ongoing.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Ken Skinner reported that they may not have enough players to play both Friday and Saturday. However they want to keep Friday open at this time and see what happens as the tournament gets closer. This tournament will be held February 9-10, 2008.

Opening Fan Appreciation Week:

Art Nelson thanked everyone who took part in the opening week festivities. This was a huge success and a lot of fun for all.

Pancake Breakfast:

Bruce Brady reported that the Pancake Breakfast for our sponsors will be held on Saturday, on November 10, 2007. They will serve from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and everybody is lined up to help. Because of the overseeding of Beardsley Park he has asked that we do not parking cars on the grass. Bruce Brady has assured Todd that that this will not happen. Bruce Brady has requested that Liberty Field be closed from 6 a.m. to 12 noon in support of the pancake breakfast. Bruce Brady made a motion that Liberty Field be closed from 6 a.m. to noon in support of the pancake breakfast, and to show our support of our sponsors, all players are asked to wear their team uniforms. Dennis Farrar seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Tin Cup Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that Dick LeMoine is still on the cruise and the tournament this year will be held at Palm Ridge. Deer Valley Golf Course has been secured all day for play. This year there is a fashion show at Palm Ridge Recreation Center for those who will not be participating in the golf tournament. There is no date set for the Tin Cup at this time. No further action taken.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early was absent and Lyle Bakken reported that the uniform equipment is high this year because new league caps were bought this year. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Carol Bowden reported that she and George Karras have met with Fast Signs that will be replacing the other sign company that was doing our billboards. Fast Signs sent a proposal. The cost will be \$972.00 per panel and we are supplying the panels. Blank panels will be put up its cost is \$75.00 each. Each panel is guaranteed for three years against failure. Five Signs of also agreed to pick of old panels and deliver the new ones. There are normally three panels per sign which comes to a cost of \$2916.00 per sponsor.

Carol Bowden made a motion that we accept Fast Signs proposal to do our billboard signs in the outfield. Bruce Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried no further action taken.

Team Sponsors:

Carol Bowden has spoken to Mary Lee McGee and Lona King with Windermere Realty and they are excited about sponsoring a team.

Carol Bowen has a current list of team sponsorship and it is included on page 8 of these minutes for your information. Dennis Farrar recommended that Carol Bowden write up an operational procedure of how the team sponsors and billboard sponsors are selected and that this procedure be followed. This operational procedure will be a board approved. Because of all the confusion we have had in the past with sponsorship we need to set up a procedure that will be consistent with all sponsors being treated the same.

— Southwest Golf Cars Issue:

There was a lot of discussion on how to handle the controversy of sponsorship between Southwest Golf Cars and the Sun City West Softball Club. Art Nelson said he will send it to Southwest Golf Cars reminding them that their team sponsor renewal in the amount of \$250.00 was due in October. If they want to continue their team sponsorship they will need to pay this amount to be current.

The board discussed this issue further and it's the decision of the board that whether they continue as a sponsor or not, we are no longer in need of a golf car and will be returning it to them. No further action taken at this time.

Membership:

Ken Skinner reported that as of today, we now have 297 paid members. No further action.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that there is now 12 members in the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Umpire Association (SCSSLUA). Ken Skinner said that he has set up an umpires schedule for the opening day. and that the umpire clinics are now held every Monday at 4 p.m. at Liberty Field in Sun City West. All-league players are invited to attend. Carol Bowden will also supply Ken Skinner with a list of the Northwest Valley Women's League games so that Ken can assign umpires for the games at Liberty Field.

Friday Co-Ed League:

Ray Murphy reported that our Friday League is alive and healthy and we played three games starting a 10 a.m. The teams are comprised of American League, National League and women; however "one" rated players in the American League are not allowed to participate. There is now a replacement list for those individuals who would like to be placed on a team. The placement list can be found through the league web site at www.azssoftball.com and click on the calendar, Friday/70s League link. This league is self-governed and is not controlled by either the Sun City West Softball Club, or the Sun Cities Softball League. To play in the Friday lead all you need to do is have a current recreation card from Sun City, or Sun City West. We do have playing rules, player roster, and game schedule and they are also posted to the web site. Ray Murphy has agreed to be the Friday coed league commissioner and if there is a situation that needs to be settled Ray will get involved.

