

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

Thursday January 3, 2019 3:00 P.M.

All directors were present. Association members in attendance included Ken Brenden, Evan Hansen, Gary Alexander, Doug Friesen, Tom Erpelding, Cyndy Hilby, Dennis LePore, Randy Rothenbuehler, and Gary Hillabolt.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Mr. Giordano.

A motion to accept the December regular meeting as well as the special meeting minutes was forwarded by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Leckner. The motion passed unanimously.

In his financial report Mr. Wolfe reported the addition of a new advertising board sponsor. The variance from the budget showed a deficit of \$353 due to not being reimbursed by the Iron/Oaks HOA for prepping the field for the youth team to use. Also the year to date expenses are a minus \$680 as the Association has not yet paid for insurance or the women's team uniforms. Once those bills are satisfied the variance will be a minus \$200. Mr. Carmichael motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Washington seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were one hundred-eight men with memberships, two of those being Recreational members. In addition there are twelve women members. Total membership in SLSSA is one hundred-twenty.

A nomination committee for new Board members is being formed by Mr. Giordano. Members are Cyndy Hilby, Gary Brinkman, and Ken Brenden. Mr. Giordano motioned the Board accept the committee members, Mr. Hatch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carmichael reported the Winter draft went well, the regular season starts tomorrow, January 4.

Mr. Leckner reported a new sprinkler head has been installed ten feet behind the pitcher's rubber. It is a pop-up head and the water spread covers the entire infield. Weeds and grasses growing along the outfield foul lines is gradually being killed off by HOA landscapers. The urinal still runs and the fountain needs a new compressor. A new air conditioner may need approval from Brian Quinlan, Assistant General Manager. Harold Wilson is the new facilities manager. Antonio (Tony) is the foreman and makes sure the work gets completed. Dave Rinaldo is in the process of getting a specific bid on installing Turface on the field. We'd like to have the installation completed this spring. The golf cart is beyond repair and the tractor's battery won't hold a charge so Mr. Corso has researched a Sand Pro 2040Z tractor which is a sweeper and nail drag rolled into one. The bid is \$13,500. It holds a three year warranty. Mr. Corso will approach the Iron/Oaks HOA about purchasing this tractor or perhaps they would have something comparable. Mr. Washington moved we make funds available for the purchase of the Sand Pro 2040Z tractor pending a satisfactory demonstration of the equipment and a final vote by the Board. Mr. Leckner seconded, motioned passed unanimously.

Mr. Washington reported we have enough softballs to get through the Winter session so need to purchase balls for the Spring session as well as summer play. Ten dozen balls cost approximately \$460. Mr. Washington

will make that purchase. The women are purchasing uniforms from Sports Station in Gilbert. All sponsorships have been paid. Mr. Washington also recommended the Association use the already purchased one dozen Stote balls during the last week of Winter League play as a testing period.

In his report on the women's program Mr. Leckner reported there will be a conflict on two Mondays as they have home dates. Those Monday hitting sessions will be reduced or cancelled to allow for field prep as well as giving the women ample time to warm-up.

To clear up a bit of confusion it was determined, through Robert's Rules of Order, the president may vote on all Board motions.

There was discussion regarding the new rule passed by the Board dealing with the twelve man roster. The rule states that other than the pitcher, each person must sit out no more than two innings per double-header. Players not sitting out in a double-header will sit out the next double-header. In a compromise between the Board and league managers Mr. Washington motioned during the Winter session we use a twelve man roster allowing the managers to sit people as they see fit realizing the Board encourages equitable playing time for all. Mr. Hatch seconded. The motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Leckner dissenting. The eleven player-only rules regarding batting order and outs remain intact.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday February 14 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

Addendum:

Mr. Corso proposed and Mr. Hilby seconded a motion regarding a runner from home. The Courtesy Runner must have the same rating as the player he is running for. The Courtesy Runner must hold onto a 2' rope attached to the backstop screen, so that he is behind a line that is not further than the rear corner of home plate, and near the screen. The Courtesy Runner cannot release the rope to proceed towards 1st base until the hitter has made contact with the pitched ball. The batter cannot run towards 1st base, but must move in the event there is a play at or near home plate. The Courtesy Runner cannot interfere with the catcher making a play on a foul ball, ball in play, or the umpire positioning for a call. In the event there is any interference the batter is out and the play is dead. The Courtesy Runner must be a legal runner, meaning they haven't already ran or been ran for that inning. The Courtesy Runner cannot utilize a pinch runner, and is out if he is on base and unavailable when it's his turn bat. The motion carried 5-0 with Mr. Washington and Mr. Giordano abstaining.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Mr. Giordano.

A motion to accept the January regular meeting as well as the special meeting minutes was forwarded by Mr. Hatch and seconded by Mr. Carmichael. The motion passed unanimously.

