

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Alcove

January 13, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Giordano. Present were Board members Larry Wolfe, Sam Giordano, Ken Brenden, Steve Hilby, Mike Core, Jesse Washington, and Gary Hillabolt along with Association members Gary Alexander and TJ Tjernlund.

The December board meeting minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Hillabolt. Executive session minutes from December 15, 2015 were also unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Brenden

Mr. Wolfe reported on Association financials. December's revenue was higher than expected due to new memberships also the new sponsor, Wolfe & Associate, paid their fee. Due to the shortness of the season and the steep Iron/Oaks HOA fee the Board waived the dues owed to SLSSA by the women's team. The motion came from Mr. Core and was seconded by Mr. Washington; it passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillabolt led a discussion on replacing long term injured players which had been developed by Dennis Lepore and Mr. Hillabolt. A motion was put forth by Mr. Hillabolt and seconded by Mr. Washington to institute the following policy.

**Protocol for Replacing Long Term Injured/Unavailable Players on a Team's Roster**

1. The player must be out for the rest of the session. If the injured player returns before the end of the session he replaces the long-term substitute on his former team's roster.
2. There must be, more than one week left in the session, (including the tournament.)
3. The manager can only select a player off the sub list who is rated equal to or less than the player he is replacing.
4. If the selected player has been picked up as a sub for the coming week, the manager with the injured/unavailable player should have preference. The other manager would then have to pick up another substitute.
5. The manager should then notify the ratings committee chairman who would then verify the ratings for approval. The chairman would then notify the president, the secretary (for roster changes), the statistics person, and the other managers.

6. Every manager has the responsibility to replace injured/unavailable players rather than using substitutes for the rest of the session. The only exception would be if in the opinion; of the ratings committee, there are no replacements with similar ability available. But if at a later date, a player with similar abilities joins the sub list, then that player would be placed on said team.
7. The substitute player would then take on the rating of the injured/unavailable player

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brenden reported on his discussion with Larry Delaney regarding infield dirt. Larry will call his contact for buying dirt; he believes our needs could be met for close to \$1500. Having outside labor spread the dirt would cost close to \$3500. Although the Iron/Oaks HOA is to be taking care of this type of maintenance the Board has concerns regarding lip around the edge of the infield and the possibility of injury.

- There is also a need to laser level the field to fill in low spots and lower high spot. Motion to buy dirt contingent on HOA help will be put forth following a meeting with I/O HOA.
- A new sump pump was purchased as the old pump broke down while trying to remove the large amount of water from the recent rains.
- Larry would also like to redo foul lines with new fire hose, Mr. Brenden will ask around local fire houses for donations of old hose.
- Bill Whiteley is apparently unavailable to prep field, Jeff Jay has expressed interest and will be called upon if needed. Mr. Brenden is still trying to contact Bill regarding his situation.
- It was mentioned with the addition of a third day of league play and the heavier than normal rains, additional field prep days are needed so compensation for these chores will impact the budget.
- The garage is accumulating much unneeded material and needs to be cleaned. A call for volunteers to assist in this project is being planned.
- More gripping/friction tape for both home plates is needed.

The discussion then turned to player safety, specifically the home plate vs. chalk line for players to scoring. Mr. Brenden motioned and Mr. Core seconded that the Association will remove the scoring home plate. The motion passed 4-3. Mr. Washington motioned and Mr. Giordano seconded that the chalk line be drawn from the corner of the current (and soon to be removed) home plate to the third baseline backstop. Players would need to cross this line to score so as to avoid collisions. The motion passed unanimously.

The rescheduling of games rained out during the week of January 4 thru 8 will only take place if necessary for determining a regular session champion or to decide seeding for the tournament.

The Membership report has SLSSA with 95 paying members. Of those 90 pay for full league and recreational play, 3 for recreational play only, and 2 Saturday-only players. The league currently sits at 77 players on 7 teams with 7 substitutes. It was mentioned a fellow named Jim McKnight of Maricopa wants to play in the league. He has paid I/O HOA fees and we do have his registration form but he has not yet paid the SLSSA.

Mr. Core reported the new rules, ½ run and flip, have been working well in keeping games on schedule. The end of the session tournament will be in a double elimination format. The Board is considering holding it over three days rather than two to mitigate the sun problem which occurs during afternoon games. Bill Corso and Mr. Hilby are working on the bracketing of this type of tournament. It can be configured so no team is eliminated on the first day. A finalized format will be presented at the February 10 meeting.

Mr. Core and Mr. Wolfe submitted their draft for amending the Association's by-laws to reflect our recent changes for players listed as non-residents and also the involvement of the Iron/Oaks HOA. These amendments need to be acted on before the March Board of Directors elections. A summary of the changes include:

- Eliminate non-resident status
- All members would be eligible to vote
- Removed language rotating 3 year terms of the Board of Directors
- Allow non-residents to serve on the board with no more than 2 non-residents on the board. The president and vice president must be residents
- Eliminate the 25% non-resident rule
- HOA III is now termed Iron/Oaks HOA
- To amend the current by-laws the secretary must posts the new amendments and reasons for changing (on bulletin board or website.) They must be posted for 14 days before the vote. Members could organize to over ride changes.
- Action will be taken at the February 10 Board meeting

Mr. Wolfe reported on the upcoming banquet. The Cottonwood venue works the best for our needs. Listed below are details for this choice.

- Cottonwood will set up tables and provide tablecloths and napkins as part of the cost. Not included at Oakwood.
- They will provide all audio/visual materials for \$50. More inclusive and at a lower cost than Oakwood.

- CW has excellent accommodations for a band accommodations (Gary Alexander believes his band is available)
- CW will provide a cash bar all night with happy hours prices a possibility
- The menu options are: beef brisket, shrimp and pasta, veggie, or gluten free
- SLSSA will provide the desserts but CW will provide plates and serve.
- The banquet is scheduled for 3/21/16
- The cost is \$26 per person which is the breakeven point for the Association

Mr. Washington motioned to approve the banquet proposal. Mr. Brenden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business Mr. Washington would like a follow up on a Mr. McVeich who has played several times during Saturday recreational play. He has indicated a willingness to join the Association.

The next meeting was set for 10:00 on Wednesday February 10, 2016 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at ???

## SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Library

February 10, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Mike Core, Sam Giordano, Ken Brenden, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, and Gary Hillabolt as well as Association members TJ Tjernlund, John Seigla, Gary Alexander, Tom Erpelding, and Steve Kay.