National League:

Rich McAndrews reported that we are now up to 161 players. No further action taken.

Rich McAndrews has requested that Art Nelson secure a room for him to hold the National League managers meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. No further action taken.

WOMEN'S OPENING DAY:

Carol Bowden reported that they have enough teams to have three games. There will be hot dogs and buns, and each team is responsible for what ever else they want to bring. Ken Skinner has provided umpires for all three games. Bruce Brady has set up a maintenance crew to have the field prepared and ready for play. No further action taken.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Hall Of Fame League Banquet:

In the absence of Mike Hester, Dennis Farrar reported that the Hall of Fame Banquet is schedule for March 28, 2008 at the Palm Ridge Recreation Center. John Doherty is the chairman of the HOF Committee. The HOF Nomination Form will once again be in the next newsletter.

Non-playing Coach/Manager:

Mike said there are two non-playing coach/managers. Which are Wayne Mitchell and Ed Eckardt.

Rules Report:

In the absence of Wayne Mitchell, Art Nelson reported that he has not heard any complaints in the rules that were adopted starting with the fall play. No further action taken.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

Karen Hill reported that they have taken the Hot Flashes and the Sparks and divided them up. The Hot Flashes are no longer part of the league. There are two teams which consist of the Fames and the Sparks. We will be playing by the rules set forth by the West Valley Women's League. No further action taken. After a lot of discussion, the question came up to whether the women were under the jurisdiction of the league, or under the jurisdiction of the Sun City West Softball Club. Art Nelson reported that he has done some research on the status of the women's league program. After much discussion, it was concluded that the women's league program is not part of the Sun City West Softball Club because they do not draw from our sponsor's list program for sponsors; and make their own decision without consulting the board. Therefore the board feels the women's program operates independently just as the Friday Co-ed League teams.

Art Nelson said that the women's program in our league should function as a league between Sun City, and Sun City West women players, and do not play, nor participate as a part of the Northwest Valley women's program.

Be it resolved, Rich McAndrews made a motion that we look at our current women's program, operating independently as the Friday League Co-ed League teams, and that the women will be can have representation at our monthly board meetings as the Friday League. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CHARTER CLUB MEETING:

Rich McAndrews brought up that if you have an incident on the field you need to take the incident report to the pool monitor at Kuntz Recreation Center.

Rich reported that the IRS has come up with a new electronic form (990-N) which is filled out for clubs who have gross receipts are normally \$25,000.00 or less. Lyle Bakken is aware of this as he got the letter also. No further action taken.

BY-LAWS CHANGES:

Co-mingling:

Rich McAndrews reported that the bylaw change for co-mingling has been posted since September 13, 2007. This is a waiver allowing Sun City players to play our field.

Board Expenditures Limits:

Rich reported that this bylaw change as follows:

1. Increase the amount allowed for the operation of the Club without membership approval from \$2000.00 to \$5000.00.
2. Increase the emergency amount allowed the President may approve a maximum limit President can approve from \$250.00 to \$500.00.
3. Any amount over \$500.00 must have board approval.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson reported that the Joel Muldoon has decided not to run. So the following members have put their names into nomination for the SCW Board for 2008-09.

They are:

Carol Bowden, Mel Schiebel, Rich McAndrews, Cal Shirey, and Richard Wells.

Art Nelson will open the floor for nominations at the General meeting on November 14, 2007, and the election will be the week after Thanksgiving on November 27 & November 29 at the Liberty Field clubhouse.

At the general membership meeting Lyle Bakken has requested that Art Nelson have the general membership approved him as the club accountant. Lyle will not have a vote on the board, while just be in charge of the books. No further action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBER & GUESTS COMMENTS:

Incident Report:

Art Nelson reported that we've had two incidences at the field where people have fallen into a gap of the modified bleachers. This being said Art Nelson gave George Karras the approval to spend up to \$500.00 to correct this issue. No further action taken.

Shading the First Base Dugout:

Dennis Farrar mentioned that he would like to see us put a see-through white tarp behind the first-base dugout to help control the sun at the later games. The dugout tends to be a little warm and the shade trees are not providing enough shade to keep the dugout cool enough for the players.

Bruce Brady will check with George Karras to see if he can possibly get a rollup shade for that area. No further discussion at this time.

