

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, January 9, 2015

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 9 am by President Ed Sowney. The meeting was held in the Library Room in the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board members Mike Core, Larry Wolfe, Ken Brenden, Sam Giordano, Ed Sowney, Jesse Washington and Steve Hilby were present. Association members present were TJ Tjernlund, John Seigla, Dennis LePore and Charlene Ellis.

It was moved by Mr. Core, secretary, and seconded by Mr. Hilby that the minutes of the December 12, 2014 Board meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried

Mr. Wolfe presented the Treasurer's Report for the first 3 months of the fiscal year. He reported that revenue from member dues was \$970 lower than budgeted. However, this was offset by higher than budgeted revenue from the sale of outfield fence banners. He also reported that Association expenses are approximately \$2,000 under budget. Some of this is due to timing of budgeted expenditures such as the new backstop tarp. Also, the HOA has paid for some expenses. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Giordano that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Mr. Brenden reported that a four-team tournament will be held at the Field of Dreams on Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17. SLSSA will provide an inexpensive lunch on those two days. Mrs. Ellis said the lady softball players would help with the serving of the lunch.

Mr. Wolfe reported that he has met with the banquet planners at Oakwood for the Monday, March 30, banquet. It is hoped that the banquet costs can be held to about \$45 per couple. The Board held a brief discussion on awards to be presented at the banquet and the season ending tournament. It was the consensus of the Board to continue this discussion at its February 13 board meeting.

Mrs. Ellis presented a report on the Lady Sluggers softball team. The season opened on January 5 and the Sluggers are 2-2 having split two doubleheaders. She reported there are five returning players from last year's squad and this year's squad has a total of 12 players with 11 of them being Sun Lakes residents. She thanked the Board for supporting the Sluggers team. She also reported that the women are using 65' bases this year.

President Sowney reported to the Board that he will appoint a Nominating Committee by the end of the month. The committee will be charged with seeking nominations for two three year terms and a one year term to the Board of Directors. The latter one-year term results from Henry Ellis resigning from the Board last year creating the need to elect a director to serve out the remainder of his term. During the discussion of the Director elections Mr. Giordano suggested that the Board give some thought to creating some type of Director position that would be filled by a non-resident member. It was decided to hold a discussion on this suggestion at the February 13 Board meeting.

Mr. Washington reported to the Board that another 10 dozen softball have been ordered to ensure we have an adequate supply for the upcoming months of play.

Mr. Sowney adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Core, Secretary

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10 am by President Ed Sowney. The meeting was held in the Library Room in the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board Members Ken Brenden, Mike Core, Sam Giordano, Steve Hilby, Ed Sowney, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Association Members present were Tim Tjernlund, Duane Kramer, Gary Alexander, Tom Lorgan, Mike Gloyd, Dennis LePore, Bob Hutchins, Steve Kay, Denny Davidson, Rich Nadler and Evan Hansen.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Hilby that the minutes of the January 9, 2015 Board meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the Treasurer's financial report for January 2015. Mr. Wolfe stated that while the dues from membership are below budget, it is offset by higher that budgeted revenue from field banner sales. He also stated that expenses for the field maintenance were also below budget resulting in a bottom line positive variance of \$2900. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Hilby that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Brenden reported that as of now there are no upcoming non-Association tournaments scheduled at the Field of Dreams.

Mr. Giordano reported to the Board that the draft for Session Three teams would take place on February 16.

Mr. Wolfe presented to the Board a draft of the program for the March 30 banquet. He also reviewed the menu and said it will cost approximately \$45 per couple and includes a salad, choice of beef, chicken or vegetarian entree with pasta, and a dessert. There will be a 3 piece band providing music before the dinner.

Mr. Core reported that the Second Session ending tournament will have free lunch for the Association members. The lunch will include a pre-made sandwich, chips, cookies and a

soda. He also reported that the Third Session ending tournament will include grilled hamburgers and hot dogs along with the chips, cookies and soda.

Mr. Kramer, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave a report on the upcoming election of Directors. The election, if needed, will be held March 17 and 19.

Mr. Giordano led the Board in a discussion of the idea of a non-resident member being elected to the Board. After discussion it was the consensus of the Board that the topic needed more study before making any decision.

Mr. Washington brought up the concern that there were no guidelines for what can be posted on the bulletin board at the field. The deteriorating condition of the bulletin boards was also mentioned during the discussion. Mr. Giordano volunteered to look into getting new bulletin boards and Mr. Core will draft some guidelines for the board to consider.

Mr. Washington and Mr. Nadler also presented ideas for a Memorial to past Association members that would be posted on the website. The memorial would include the names of those that had passed away since 2000 along with the years they participated.

The Board and the Association members present held a discussion on the concern of losing players due to 70 foot bases and the use of a rover that kept older players from reaching base very often. Also discussed was how the teams in league play could achieve a balance of ages across the spectrum of ages from the 50's through late 70's.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Hilby that for Session Three play the bases be moved back to 65 feet. Motion carried. It was then moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that for Session Three teams could use only 10 defensive players. Motion carried. As rules require, all team members would bat and all players had to play at least 6 innings in the field during a doubleheader.

It was the consensus of the Board that the process to try to balance ages on each team needed further discussion.

Mr. Brenden reported that the family of the late Billy Ligon thanked the Association for allowing the field to be used for a February 8 memorial to Mr. Ligon.

The Board then adjourned and went into executive session. The next Board meeting will be held on March 13.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Core, Secretary