January minutes were approved through a motion by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Brenden (passed unanimously). It was noted by Mr. Washington the January minutes be amended to show a Mr. McVeich(?) has shown interest in joining the Association and should be contacted. He has played several times during Saturday recreational games.

Mr. Wolfe presented the January financial report indicating revenue is up and expenses were lower which is in line with expectations as most expenses have been satisfied. Labor costs have been higher due to extra days prepping field (ladies games). We are currently \$2200 to the good. Infield dirt was

purchased for \$1500; we're waiting for the Iron/Oaks Home Owners Association to reimburse our Association. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Mr. Hillabolt and seconded by Mr. Core and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby presented a proposal for the Winter session tournament. That format would have teams participating in a three day, double elimination tournament. The format was approved. The rained out games from week one will not be made up. Seeding for the tournament will be based on first winning percentage then head to head results followed by run differential between the two teams. Mr. Hilby thanked Bill Corso for researching and creating the seven team double elimination format. Bill will set up a white board at the tournament containing the brackets. Mr. Hillabolt motioned that during the tournament a manager must pick up a substitute player of lesser rating. Mr. Wolfe seconded. After discussion the motion was defeated by a 4-2 vote. No food will be offered during the tournament. A new ball will be introduced for each game and there will be two umpires for the championship game. To save time it was decided there will be no infield between innings during season and tournament play starting Thursday 2/11.

Mr. Brenden reported new dirt had been spread on field on Wednesday February 3. Red Waterfield used an endloader borrowed from the SRP to move the dirt, Association volunteers were also of great help. The dirt is still loose but firming up with water and dragging. It was suggested the field be dragged with the broom drag around edge of infield in order to prevent a lip from forming. The purchase of a hand drag is a possibility. Volunteers used a laser provided by SRP to help ensure a more level surface. After the new dirt settles more will be added. Mr. Hillabolt will add more friction tape strips to homeplate. Tarps behind homeplate need to be replaced but we've had no response from the HOA regarding that request.

Gary Alexander reported on the upcoming Board of Directors elections. He along with Jeff Jay and Dennis Colbert comprise the committee seeking members interested in running for the Board. Mr. Brenden is not seeking re-election and Mr. Washington is at this time undecided about running. The election must be held by March 31; a slate of candidates is needed by March 1. One person is interested but there could be two open slots. Mr. Core interjected the Association by-laws may be amended to allow **ALL** members to vote as well as run for the Board perhaps opening up the field of candidates.

Mr. Hilby's membership report showed 101 paid members with 94 paying for full access to the league and recreational games, 5 paid to play recreational only, and 2 play Saturdays only.

During Mr. Core's presentation on rules he motioned: When a player from the team shows up late, *if* the substitute player gives up his spot the regular player goes into the substitute's spot in the lineup not at the bottom of the order. Seconded by Mr. Hilby and passed unanimously.

Mr. Core reported the umpires are doing a very good job with very few problems and those have been addressed. Umpires are asked to wear a ball bag to speed up the game. Managers should continue to report runners to ump as well as scorekeeper to avoid confusion.

Mr. Core then reported on the amending of the by-laws process. The proposed changes will be posted on the bulletin board at the Field of Dreams by Mr. Hilby. Mr. Core will also post those proposals on the Association's web site. Voting is to take place during the week of the tournament (2/23-2/27/2016). The Board approved the election. Mr. Core motioned with a Mr. Washington second to approve the draft of the proposed by-law changes with the membership vote during the tournament week (from February 23 through February 27, 2016.) Board of Directors will supervise the voting process and a committee of three (President, VP, and Secretary) will count the ballots. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Washington reported we'll need more softballs to get us through the spring session because we are returning to the policy of using a new ball for every game (beginning Thursday 2/11/2016.) If we order 10 dozen balls shipping is free. Mr. Core motioned and Mr. Wolfe seconded that the Association order 10 dozen balls. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Washington will research the cost of buying more hats and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Wolfe reported much of the organizational details have been completed for the banquet. Invitations will be sent out next week. Cottonwood would need the number of attendees seven days ahead of time. The banquet is scheduled for Monday March 21. Members are expected to RSVP but there will be a follow up of those not responding. The cost to members is \$26 per person. Happy hour prices will be in effect for the entire evening. Past members will also be invited (at their cost) as well as all sponsors (at the Association's cost.) It was suggested one Board member sit at each sponsor table.

Mr. Hillabolt and his Draft Committee have set the Spring session draft date for Monday February 22 at 9:00 a.m. and have created sign-up sheets for each team to collect data on the number of players for next session. Deadline to sign-up is Friday 2/19.

Mr. Hilby presented a draft of a schedule for the Spring session. It was approved by the Board with some minor changes. It is similar to the Winter schedule with 21 playing dates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Each team will play 24 games. One change has the end of session tournament scheduled for one day and a single elimination format.

The Spirit of Sun Lakes Award will be discussed and a recipient named during an executive session during the March Board meeting.

In other business Gary Alexander has extended the polo shirt sale to the third week in March. It was recommended a removable Plexiglass facing be created for the scorers' booth to increase the comfort of the scorekeeper and scoreboard operators during cold days. Mr. Hillabolt volunteered to explore this issue. Another suggestion had the Board looking into purchasing a new space heater to improve conditions. The Ratings Committee will be changing some ratings with notice of those changes sent to Board members then the managers.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association Board of Directors will be held at 10:00 March 9, 2016 in Sun Lakes Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

#### Executive Session

The new president of the Iron/Oaks Homeowners Association has not gotten back to us regarding a meeting. We'd like to develop a positive relationship with them to assure we can get things done. The Board is going to reach out one more time with a letter inviting a meeting.

### SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Ocotillo Room

March 9, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Sam Giordano, Ken Brenden, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, and Gary Hillabolt as well as Association member Gary Alexander.

The minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved through a motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Brenden.

Mr. Wolfe presented the February Financial report. There was very little revenue this month as only one new member joined the Association. February expenses were paid out for labor and insurance which resulted in a loss this month. The deficit was anticipated and budgeted for. The financial report was unanimously passed on a motion from Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Hillabolt.