MR. LUND PASSED AWAY:

Art Nelson reported that Mr. Lund of Lund Cadillac recently passed away. Ernie Mueller and Art Nelson will go to Lund Cadillac on November 14 to give a presentation in appreciation of all their support.

PEPSI CONTRACT:

Lyle Bakken reported that Pepsi has not paid their annual fee of \$2000 for pouring rights in Sun City West. Pepsi has not paid this year and Lyle has talked to Cindy four times on this issue. Cindy has called them. Technically, if Pepsi does not pay this amount by December 31, Pepsi will lose their pouring rights in Sun City West. Lyle Bakken has agreed to talk to Matt Szydlowski on this issue to see and if we can get this resolved. No further action taken at this time.

COFFEE & DONUTS:

Lyle Bakken reported that the last time the donuts were purchased from the American League Ray Early gave him a bill for \$29.95. Lyle asked Ray why he didn't take the money out of the jar. Ray replied there was not enough money in the jar to cover the expense. Lyle paid Ray. Lyle has been given the approval to pay an individual for the donuts if there is not enough in the jar to cover the expense. No further action taken at this time.

AMERICAN LEAGUE REPORT:

Art Nelson reported that the American League managers meeting will be January 2, and the draft will be January 4, 2008. Both meetings will meetings will be held at the Men's Club in Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 3, 2007 • 8:00AM • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCWSSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The next General Membership Meeting will Wednesday, November 14, 2007 • 6:30pm • RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*). Please plan to attend.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, November 21, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

Lyle Bakken made a motion to adjourn. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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SPONSOR LIST - 2007

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TEAMS:

1. Windermere - (corp.)
2. Windermere – Lona King & Marylee Magee
3. Canyon State – Ron Cameron 584.2850
4. Farrar Chiropractic & Acupuncture (NL)
5. Larry & Rachael Ott (NL), (9/07)
6. Lou & Sandy Cryer – Ken Meade, (10/07) 602.402.4568

Possibilities ????:

Altavilla Pizza
Ace Hardware
Hole-In-One
Avondale Toyota
Fletcher Music
Crooked Putter
Air by Dean

From Loran Swanson:

2 men & a Truck
Remax Team
Madison House – Pat Horton 584.1999 x19

Billboard:

M&I Bank (tba)

List maintained & provided by:

Carol Bowden – (623) 337-5131 • coachclb@hotmail.com



**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the RH Johnson Recreation Center (*Lecture Hall*) at 6:33pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Carol Bowden, Bruce Brady, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Rich McAndrews and Art Nelson.

ATTENDANCE:

A total of 47 members signed in and were present at the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Art Nelson introduced the board members to the general membership and their duties of responsibility.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken gave his treasurer report as follows:

As of October 31, 2007 we have a club balance of \$3479.53. A credit union balance of \$26,478.27. A SCW Recreation Center balance of \$31,912.82 this brings our total to \$61,870.62.

ASSISTANT TREASURER:

Because Lyle Bakken goes off the board at the end of this year, Art Nelson addressed to the membership that we think about the possibility of hiring Lyle Bakken at \$50 per month as a financial consultant to our club because of the amount of money that goes through our treasury each year. Art addressed the General membership and asked for ideas. There were a few comments made with the following results.

Art Nelson asked for a show of hands to see who would be in favor of this idea. The majority of the members present voted to check on this possibility. Lyle commented that the \$50 per month fee is agreeable to him, plus, any out-of-pocket expenses. Art Nelson will check on this further and report the results. No further action taken at this time.

Field Maintenance:

Art Nelson reported that the first-base side has been completed. The patio area has been added and is being used a lot. We have purchased a barbecue and the seats that are installed in the bleachers will be completed.

Barbeque Island:

After a lot of discussion on the permanent barbecue island, Dick LeMoine made a motion that we check on our options on purchasing the barbecue Island and is not to exceed \$5,000.00. Larry Ott seconded the motion. By a show of hands, motion carried. No further action taken at this time.

3rd Base area:

Art Nelson gave a detailed report of the plans that are being made to finish the third-base side behind the dugout and that the plans are to remove all the rock which tends to find its way onto the field. Peacock Landscaping gave us a quote of \$5,250.00. After some discussion, Herb Clark made a motion that we complete the third-base side. Tony DeBiasio seconded the motion. By a show of hands, motion carried. No further action taken.