In his financial report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of January revenues were up due to two new banner sponsorships. Expenses were higher than expected as the Association ordered extra jerseys for each team, included tax payments for the new uniforms purchased for the 18/19 season, and additional money spent on the women's uniforms. This resulted in the Association being \$400 above versus the budget. Also monies were transferred from savings to checking in anticipation of purchasing the new tractor. That purchase has not yet been made. Mr. Carmichael motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Leckner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were one hundred-twelve men with memberships, two of those being Recreational members. In addition there are twelve women members. Total membership in SLSSA is one-hundred twenty-four.

Mr. Giordano had questions regarding the "Runner From Home Rule." Mr. Corso presented a background of the decision. Discussion centered on who would be eligible under this rule. As mentioned in the rule the managers will recommend a player on which the Board would make then decide. A discussion arose regarding a pitch hitting the screen. The Board and Lakes' manager decided a pitch hitting the screen is a ball. Tournament rules: Mr. Leckner motioned the International Tie Breaker rule will be implemented for each tournament game except there is one out to start the inning, Mr. Washington seconded. The motioned passed 4-3 with Mr. Hatch, Mr. Carmichael, and Mr. Giordano opposing. The substitute pick up rule used during the regular season will be used during the tournament.

Mr. Carmichael reported on the Spring Session draft and the numbers for the Spring Session. He thanked Bill Jacobson and Bill McCoy for volunteering to manage in the Lakes Division this spring and also Dennis LePore and Gary Hillabolt for their work on the committee. The Sun Division has 46 men requesting to play. The Lakes has 43 meaning the Sun will go with 11 on a team. There are four players who are either hurt or working and requested to be put on the Substitute List, two players in each division. The Suns draft will be Wednesday 2/20 at 10:00 in the Bradford A Room. The Lakes draft will be held on Friday 2/22 at 4:00 at Dennis LePore's house.

On Thursday (2/21) of tournament a cook-out will be held. Mike Core is organizing and needs help with cooking and set up. Dave Martin will once again donate the buns for the burgers and hot dogs. Cooking will begin at 10:00, serving food at 10:30.

Ken Brenden presented his concerns regarding the number of non-Sun Lakes residents entering the league. Most are Sun Division level players. He is also concerned about players not drafted in the Sun Division be drafted to the Lakes Division. Seniority is still the key when deciding on who is accepted to play in the league.

The softball used during tournament play was discussed. The 44 CORE .375 compression Trump softball is no longer available for purchase. Does the Association test the Stote 44 .375 during the tournament or continue to use the Trump? Dave Rinaldo is researching other balls for our use. One reason the Stote was put in use by SSUSA was due to its durability in all weather. Mr. Washington motioned we continue using the current Trump 44 .375 ball until they are depleted. Mr. Carmichael seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hatch reported the Winter Session tournament brackets have been set with the exception of the third and fourth seeds in the Sun Division. In anticipation of a rain out a coin flip was used to decide the seed. Brenden Financial will be the three seed and Rustlers the four seed. Brackets will be sent out to the Board, managers, and Dennis LePore on Friday.

A change in the by-laws was requested by a member. He asked there be an equal split of Board members between the Lakes and Sun Division. Six of seven Board members wanted to retain the current by-law, Mr. Carmichael wanted more time to consider the proposition. Gary Hillabolt recommended the Board sit down with managers from each division before the draft to get a better understanding of that division's concerns.

Cyndy Hilby reported on the Nomination Committee. They are having difficulty attracting members from the Lakes Division to run, they will continue their efforts. She also had a question about holding two separate elections. The Board could hold one election with the top two vote getters winning the open seats except in the case of two non-residents garnering the most votes when there is only one non-resident position open. In that case the top non-resident candidate receiving the most votes gains the seat with the top resident vote getter earning the second seat.

Mr. Leckner reported on the Women's team. He allowed Cyndy Hilby to report. The ladies swept the first two games in their new uniforms. They are very much appreciate the new uniforms, sweatshirts, and the high quality umpiring for their home games.

Mr. Corso reported on three projects in the works: which tractor best fits our needs, what groomer/drag does the Association want, and the Turface project. Once Mr. Corso, Dave Rinaldo, and Ken Brenden have done their due diligence in all three areas a report will be generated with a recommendation for each project.

The head maintenance man for the Iron/Oaks HOA has been fired leaving a bit of turmoil in that department. The result has been a drop of quality in the service we receive. A meeting with HOA General Manager Trish Huff will be arranged to address those concerns. The water heater has been repaired thanks to Red Waterfield cleaning out the aerator on the faucet in the sink. Also the HOA repaired the urinal.

The Association will be ordering two weeks' worth of Stote balls to test in league play.

Mr. Wolfe updated progress on the banquet. He asked if the Board wanted to subsidize some extras and keep the price at \$27? Mr. Hilby motioned the Board subsidizes the banquet in order to keep the cost at \$27. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will also be used to make up the difference. Mr. Hatch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New business presented to the Board included notice of cancelling the tournament if weather dictates, making an effort to keep people out of the scorer's booth as this can be very distracting to scorekeepers and score board operators, and Spring session games will continue to start at 9:00 a.m. until weather conditions merit a change to 8:00 a.m..

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday March 14 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

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