Gary Alexander presented the Board with a roster of candidates for the upcoming Board of Directors election. The following nominees were accepted by the Board: Gary Brinkman, Bill Corso, Jim Leckner, Billy Maxwell, and Jesse Washington. The Association will be electing two of these candidates to a three year term. The election dates were set for Thursday March 10, Saturday March 12, Monday March 14, and Tuesday March 15. This will accommodate all league and recreational players. Mr. Hilby will inform the ladies from the women's team of the process and dates of the election. The top two vote getters will be elected. In the event of a tie there would be a run-off election on Thursday March 17. At the close of the election the Board President and Vice-President will certify the results.

Mr. Wolfe then reported on the annual banquet. He indicated that some members have been slow in responding to the invitation, as of today ninety attendees have committed with verbal commitments from a number of other members. An email has been sent to all requesting their response. Mr. Wolfe has also been visiting with individual members while at the Field of Dreams. No sponsor has responded as of yet but a Sponsors table has been arranged. The Association will have access to the Cottonwood Ballroom in order to set up tables at 2:00 on Monday (3/21). A short program and live music are planned with the band planning to play until 10:00.

Mr. Brenden's Field Maintenance report stated everything is running well with HOA and landscaping crew. We are looking for fire hose to replace the foul lines. Larry Delaney indicated he'd like to see the HOA hired landscaping crews continue to mow as they do a great job of picking up the clippings and leave the field in great shape. It was felt watering the grass could be done earlier as the outfield is quite wet in the morning. For informational sake the Board would like a written schedule of when watering takes place. Mr. Brenden will inquire. This week the HOA arranged for the painting of the buildings and walls at the Field of Dreams. Work continues with the firming up of the new dirt put down a few weeks ago. Mr. Brenden will research the cost of screens which can be pulled by an individual in order to level field between league and tournament games.

The Membership report from Mr. Hilby showed the Association with one hundred members. Ninety-three as full members, five participating in recreational play, and two gentlemen playing on Saturdays only.

Mr. Hillabolt reported the list of ratings sheet is posted in the scorers' booth. Because the draft has concluded there is very little other business to attend.

In his Procurement report Mr. Washington stated the ten dozen softballs ordered to fill out the Spring session have been delivered. This is the second year with the present shirts so following the spring collection the jerseys will be examined to determine how many need replacing. Individual shirts may be purchased at a minimal cost.

The Spring Session Tournament schedule has been set. The Association plans to provide hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, buns (courtesy of Dave Martin), potato chips, cookies, soda/water for members and guests. Mr. Core has volunteered to purchase and coordinate food. Mr. Brenden will also assist.

New business: Who is maintaining the raising and lowering of the flag, half mast, etc.? We believe it is the Iron/Oaks HOA but Mr. Hilby will check with Jim Kilmartin as he has done this in the past. Mr. Brenden indicated he plans to continue the series of games during the summer between Sun Lakers and a team from Robson Ranch in Eloy. Games have alternated between



Eloy and the Field of Dreams. Games were held every other Friday. A hold was put on amending the Association's by-laws due to changes with the HOA and its General Manager. The latest meeting between the Association and the Iron/Oaks HOA was quite productive and positive. The next meeting between the two groups will include two or three HOA Board members and the goal of the meeting is to negotiate a responsibility agreement between the two groups. The Board waived the increase of Gordon Hannaford's membership fee as he initially was not planning to play in the league but agreed to help us out and play this session. His inclusion allowed the league to have the same number of players on each team. The Board agreed unless special circumstances arise, the league should avoid having an individual play four games in one day.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is scheduled for Friday April 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. With no games being played on Fridays this session the Board will return to holding meetings the second Friday of each month. Mr. Hilby will see to reserving space at the Oakwood Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

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Oakwood Library

April 8, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Sam Giordano, Bill Corso, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, and Gary Hillabolt as well as Association members Gary Alexander, Evan Hansen, and Ed Sowney.

The minutes from the March meeting were unanimously approved through a motion by Mr. Hillabolt then seconded by Mr. Washington.

Mr. Wolfe presented the March Financial report indicating nothing had changed with the exception of banquet income and expenses. The banquet came in on budget with the raffle increasing income by \$220. This helped defray the cost of meals provided to sponsors as well as Cottonwood and Iron/Oaks board members. Thank you to Gary Alexander and the band, "One More Time," for the entertainment; it provided a nice atmosphere before dinner and opportunities to dance following the program. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Hillabolt and seconded by Mr. Corso, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Giordano led the group through the election of Board of Directors officers. Mr. Washington motioned to have the present officers continue in their roles with the exception of the vice-president. Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mike Core was nominated to serve as vice president by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Washington. He was elected unanimously. The Board is looking for more involvement by membership in organization chores. The Board would oversee those duties.

Mr. Corso presented a proposal for installing synthetic turf/carpet on the Field of Dreams infield. Safety is a major consideration for this change. The installers would grade and compact the field before the turf is laid in place. Water in the form of rain or flooding would not harm the turf. This improvement would set our field apart from other area resort parks. We currently pay \$8000 a year to maintain the field however the nature of the turf would reduce that cost dramatically. The field would always be available for play. Mr. Corso is hoping the cost of the turf and installation would be \$4 per sq. ft. which he believes could be paid off in 7 years. Holding a number of tournaments could draw in another \$5000 per year. The budget for this project is set at \$55,000. The Association could put \$10,000 down with rest then financed over 5-6 years. The turf is guaranteed for five years but Mr. Corso feels it could last 15 yrs. The turf is thatched carpet so no rubber pellets would be needed to fill in or hold the carpet down. Mr. Corso has recommendations from an indoor soccer facility and a sports training center, both very positive about the turf. Mr. Hillabolt motioned we continue the exploration of this project which was seconded by Mr. Washington and approved unanimously. The Board would like to make clear no commitment has been made and we are in the due diligence phase of this project. Of course the Iron/Oaks HOA will be contacted well before the Association moves forward with this project.

Mr. Hilby reported membership has held steady at 111 members. He received a phone call from Paul Gahide on behalf of Iron/Oaks HOA Director Gary Market. They were looking for data regarding SLSSA membership numbers as well as where members live. Mr. Hilby provided him with a spreadsheet with this data and also the percentage of members from the various cities and communities. Also included were the total fees paid to the Iron/Oaks HOA with a breakdown of Sun Lakes and non-Sun Lakes residents. That document will be shared with SLSSA Board members.

Mr. Washington reported the bill to the Association for the latest purchase of softballs has not yet been received but an email to the vendor has been sent. That bill is now in the mail. Managers should make sure uniforms are collected following the team's last game on Saturday 4/16.