Portable Misters:

Bruce Brady brought up that George Karras would like to purchase portable misters but would like to get the opinion of the membership. After some discussion and thought the membership decide not to proceed on this project at this time. No further action taken.

Doggie Signs:

Cal Shirey brought up that on occasion he has gone by Liberty Field and has noticed people using the ball field as a doggie relief area. After some discussion, Art Nelson said that he will have signs put up to help minimize this problem. No further action taken at this time.

Special Events:

Palm Desert:

Mike Hester reported that they are going back to Palm Desert to reciprocate play. They're very anxious for us to come and see their facilities. Mike Hester said there's a possibility that we can expand this as we go forward. This tournament has been very well received on both ends. No further action taken.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Art Nelson reported that the Bosom Buddies Tournament will be held ¹March 8-10, 2008.

Exhibition Games:

Herb Clark mentioned that on November 25, 2008 there will two games played at Liberty Field. The first game starting at one o'clock will be between the SCW Women playing the Half Pints. The second game will follow, which will be between the Bissbee Bees and the 60's Sidewinder's. This game will be played in the vintage style of softball and follow the 1865 rules.

Cardiac Kids Tournament:

Art Nelson also reported that the Cardiac Kids Tournament will be February 2, 2008.

Spring Fling:

Art Nelson reported that the Annual Spring Fling is set for March 6-9, 2008. The National League will play on Thursday & Friday, and the American League will play on Saturday and Sunday. The Spring Fling Tournament is open to all players of the league regardless whether you live in Sun City West, or Sun City. No further action.

Tin Cup Golf Tournament:

Dick LeMoine reported that the 2008 Tin Cup will be the fifth year and will be held on April 13, 2008. The Deer Valley Golf Course will host the event the entire day and Palm Ridge Recreation Center for the entire day. They reported that there will be high-noon tea that Phyllis Freeman will host for those spouses not playing in the tournament. They reported that volunteers will be needed again so if you are interested please contact Dick LeMoine. No further action taken.

¹ Correction per SCW Board Meeting 12/3/07: The Bosom Buddies Tournament is February 8-10, 2008 — not March 8-10, 2008.

Membership:

Lyle Bakken reported that we currently have 297 paid up members, which includes 8 pre-paid. Lyle said that since last January 1, 2007 we have signed up 33 new members.

Lyle made a special note that dues are due January 1st and any dues paid after December 1 of the current year will be applied to the coming year. Dues that are paid prior to December 1 will be due again in January. No further action taken.

Umpires:

In the absence of Ken Skinner, Art Nelson reported that Ken has his umpire clinics every Monday at 4:00pm at Liberty Field. Art reiterated that all players should get involved in umpiring and should know the rules. All league members are welcome to attend. No further action taken.

League Board Report:

Mike Hester reported that there are 13 teams in both the American League and National League. The batter boxes have been installed at both Liberty Field and Sun Bowl Field. An additional pitchers rubber has been installed in Sun City West and Art has spoken to someone at the Sun Bowl Field to do the same rather than using a chalk line. No further action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

TWO PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES:

1. Co-mingling:

Rich McAndrews reported that there is a proposed change in the bylaws to continue the co-mingling with our Sun City Softball friends to the general membership as follows:

Currently Reads:

Article VII – Teams Composed of Sun City and Sun City West Players

Section B

Since regular use of the Sun City West Facilities by non-club members (e.g. Sun City players) conflicts with the Rules, Regulations and Procedures, chapter 3, paragraph 2e, "Preamble", a valid waiver is required from the RCSCW Governing Board in accordance with paragraph 1,4 of the RR&P's. This waiver shall continue on a year to year basis provided that the members of the SCW Softball Chartered Club (SCWSCC) vote at a regular membership meeting each year to reaffirm their desire to continue play on such combined teams. Sun City players may not be members of SCWSCC and therefore are not required to vote.

Proposed Change:

... This waiver shall continue on an on going basis or until the Sun City West Softball Chartered Club members at a general membership meeting have a majority vote to discontinue play with non-club members.

The written ballot to the change the by-laws to waiver the co-mingling vote each year passed as follows:

- Yes = 38
- No = 7

2. Allowed Amount Change for the Board:

Rich McAndrews read the current by-laws and the proposed change to the general membership as follows.