Ken Brenden and Mr. Core will be responsible for purchasing food for the tournament. All rules from the regular season will be in force with the exception of extra inning games, the half run rule will not be used. The international tiebreaker rule will be used instead.

New business: There was a proposal from Larry Kaufmann to lower the number of at-bats needed to qualify for this year's Top 10 Hitters List. His feeling was 150 at-bats were too many. The Board elected to stay with 150 this year but this could be changed in the future. Mr. Hillabolt will check with statistician TJ Tjernlund to see if previous tournament at-bats had been added to a player's total. Also were stats from forfeited games discarded or included? The Board then addressed whether to continue to honor the top ten hitters or all players hitting above .700. It was decided to remain with the top ten.

Mr. Corso volunteered to put together a series of questions for the year-end membership survey. He will contact Board members via email asking for suggestions for questions.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association will be held on Friday May 20 in the Library of the Oakwood Clubhouse at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 by President Giordano.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby, Secretary, SLSSA

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Library

May 20, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Sam Giordano, Bill Corso, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, Mike Core, and Gary Hillabolt as well as Association members Bill Maxwell, Dave Rinaldo, Bill Stanick, Steve Kay, Ken Brenden, Denny Davidson, Evan Hansen, Tom Kasunic, and Ed Sowney.

The minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved through a motion by Mr. Core then seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the April Financial report stating we had little income during April but paid for tournament food, new softballs, a new first base, and field labor. We showed a loss of \$1500 which is normal for summer months. The budget for the year to date shows \$900 to the

good with five months left in the fiscal year. Mr. Core motioned to accept the financial report, Mr. Hillabolt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The discussion turned to reducing the fees for new summer players. Mr. Washington motioned a \$35 fee for new 2016 summer recreational players; this rate would start following the season in April and last until the start of the next season in October. Mr. Hillabolt seconded and the measure passed unanimously.

Mr. Giordano announced the Board responsibilities for 2016-17. That list has been attached to the minutes below.

Mr. Hilby reported we have 113 members with eleven women, seven recreational only players, two Saturday only players, and ninety-three full memberships. Mr. Core raised a concern regarding our growth. The issue of the possibility of older or less skilled players not being drafted onto teams during league play as we've added some younger and more skilled players this past year. The discussion centered on our by-laws stating anyone living in Sun Lakes is guaranteed a spot on a league team. Mr. Hilby will develop a seniority list to assure players are dealt with in a fair manner.

Mr. Washington reported all league uniform tops have been turned in with the exception of State Farm and Wolfe & Associates as those sponsors kept their jersey until the next season. A-1 uniforms need replacement with different color due to discoloration issues. A-1 is also missing two uniforms. The hat supply is depleted so there is a need to order more. That issue was tabled until later in the summer. Mr. Wolfe motioned only players paying the full league participation fee will receive hats. Mr. Hillabolt seconded. The motion passed 4 – 3 with Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, and Mr. Washington opposing.

Mr. Hilby has met with members of the Iron/Oaks Rules and Regulations Committee as they try to develop rules and regulations for softball. Those at the meeting were Molly Bergesen and Paul Gahide from the committee as well as Jenny Browne representing the Fitness Center. They had a number of questions about our organization and how it is run. The questions centered on fees, the season and sessions, organization of the league (both men and women), recreational play, the advertising banners, food preparation, insurance, HOA maintenance responsibilities, and use of the field by nonmembers. The questions were answered to the best of our ability and more will develop as they learn more about us. After some discussion it was decided to table all issues until the new general manager is in place. Future meetings will include Mr. Giordano and Mr. Wolfe as well as Mr. Hilby. The Association would also like the new general manager and a HOA Board member to attend.

Mr. Hilby is developing a calendar indicating which dates Board members are responsible for opening the field for summer play. Also it was decided to start batting practice at 7:30 a.m.

beginning June 1, 2016. This will be announced during recreational play days and also posted on the web site.

Mr. Corso will provide a detailed list of equipment and maintenance needs for the field. This will be passed on to the Iron/Oaks HOA contact. Ken Brenden indicated the need for the Maintenance garage to be cleaned and decluttered; he plans to organize this effort.

Mr. Corso reported the results of the 2015-16 season ending survey. That data has been attached to the minutes below.

On Friday May 13 Rick's Grading leveled the field. The cost was \$400 which will be covered by Ken Brenden and Mr. Corso. They will do free field prep this summer while Larry Delaney is out of town. Mr. Washington motioned the SLSSA would pay the \$400 for the service, there was no second so the motion died.

Mr. Corso made a presentation regarding installing an artificial surface to the infield. He explained the yearly maintenance expense is anywhere from \$7500 - \$8000 a year. A carpeted infield saves that money once the new turf has been paid for. The product from Field Turf can be purchased for \$35,850 with shipping costing \$2300, and installation at \$11993 for a total of \$50,143. Mr. Corso will sit down with new HOA general manager to explain the project and SLSSA membership will be surveyed for input. The project would be financed through the SLSSA acquiring loans of \$5000 from Association members with a 4% interest rate. Loans would be paid with yearly payments covering six years. Mr. Wolfe's analysis indicated the turf would be fully paid after 8 years. The savings beyond that would be banked for replacement of the turf. The carpet is expected to last fifteen years. Mr. Corso motioned if we get Iron/Oaks Home Owners Association approval we then move forward with the project, the next steps being membership survey and recruitment of investors. Mr. Core seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association will be held on Friday June 3 in the Library of the Oakwood Clubhouse at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 by President Giordano.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby, Secretary, SLSSA

SLSSA Board of Directors Responsibilities

Sam Giordano  
President

HOA Liaison – Steve Hilby and Larry Wolfe – Alternate: Mike Core

Mike Core

VP

By-Laws

Web Site

Banquet

Gary Hillabolt – Committee – Sam Giordano, Mike Gloyd, Dennis LePore, and Dave Rinaldo

New Player Coordinator

Player Ratings and Draft

League Statistics

Team Manager Development

Bill Corso

Playing Field Management and Maintenance

Field Scheduling

Playing Rules

Umpires

Steve Hilby

Secretary

Official League Notifications

Player Roster

League Scheduling

Tournament Scheduling and Coordination

Larry Wolfe

Treasurer

Budget and Fee Schedules

Banner Sales

Banquet

Jesse Washington

Procurement

Banner Sales

Team Sponsors

Women's Team Liaison

## 2015 – 2016 SLSSA LEAGUE SURVEY RESULTS

Here are the results of the survey taken at the end of the last season.