Currently Reads:

Article V – Financial

Section B

The Board shall have the authority to spend money (up to \$2,000.00) necessary for the operation of the Club. Spending over \$2,000.00 must be approved by a vote of the members. However, in an emergency situation, the President may approve a maximum limit of \$250.00. Board approval is required for any amount over \$250.00, confirmed by telephone or e-mail by a majority-of the board. Only expenditures of \$15.00 or less can be paid by Petty Cash.

Proposed Change:

Article V – Financial

Section B

The Board shall have the authority to spend money (up to \$5,000.00) necessary for the operation of the Club. Spending over \$5,000.00 must be approved by a vote of the members. However, in an emergency situation, the president may approve a maximum limit of \$500.00. Board approval is required for any amount over \$500.00, confirmed by phone or by e-mail by a majority of the Board. Only expenditures of \$25.00 or less can be paid by Petty Cash.

A show of hands vote to the By-law change to increase the board amounts passed with the following results:

- Yes = 42
- No = 3

NEW BUSINESS

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR:

Bruce Brady reported that there is a new defibrillator in the clubhouse and it's easier to use. No further action taken.

NEW BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

Art Nelson reported that currently we have five candidates running for the 2008-09 SCWSC Board. Art opened the floor to nominations and Jan Strock indicated that he would like to have his name submitted as a board candidate. There were no other nominations so the nominations were closed.

The candidates for the 2008-09 Sun City West Board are:

Carol Bowen, Rich McAndrews, Mel Schiebel, Cal Shirey, Jan Strock, and Richard Wells.

The above candidates addressed the general membership on some of the items they would like to do if elected to the board. No further action taken.

The board elections will be on Tuesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 29 at Liberty Field.

NEW FLAG & POLE:

Dick LeMoine would like to see the members and the board work towards putting a new flag and flag pole in left field. The current flag and pole are worn out. Mike Hester said that the board has the cost for the project is estimated at approximately \$3600.00. This includes taking down the old flag and installing the new one. This was brought before the board before and the board rejected this project at the time. Bruce Brady brought up that he thinks it's the Recreation Center's responsibility to installing new flag and pole. Art Nelson entertained the idea of having someone in the club stepped forward to head up a committee to take up this project. Art Nelson asked for a show of hands of how many would be interested in the board revisiting this issue. The general membership voted overwhelmingly for us to revisit this project. No further action taken at this time.

NEXT SCWSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 3, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West.

NEXT SCSSL BOARD MEETING:

Wednesday, December 19, 2007 • 8:00am • Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) • Sun City West

ADJOURNMENT:

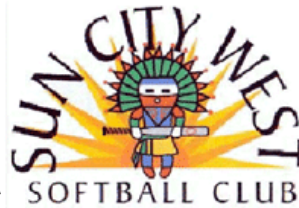
With no further business, President, Art Nelson declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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**SUN CITY WEST SOFTBALL CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President, Art Nelson at the Men's Club (*Roundup Room*) at 8:00a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President, Art Nelson, welcomed all board members and guests.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lyle Bakken, Dennis Farrar, Mike Hester, Rich McAndrews, and Art Nelson.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bob Freeman, George Karras, Dick LeMoine, Ken Skinner, and Richard Wells.

NOVEMBER MINUTES APPROVAL:

Rich McAndrews wanted to clarify the date of the Bosom Buddies Tournament that was stated in the General Membership minutes. The tournament will be February 8-10, 2008, not March 8-10, 2008 as stated in the General Membership Meeting Minutes. This was just a typo and Dennis will correct this and send on to Ken Skinner to post to the web site.

Mike Hester made a motion to approve the November 5, 2007 minutes as corrected. Lyle Bakken seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lyle Bakken reported an opening balance as of January 1, 2007 of \$7,559.03. There is a credit union balance as of November 30, 2007 of \$28,503.19. Our balance at the recreation center balance is \$34,412.82. Club balance as of November 30, 2007 is \$1,403.07. Total balance is \$64,319.08.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Southwest Golf Cars:

Art Nelson reported that he wrote a letter to Nancy McIntosh of Southwest Golf Cars about the status of our golf car they have provided along with the status of their sponsorship. No further action taken.

Friday Co-ed League Request:

Art Nelson received a letter from Bill Hill on behalf of the Friday Co-ed League requesting Liberty Field for the year 2008 from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Fridays.

Mike Hester made a motion to grant their request. Rich McAndrews seconded the motion. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Donation:

A \$50.00 donation was given to Mohammad Ali Parkinson's Center in memory of Mr. Lund of Lund Cadillac who passed away recently. A copy of the letter will be sent to Ernie Mueller for his reference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Manager:

Warm-up Area 3rd Base Side:

George Karras reported that we have submitted a CR-13 to the Recreation Center and he has not heard back any information yet. A CR-13 has also been submitted to level the area behind the third base dugout. George has tried to call Todd Paddy and he is supposed to get back to us on this. No further action taken at this time.

Memorial Hall Of Fame Wall:

George said that he has checked with a couple of vendors and that these boards could cost about \$500.00 each. George is going to look into used boards or maybe have the workshop or medal shop to see if they could custom make them for us at a better price. No further action taken at this time.

Electricity to Picnic Area:

George said that a CR-12 has been submitted to the Recreation Center and is now in the hands of the maintenance manager, Russ Boston and George has heard nothing back anything. No further action taken at this time.

Bleechairs:

George Karras reported that he has received all the Bleechairs to complete the bleachers on both sides, but the vendor did not send enough hardware to install them. Once George receives the needed hardware all the chairs will be installed. No further action taken at this time.

Relocating Sound system speakers:

George has submitted a CR-12 to move the current sound system speakers up to the next level and George is waiting to hear from David Bennett for his decision.

Bleacher Extenders:

George reported that he has installed all the extenders and the brackets will be installed as soon as he receives them from the metal shop. No further action taken.

Sponsors Breakfast:

George Karras reported that he had talked to Bruce Brady and he mentioned to George Karras that less than 300 paid people were counted. Lyle Bakken added that after income and expenses we made a \$15.00 profit on the breakfast. No further action taken.

Golf Car Exchange:

Dick LeMoine reported that he is going to take back today the current golf car to Southwest Golf Cars and pick up a temporary (loaner) one from Desert Golf Cars until they get the other one painted.

Special Events:

Fun Day:

Rich McAndrews reported that the Fun Day scheduled for December 20 is going good, and it looks like 8 teams with 12-13 players per team. Rich also said that the National League is getting the teams up to play a possible single elimination tournament. Rich has also asked some people from Sun City to bring some barbeques so we can do some hot dogs or something like that.

Art Nelson reported that the American League is going to play games using a 16" mush ball and there will hot dogs or something like that.

Lyle Bakken made a motion to have the SCW Club purchase hot dogs, buns and items needed for the Fun Day at both fields. Dennis Farrar seconded. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Palm Desert: Ken Skinner reported that two teams ventured off to Palm Desert for a softball tournament. Total of 4 games were played and fun and food was enjoyed by all. Palm Desert wants to return in April and do this all over again. No further action taken.

Cardiac Kids Invitational:

Ken Skinner reported that the list keeps growing and will be held on February 2, 2008.

Bosom Buddies Tournament:

Ken Skinner reported that this tournament is set for February 9-10, 2008.

Vintage Softball:

Art Nelson reported that this day went very well, and schedule these game again next year. Mike Hester gave a more detailed report of how this got started. No further action taken.

Tin Cup Invitational:

Art Nelson reported that we need to look into getting a new flag pole for the field. Art Nelson would like to form a committee to follow up on the project. The tournament for 2008 The Tin Cup will be held on April 13, 2008 and will be held at Palm Ridge. Deer Valley Golf Course has been secured all day for play. Lyle Bakken made a motion that the new board set up a committee to follow up on the flag pole. Rich McAndrews seconded. Motion carried. No further action taken.

Dick LeMoine added his comments to this report in length of the misunderstanding concerning a letter between Arrowhead Lexus and the SCW Recreation Center. A few of the board members added there comments with no action taken. Dick also said that Arrowhead Lexus will be one of the sponsors going into the tournament next year.

Dick also said that the 2008 Tin Cup will be held on Sunday, April 13. Dick mentioned some of the plans that will be included with the next tournament. No further action taken.