There were 69 members who participated in the survey.

1. What league session do you plan to play during 2016-17?

- a. All sessions-59
- b. Winter & Spring-4
- c. Winter-1
- d. Fall & Winter-1
- e. Spring-1

2. Do you like the ½ run Tie Breaker rule?

- a. Yes-46
- b. No-22

3. Which home run rule would you prefer?

- a. Current rule-Three home runs per team per game and then any more home runs will be an out.-16
- b. Three home runs per team per game and then any more home runs would be a single.-27
- c. One up rules-No team can be more than one home run up on the other team. A single will be credited when teams are up more than one up.-18
- d. Unlimited home runs.-7

One other comment-two home runs and then one up with no singles.

4. If we have enough players for eight teams would you be in favor of splitting the league into two divisions based on ability?

- Yes-38
- No-28

Other comments:

- 1. Change intentional walk rule to one per game.
- 2. Batted balls hitting the screen on the one to waste should be a foul ball, not an out.

The SLSSA Board of Directors thank all who participated in the survey and will take the results under consideration as we set up for the 2016-2017 sesason.

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## Field of Dreams

June 21, 2016 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Sam Giordano, Bill Corso, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, Mike Core, and Gary Hillabolt.

Mr. Washington motioned the Board purchase a 10'x10' protective screen for batting practice protection at a cost of \$200 including tax and shipping. Mr. Hilby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ken Brenden reported on the Association's plan to use volunteer help in maintaining the field. He and Mr. Corso will lead a group consisting of Mr. Hilby, Jeff Jay, Jim Leckner, and Dave Rinaldo to prepare the field for play as well as other maintenance starting in August of 2016. Larry Delaney is preparing a list of chores which help keep the field, buildings, and grounds in top shape. Ken and Mr. Corso will work out schedule for their crew.

Mr. Corso has spoken with legal counsel regarding our tax status situation. The lawyer confirmed what Mr. Wolfe stated during the May meeting; SLSSA is a non-profit organization but is not eligible tax free status. We are subject to sales tax and should provide 1099's to paid employees.

Discussion turned to possible funding of the artificial/synthetic turf project. Plan A which has SLSSA members' loan our organization money with a 4% interest return is still in place. Plan B involves Mr. Corso asking the Iron/Oaks HOA to suspend our HOA dues for five years and have our members pay SLSSA that dues money instead. These funds would be used to fund the turf project. We are once again waiting for the HOA's representative to meet with us to work through this issue along with outfield banner responsibility, HOA responsibilities regarding the field, SLSSA responsibilities regarding the field and other issues.

The Due Diligence Process continues its progress. The Board was satisfied with the results of the meeting with Peter Jolley, Sales Manager for Greenfields. Mr. Hilby and Mr. Hillabolt will travel to Ignacio, Colorado on Monday June 27 to examine the high school baseball field which has the product this on their field. They will report back with information and pictures. As of Tuesday June 21 forty-two members responded to the survey with thirty-four registering approval and eight against; 80.95% support the project.

President Giordano adjourned the meeting at 11:00.



Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room

August 11, 2016 2:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by President Giordano. In attendance were Board members Steve Hilby, Sam Giordano, Bill Corso, Larry Wolfe, Jesse Washington, Mike Core, and Gary Hillabolt. Member Denny Davidson was also in attendance.

The June minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Hillabolt.

The June/July financial report showed very little income with the Association \$1900 to the good although we may have expenses this month. There is a large discrepancy with water/pop fund. An announcement regarding this situation will be made to members with a suggestion people be more vigilant about paying. The report was unanimously approved as Mr. Core motioned and Mr. Hillabolt seconded.

Mr. Giordano reported on communications with the IronOaks Board of Directors and the new general manager Trish Huff. Trish felt it would benefit our Association to make a presentation to the I/O Board at one of their workshop meetings. We are on the agenda for Wednesday August 17. Having the HOA Board know more about our organization will go a long way in developing a cooperative relationship between both groups. Topics of the presentation include our history, operation, culture, etc. We are also working to understand the I/O Boards' feelings on non-resident members in SLSSA.

Mr. Hilby reported SLSSA has a total membership of 116 with 11 women and 105 men. In the men's group 2 play Saturdays only, 9 are recreational players leaving 94 at full membership.

An 8 team schedule is in place if needed. The Board felt playing 4 days a week with 2 games a day would provide the best experience for players. A 7 team schedule is also ready. The Board would prefer 11 man teams with no one sitting out. There was discussion of having no substitute list; members either play in the league or play recreationally.

The sign-up date for League play will run from October 1 through October 15 with the Fall session starting Tuesday October 25 and ending Thursday December 15. Once HOA and SLSSA fees have been determined Mr. Hilby will send the registration form to all members via email.

Mr. Corso indicated reseeding of the Field of Dreams will start Monday September 26. Four weeks are needed to allow the field to become playable. Mr. Corso and Mr. Hillabolt will reserve fields at Snedigar Park. A new protective screen has been purchased for batting practice. Dave Rinaldo has a mesh tarp that could replace the battered tarps currently in place. Mr. Corso will meet with Dave to finalize. A new first base has been acquired and will be used starting with the Fall session. The other two bases need to be replaced as they are rusted into pods. The hard rains last week provided evidence of the levelness of the field as there was very little standing water. If approved the installation of the artificial turf is planned for the December holiday break. The turf purchase order shows us paying \$2.60 per sq. ft. for a total of \$40,827 (including shipping and a 6.3% tax rate.) Adding the installation cost brings the total to \$53,355.

The first two pages of the website update have been approved with the rest to be approved within the next 2 weeks.

The Players Ratings and Draft Committee has a ratings format in place and will be looking at new additions by having them play together when we start play at Snedigar Park in September. New players must be rated by at least three members of the ratings committee. Adjustments will be made after every session.

The Rules Committee has held preliminary talks and will seek input from members. There doesn't appear to be any major issues with the rules as they now stand.

Mr. Washington reported Mutual of Omaha seems hesitant about renewing their sponsorship but all other sponsors will renew. We are not clear on West USA's name as they are transitioning. If the need for an 8 team league arises there is a current player interested in sponsoring a team. The Association now has enough uniforms with A-1 Golf having only 10 shirts available but will order two more. If West USA changes names we'll need new uniforms. New caps are needed as the Board feels all members should receive a new cap yearly. We will continue to purchase the color and style cap used last year (gray dome, black bills) as they seem to coordinate with all colors of our current uniforms. The plaque for deceased members is full. Mr. Washington has a bid for a new plaque as the old one is worn and has multiple color plates on it. The Board decided to order a new board with new plaques of the already deceased players and a second new board for future names.

Regarding the setting of the 2016-17 budget Mr. Wolfe will take information from today's meeting then await feedback from the I/O HOA Board regarding issues that would cause SLSSA expenditures in order to complete the budgeting process.

The next meeting of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association was set for Thursday September 22 at 9:00.

President Giordano adjourned the meeting at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room (B)

September 22, 2016 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 by Mr. Giordano.

Mr. Washington requested the August minutes be amended. He felt the section on the artificial turf read as though the Board had decided to install the turf in December which is not the case. Mr. Hilby has made that change to those minutes. The August meeting minutes were then unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Core which was seconded by Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. Wolfe reported on the financials for the month of August. Since ending the policy of paying for the field to be prepared SLSSA saves \$500 per month. Mr. Core motioned the August Financial report be accepted, Mr. Hillabolt seconded and the board unanimously voted to accept.

Mr. Wolfe then presented the 2016/17 budget indicating he was very conservative when setting membership fees. He is in the process of visiting with banner sponsors since we've been given back that responsibility. The budget showed the organization ending with \$2000 surplus at year's end as we will encumber very few expenses now with the Home Owners Association paying most all expenses. It was proposed the Board cut men's player fees to \$25 (full membership) and \$15 (recreational membership). Ladies fees would be \$15. This would bring the budget down to a zero balance. Mr. Core motioned and Mr. Hilby seconded a motion to approve the budget as presented with the modifications the Board discussed. It passed unanimously.

Membership Fees for 2016/17

Men's Full Membership            \$25

Men's Recreational Membership           \$15

Ladies' Membership                         \$15

Mr. Giordano updated the Board on the latest meeting with the new HOA General Manager, Trish Huff. She is now our full time liaison along with Iron/Oaks HOA Board member Dick Eslick overseeing. The Iron/Oaks HOA will pay for all field expenses with the Association responsible for purchasing equipment then submitting receipts to the HOA. Fees to be paid to the I/O HOA are as follows: Iron/Oaks residents - \$70, all other Sun Lakes residents - \$100, non-Sun Lakes residents - \$130. Women's fees are \$25 for all Sun Lakes residents, \$35 for non-residents. Padlocks and doors at the field have been re-keyed. Most all SLSSA members who need keys have them. The keys are labeled BSF for the garage, field, kitchen, scorer's booth and BF for the bathrooms. Activity days are scheduled for October 8 at Cottonwood and October 15 at Oakwood. Mr. Hilby and Mr. Core along with volunteers will man the booths.

Mr. Hilby reported on membership. SLSSA has 119 members; 108 men and 11 women. Two are Saturday only players, 12 recreational players, and 94 enjoy full membership. Registration for the first (Fall) session will start on October 1 and end October 15. There will be no substitute list; everyone who signs up for full membership will be placed on a team. If we end with a membership number which does not divide evenly into 11 there will be some teams with an additional player whether that is some teams with 10 and some with 11 or some with 11 and some with 12. Managers will pick up needed players from those players on by the day of their game. Managers of teams with one less player are required to select a player when playing a team with more players but not when playing a team with an equal number already on the roster. Members are to pay SLSSA first then the HOA. Mr. Hilby will be cross checking the SLSSA member list with Iron/Oaks Fitness Center list two days before the draft. A player not on the HOA's list will be removed from the draft list.

Six team, 7 team, and 8 team schedules have been prepared. Mondays and Saturdays will continue as recreational play days. The current Monday workouts will be moved to an off day.

Regarding 2016/17 registration, Mr. Hilby has modified the form. Mr. Hillabolt and Dennis LePore are preparing for registration by producing a master list form with a box or space for special circumstances. Mr. Core, Mr. Hilby, and Mr. Hillabolt have volunteered to work the registration tables at Snedigar on Tuesday and Thursday play dates.

A field update report was submitted by Mr. Corso. Reseeding of the Field of Dreams will take place between Monday September 26 and Monday October 24. New bases and anchors have been delivered and will be installed just before the Fall session begins. The bases should be pulled every day following play. This will avoid the persistent problem of base pegs rusting to their anchors. Managers of the last game will remove the bases and insert a plug. Two new counter stools are needed in the scorers booth, Cyndy Hilby will shop for inexpensive replacements. Work will continue to firm up infield dirt as it is quite loose at this time; watering and dragging will be utilized. Equipment holder boxes in the dugouts will be evaluated for repair or replacement. Tim Loeffler has a refrigerator he is willing to donate.

Mr. Corso will have a report from the Rules Committee at the October meeting.

Mr. Core reported the web site is close to being overhauled. There will be more flexibility moving things around on the site however password protection is not available at a reasonable cost. As a result only players names and phone numbers will be posted.

Mr. Hillabolt heads the 5 member Ratings Committee who are continually watching players for rating purposes. New players must be looked at by at least 3 ratings committee members. The plan is for the Ratings Committee to meet on October 17 with the draft held on Friday October 21. Managers this season are Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hillabolt, Larry Kaufmann, Dave Rinaldo, TJ Tjernlund, and John Whitman. If there is a need for an eighth team, Gary Hatch will step back in to help. Dennis LePore has his list of umpires and scorekeepers developed.

Mr. Washington will order 11 dozen men's softballs and a dozen 11" softballs for the ladies to use. The league has a new sponsor in Jim Leckner of Real Estate Rustlers. The uniform colors for his team will be yellow and black. Three replacement jerseys have been purchased for A-1 Golf. If 8 teams are needed we would need a new set of uniforms. Team sponsors this year are A-1 Golf, Brenden Financial, Farmers Insurance, Real Estate Rustlers, State Farm Insurance, West USA, and Wolfe and Associates. West USA may need new uniforms as there are some changes occurring with the company. Mr. Washington unveiled the replacement and new plaque honoring deceased SLSSA members. Mr. Hillabolt will hang them on the veranda wall at the Field of Dreams. Caps this season will again be gray with a black bill. Shirts and hats are to be ordered when color and logo issues have been settled

Joan Kilmartin has notified us of a memorial for Jim Kilmartin on Friday Dec. 9 at 10:30 at the Field of Dreams with lunch to follow at Palo Verde at approximately 12:30.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is Tuesday October 18, 2016 at 2:00.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby, Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room (B)

October 18, 2016 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Members attending were Ed Sowney, Tom Kasunic, Mike Gloyd, TJ Tjernlund, Gary Alexander, Dave Rinaldo, and Ken Brenden.