Dick also discussed banners and costs. Lyle Bakken made a motion to allow Dick to move forward with the new proposed banners, identified as "silver" and "gold". The "silver" is what we currently have at \$350.00. The "gold" will cost \$500.00. Each will be displayed for six weeks. The gold will be in color. Mike Hester seconded. Motion carried.

Uniforms & Equipment:

Ray Early was absent and Art Nelson reported that Ray recently has purchased 18 dozen softballs and that was all he had to report. No further action taken.

Sponsors:

Billboards:

Lyle Bakken reported in the absence of Carol Bowden that we have 18 boards sold and gave a detailed report on who has paid and up to date.

Membership:

Ken Skinner gave his final report for the year in detail, and as of today, we now have 302 paid members. We have one (William Seccor) member that will not physically be able to play the game and inquired about getting his membership refunded. Lyle Bakken moved that we refund his dues. Mike Hester seconded. Motion carried. No further action.

Umpires:

Ken Skinner reported that the Sun Cities Senior Softball League Umpire Association (SCSSLUA) meets every Monday and 4:00pm at Liberty Field. Ken asked for volunteers to umpire the NL games on the Fun Day. Dennis Farrar has volunteered to help umpire the games that he does not play on December 20.

National League:

Rich McAndrews reported that the National League meeting will be on January 9 at 1:00pm at the Men's Club (Round-up Room in Sun City West).

Rich McAndrews has requested that Art Nelson secure a room for him to hold the National League managers meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. No further action taken.

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT:

Draft:

Mike Hester reported that the AL managers meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 2 and the draft will take place on Friday, January 4. Mike said the fall session end on January 10 and the spring session will start immediately after that on January 15.

LeMoine/Morgan Tournament:

Mike said that this will be held on Sunday, March 30.

Summer Scores:

Art Nelson mentioned again that maybe we should look at posting the summer game scores to the paper. This has not been the first time this issue has been brought up. Again, a lot of discussion and a history report on this issue from Ken Skinner with no resolution taken at this time.

Rules:

No report in the absence of Wayne Mitchell.

Bats:

Mike Hester reported that bats made after 2000 it must have the ASA sticker on the bat.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

No report in the absence of Karen Hill

Friday Co-Ed League:

The Friday League commissioner, Ray Murphy was absent and Dennis Farrar reported that he had talked to the individuals that were concerned as to why they are not playing. Dennis made two signup sheets last year and they both mysteriously disappeared so Dennis has posted a flier on the bulletin boards at both fields to encourage residents to come out and play on the Friday teams. He has a current roster, schedule and rules posted to his web site. Ken Skinner has also linked Dennis' site for convenience.

Dennis also covered other concerns that some of the managers are not following and said that he has all the waivers. Dennis has voiced his concerns that we play by the rules or, if we don't like the rules as currently written — then have another manager meeting and make the changes. Dennis has talked to Ray and Ray is taking care of these issues and will schedule a managers meeting. No further action.

OLD BUSINESS

THANK YOU:

Art Nelson thanked all the out-going board members for a job well-done.

BY-LAWS:

Rich McAndrews passed out the new copies of the by-laws that include the two revised amendments that were approved at the last General Membership Meeting on November 14, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Art Nelson announced the new board members for 2008-09. They are: Carol Bowden, Rich McAndrews, Jan Strock and Richard Wells.

NEXT SCWSSC BOARD MEETING:

Monday, January 7, 2008 • 7:30-9:30AM • Beardsley Recreation Center (*Multi-purpose Room #5*) • Sun City West.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business Art Nelson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis Farrar, Secretary
Sun City West Softball Club

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SPONSOR LIST - 2007

Revised 8/15/07

TEAMS:

1. Windermere - (corp.)
2. Windermere – Lona King & Marylee Magee
3. Canyon State – Ron Cameron 584.2850
4. Farrar Chiropractic & Acupuncture (NL)
5. Larry & Rachael Ott (NL), (9/07)
6. Lou & Sandy Cryer – Ken Meade, (10/07) 602.402.4568

Possibilities ????:

Altavilla Pizza
Ace Hardware
Hole-In-One
Avondale Toyota
Fletcher Music
Crooked Putter
Air by Dean

From Loran Swanson:

2 men & a Truck
Remax Team
Madison House – Pat Horton 584.1999 x19

Billboard:

M&I Bank (tba)

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