A motion to accept the September minutes was forwarded by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Corso. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. In September 2015 the Board approved a one time subsidy to player dues to help offset the higher fee structure imposed by the IronOaks HOA. This resulted in a budgeted deficit of \$4049 for the fiscal year; however, the deficit was reduced to \$1676, primarily due to lower field maintenance costs than were budgeted. Mr. Corso motioned that the report be approved. Mr. Hillabolt seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Inserted below is a resolution to close the money market account and consolidate those funds in one bank. Mr. Washington motioned SLSSA close out the account using the necessary and appropriate process; Mr. Hillabolt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

With most of the registration process completed Mr. Hilby's membership report shows the SLSSA with ninety-two members; four recreational players and eighty-eight carrying full membership.

The registration process yielded seventy-seven players for the fall session of league play allowing the Association to field seven teams with eleven players per team. League play begins Tuesday October 25.

Managers this session are Larry Kaufman, Gary Hillabolt, Mike Gloyd, TJ Tjernlund, Dave Rinaldo, Ken Brenden, and Jim Leckner.

The player draft for the first session of league play will be held on Friday 10/21 at 9:00 in the Bradford Room of the Oakwood Clubhouse. Those attending will be limited to the managers, league secretary, league president, and the audio-visual attendant. Mr. Washington will dispense the uniforms at the end of the draft. The hats will be available at the first league game.

The schedule presented was altered to accommodate the Winter World's Tournament as a good number of SLSSA players will be missing.

There were several rule changes presented by Mr. Corso and the Rules Committee. The first was in regards to the home run limit. Mr. Corso motioned and Mr. Washington seconded a motion allowing each team to hit three home runs per game. Following the third homer each additional home run would be considered a single. If the opposing team catches up (hits three homeruns also) the one-up rule is enforced where each team could hit another homer. Runners do not need to touch the next base after a home run; the batter need not touch first base. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Giordano; it states pitchers may pitch from up to ten feet behind the rubber; this would be an experiment for the 2016 fall session. The motion failed by a vote of 2-4. Opposing the motion were Mr. Hilby, Mr. Washington, Mr. Hillabolt, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Giordano and Mr. Corso supported the motion.

In order to maintain the flow of the game there may be two on-deck batters in the on-deck area ready to bat.

Mr. Corso motioned and Mr. Washington seconded that the Association adopt the Senior Softball rule for a player leaving a game early. The first time through the batting order, the missing batter is declared out; from that point on every other player on the team moves up a spot in the order. If a replacement player can be found no penalty is enforced. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Hillabolt opposing.

Mr. Corso made a motion. If a team starts a game short a player or players an automatic out occurs at the end of the batting order for each missing player until the full complement of players are inserted into the game. Mr. Washington seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The overseeding has the Field of Dreams looking great, new bases and anchors have been installed, new plugs for the bases have been purchased, and new chairs have been purchased for the scorers' booth. Soda money disappeared while the Association was using Snedigar Park. Home plate has been power washed and is very clean. Keys have been distributed. An old padlock will be used to lock the ball box. Bases are to be removed and placed in the dugouts after a day's play and base plugs will be placed in the openings. The main water shut off valve is located by Old Price Rd. across from the field. All managers will be made aware of the location. A mowing schedule needs to be put in place. Mr. Corso will appear before the I/O HOA Board workshop meeting on Wednesday morning, 10/19. He will be answering the Boards questions regarding the synthetic turf project. The hope is the HOA Board will help with the financing. Resumption of Saturday recreational play will occur on Saturday October 22 at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Giordano has directed Mr. Hilby, Dave Rinaldo, and a yet to be decided SLSSA member to explore the possibility of splitting the league by talent level. Questions to consider are: what would move us to split the league, when would that happen, how would it work, and what feedback are we receiving from the membership? More details will be presented at the November Board of Directors meeting.

The revised web site is up and running; it much easier for our web site managers to manipulate the information. We do not have a password protection option however Mr. Core is looking at several options to overcome this problem.

Mr. Washington reported the softballs for the coming session have been ordered and should arrive later this week. The ladies team requested two dozen balls rather than one. Due to the soda money theft problem, the balls will be stored in a locked cabinet in the kitchen. We will use one new ball per game during the season. It was suggested the Association purchase several facemasks for players to use. Uniforms for the two new sponsors, Jim Leckner's Rustlers and Revelation (formerly West USA Realty) have been ordered and also will be arriving this week. Mr. Washington plans to deliver all of the uniforms to the managers on Friday morning. There are some outstanding sponsor checks to collect. Mr. Hilby will visit with Ken Brenden regarding umpire shirts.

In new business Mr. Giordano related that due to unforeseen consequences from ending the substitute list several members were left out of playing in the league as a substitute. The Board has revived the substitute list to accommodate those members with extenuating circumstances. They must understand that being on the substitute list does not guarantee they will be called to play.

The Board established a monthly meeting date for 2016-17. The Board will meet the second Thursday of the every month at 3:00 p.m. at the Oakwood Clubhouse.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is November 10 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 3:50.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby, Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We hereby certify that the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association was passed at a meeting of the Board held on October 18, 2016 and has been duly recorded in the minutes of said Association:

RESOLVED THAT consent of the Board is hereby accorded to close account number 00608003801 at the Mutual of Omaha Bank and that the total funds in said account be returned to the Association by way of the issuance of a check payable to the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Sam Giordano, President of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association, and Larry E. Wolfe, Treasurer of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association, are authorized to sign any documents and take any other action required to close the referenced account.

CERTIFIED BY:

Steve Hilby

Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE PLAYING RULES

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2016

HOME RUN RULE:

Each team may hit three over-the-fence homeruns. Any subsequent over-the-fence homeruns will count as a single and any runners on base will advance one base.



If both teams reach the three home run limit, then the one-up rule will go into effect. For example, if a team then hits a fourth homerun, it shall count as a homerun. If that same team then hits another homerun prior to the other team hitting its fourth homerun, that hit would count as a single.

The batter hitting a homerun is not required to run to first base. Any runners on base may return directly to the dugout when an over-the-fence homerun is hit.

#### PLAYER(S) LEAVING THE GAME EARLY:

If a player leaves the game early due to injury or any other reason and his position is due to bat, an out shall be recorded for that player the first time through the batting order after such player leaves the game. Subsequently, all players will move forward in the batting order and no additional outs will be recorded.

#### TEAMS STARTING THE GAME WITH LESS THAN ELEVEN PLAYERS:

Automatic outs shall be called at the end of the batting order for any and all players missing until a substitute player or players are found and inserted into the line up. For example, if a team starts with ten players, the eleventh position in the batting order would be an automatic out. If a team starts with nine players, both the tenth and eleventh positions in the batting order would be recorded as automatic outs.

#### TWO ON DECK BATTERS:

It is permissible to have two players in the on deck circle. The two players must be the next two batters in the batting order.

### SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

#### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

November 10, 2016 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillbolt, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Core and Mr. Washington were absent. Members attending were Ed Sowney, Gary Alexander, Dave Rinaldo, Stan Weiss, Larry Maggard, John Whitman, and Doug Friesen.

A motion to accept the October minutes was forwarded by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Corso. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report stating revenues are down because eight teams were budgeted for but there are only seven teams this session; the lack of an extra sponsor fee causing the deficit. That missing eighth team also contributed to keeping expenses low as caps and uniforms were not ordered. The Association ended the month with a \$1655 surplus. Mr. Corso motion the financial report be accepted; Mr. Hilby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has ninety-six members with ninety-one full time and five recreational players. He will contact women's manager, Terry Finley, to encourage their registration for the upcoming season.

Mr. Hilby presented a draft of an eight team schedule to be used during the winter session. It was felt the session would run too long in the current format. Mr. Hilby will shorten the session by having teams play single games rather than doubleheaders during the second half of the session. He will also work to even up the home and visitor status of the teams. Teams will play twenty-one games with a double elimination tournament at season's end.

Mr. Hillabolt reported on plans for the winter session registration and draft process. Members will be asked to indicate their plans for the winter session beginning November 22; that process will end December 10. Mr. Hillabolt and Dennis LePore will be contacting those not playing in the fall session; Mr. Hilby will also send a mass email with this information. The draft will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday December 14. There will be no substitute list until teams are filled and then special circumstances will warrant the player being added to the list.

Mr. Corso reported the new rules in force are working well. A concern about the batting order and players thrown out of game was raised. Although no one could remember an instance of a SLSSA player being removed from a game for misconduct it was felt a plan should be in place if and when the situation arises. The Board decided on using the USSA rule; if no substitute is available that position in the line-up is an out every time the expelled player is scheduled to bat.

A report on field conditions by Mr. Corso indicated the soggy condition in left field, it will be checked out by Frank Martinez, landscape manager for the Iron/Oaks HOA. Mowing is to take place on Mondays at 7:00 a.m.; Mr. Corso will be advocating for adding a second mowing day. The turf project is on hold until January, it will be placed on the I/O HOA Board agenda for their January meeting. The Board has the financial numbers for field maintenance completed by SLSSA. The Association will begin billing the I/O HOA for field preparation at \$25 a work session.

The Split League Task Force headed by Mr. Hilby reported on their progress. Other members of the task force are Gary Alexander, Dave Rinaldo, and Ed Sowney. The group is concerned about player safety as our membership is getting younger and the ability levels widen. Also a second tier would allow more players to play more positions and experience more success offensively while playing against players of similar abilities. The committee will continue to gather feedback both anecdotally and through a survey.

The Ratings Committee and Mr. Hilby conducted a mock draft for a three and five team division as well as two four team divisions in order for members to get an idea of how teams in a two tiered league may look. The Board and Task Force listened to comments and answered member's questions.

There was nothing new to report regarding the web site.

Mr. Core will sponsor the anticipated eighth team for the winter session unless another outside party shows interest.

In new business Mr. Giordano requested Mr. Corso look into purchasing new umpire shirts which would be a dri-fit material and in a color which would set the umps apart from the players.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is December 8 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 4:35.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

## SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Poolside Veranda

December 13, 2016 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Core was absent. Member in attendance was TJ Tjernlund.

A motion to accept the November minutes was forwarded by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Hillabolt. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report for November. Revenue ending October and November was \$7743.21; expenses were \$2624.98 for at net profit of \$5118.23. Mr. Washington moved the report be accepted. Mr. Hillabolt seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The money market account has been closed out and is now in a savings account.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 101 members with six opting for Open (formerly Recreational) play and ninety-five full members.

Mr. Hilby presented a schedule for two divisions with four teams in each division for the winter session. There appeared to be some inconsistency between early and late playing times. Mr. Hilby will look into the situation. Mr. Wolfe motioned the schedule be accepted, Mr. Hillabolt seconded and the measure passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso reported the on new rules for each division. The managers of the Lakes Division opted for no changes to the current rules. Sun Division managers agreed the pitching screen would not be used and the pitcher could pitch anywhere between the rubber and a spot ten feet behind the rubber. Pitchers are required to wear a mask, shin guards of some type are recommended. Batters will start with a zero balls, one strike count (with still one foul ball to waste). There will be no limit on home runs. A motion to accept the recommended rules was made by Mr. Hillabolt and seconded by Mr. Corso. It passed unanimously.

A report on field conditions by Mr. Corso showed the field to be in great shape. Mr. Giordano asked Mr. Corso to set a meeting in order to understand the current mowing schedule. Dave Rinaldo feels a new infield drag is needed. That request has been tabled until the turf project has been decided.

Mr. Wolfe is looking into dates for the annual banquet, that event has traditionally been held in March. Some members are pushing for an evening where no games are to be played the next day. Oakwood and Cottonwood are being considered.

Mr. Core and Mr. Wolfe will be bringing revisions of the by-laws to the Board meeting in January.

Mr. Washington reported Mr. Core will sponsor the eighth team for the winter session. That team will be known as Core Photography. Uniforms have been designed and ordered.

In new business Mr. Hillabolt motioned women pitchers playing at the Field of Dreams are required face mask (visiting teams also) or make use the pitching screen. Mr. Wolfe seconded. The vote was five ayes, zero nays with Mr. Corso abstaining. The women begin play on January 4.

TJ Tjernlund reported fall statistics will be folded in with the winter statistics despite the split of the league.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is January 12 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 3:46.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association