

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Library

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, McCoy, Warwick and Mrs. Hilby. Mr. Wolfe participated by teleconference.

Absent: Mr. Leckner

Members attending: Evan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:04 p.m.

Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes of the November Board meeting be approved. Mr. McCoy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. The minutes of the December Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Corso moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Erpelding and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby reported on the membership. There are 98 paid full members and 5 recreational members. There are currently four men playing in the league who have not filled out any paperwork or paid their league fees. Mrs. Hilby will follow up with these new members as well as two other members who have paid but not submitted registration forms. There are 17 members of the women's team. One was injured in the first game so have not collected her fees until we know if she will be able to come back this season. One other member still needs to pay. We will check to be sure all members have paid their fees to the HOA when Mr. Corso secures the list from the Fitness Center.

Mr. Wolfe submitted the following comments regarding the financials which relate to the three months ending December 31, 2021:

Overall revenues are \$506 over budget. This variance is primarily due to the receipt of \$420 in unbudgeted revenues from the DirtDogs Little League team. Men's dues were also \$120 "to the good."

Direct cost of sales were \$264 less than budgeted. This is mainly because we had some unused billboards on hand and did not have to purchase any new ones yet.

Overall operating expenses were \$362 over budget. Liability insurance costs of \$360 were budgeted for January but paid in December. Turface cost purchases were \$386 over budget. This is because we did an "advance purchase" rather than buying the Turface on a quarterly basis. We budgeted \$325 for a ladies' team subsidy payable to the HOA. This was not, and probably will not, be paid. Most other expenses were near budget.

The net result was a bottom-line net income of \$408 to the good.

Mr. Erpelding motioned that the financial statements be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

The fire department is still very reluctant to do any CPR or defibrillator training. The defibrillator gives audio instructions as it's being used. Mr. Warwick suggested we practice before we need to use it in an emergency situation. He would like to solicit some volunteers from the Association to familiarize themselves with the process. Mrs. Hilby will send out an email to the membership.

The youth baseball team, DirtDogs, want to use the field on Monday and Wednesday. This puts some pressure on the groundskeepers to prep the field for the Tuesday and Thursday games. Mr. Warwick talked with Ken Brenden who is willing to prep the field for Tuesday and Thursday. The DirtDogs have proposed an agreement to pay the association \$100 a week for access to the field on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Currently they pay each time they use the field which is approximately \$200 a month. They are proposing \$100 a week whether they use the field or not. The DirtDogs also signed up for sponsorship of a banner. They are very appreciative of our hospitality and they love the field.

Mr. Leckner was unable to attend the meeting to report on field issues. Mr. Corso spoke to some of the items on the agenda. The times were changed on the sprinklers, and the soggy conditions down the left field line have improved. It appears the sprinklers were repaired. Work on the valves is finished, and they have been moved to the corner. There is a machine that will help improve the lip on the infield. It will push the dirt out from underneath the lip. McCoy suggested we rent one first to see if it does what we want it to do. We will discuss it next month when Mr. Leckner is present. IronOaks HOA is in the process of making some improvements at the field. We have two new fans on the patio and three lights that operate from the kitchen. There is also a plan to put extra screening on the backstop. The bathrooms are currently being updated. Mr. Corso emailed the landscaper, Scott Robinson, about a gopher hole down the right field line. In the afternoon there is a problem with a glare from cars parked in the south part of the parking lot. When cars are parked in the area nearest the women's restroom, the fielders have a glare. Possible solutions include not allowing parking in that area, asking people to move their cars once other spaces are vacated, and putting blankets on the windshields. The Board would like to encourage people not to park there for the second double header to reduce the glare.

Mr. Corso explained that we have new keys. With the remodel projects, locks have been rekeyed and now there is one key to the scorer's booth, one key which opens the bathrooms, kitchen, and garage, and one key for the field. Master keys are on a key ring in the scorer's booth. Mr. Erpelding suggested all Board members and managers have a master key to the building (bathroom, kitchen, garage). Mr. Corso will make keys and distribute them.

Mr. Erpelding has been monitoring the number of subs due to long term injuries. He is working with managers to pick up permanent replacements for their teams. Mr. McCoy mentioned the frustration of no response when asking players to sub. The Board would like to encourage people to respond promptly when contacted about subbing so that the managers can get their subs lined up.

Bill Maxwell's wife, Doris, passed away Monday night. Jeff Jay's son passed away after a long battle with cancer.

At the December meeting Mr. McCoy discussed a request from members to get a pitching machine. Kelly Anderson saw that the Board was considering acquiring a pitching machine, and he reached out to Mr. McCoy to generously offer his Jugs machine. Kelly will bring it to the field this week, and Mr. McCoy and Mr. Corso will take a look at it to determine if this is something we need.

Mr. Corso shared that he and Mrs. Hilby prepared a document with updated SLSSA rules which is now posted in the scorer's booth. Mr. Erpelding asked for clarity on the Lakes Division home run rule as there is some misinterpretation. The rule currently states "2 home runs, then 1 up or a single for Lakes Division." The 1 up doesn't go into effect until the maximum number of home runs are reached by both teams. If it's 2-1, a home run by the team with 2 will be counted as a single until both teams reach 2 home runs. The Lakes Division rule will be changed to read "2 home runs then 1 up or a single. Once a team gets to 2, they can't be more than 1 up."

The women's season is underway. Mrs. Hilby reports that the team is 4-3-1. The Sluggers have a great group of women who are competitive and having fun.

Umpire shirts on hand are 2XL and 3XL. Mr. Erpelding asked that we purchase some smaller sizes. A few Board members are aware of some shirts that may be available. They will check and get back to Mr. Erpelding.

It was brought to Mr. Erpelding's attention that Sun Division managers have recruited subs from the Lakes Division. In the past this has not been allowed. After some discussion the Board agreed that if there is an emergency, a player from the other division may be used, but that player would only be allowed to catch and would not bat. If a player leaves during the game, the team would have to take the out the first time he came up to bat.

Mrs. Hilby and Mr. Erpelding expressed concern about players coming to the field after they have tested positive for COVID. An email reminder will be sent to members to stay home if they have COVID symptoms or have tested positive.

Due to parking issues, there will be no cookout for the winter session. The banquet will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Board would like to remind players that if he has to leave for any reason, he must communicate that with his manager whose responsibility it is to get an appropriate replacement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Oakwood Clubhouse Library
Thursday, February 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby
Members attending: Frank Tanner, Evan Hansen, Joe Commisto
Guest attending: John Reyhons

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

John Reyhons, General Manager, was in attendance to discuss the Music in the Park event scheduled at the Field of Dreams on March 27. Suzy Steinmann does an annual event to aid the community. Her event is very well received and she has outgrown the venue between the field and the lake. This year the plan is to have the event on the softball field with the stage on the grass near first base. All of the attendees who come to listen will be seated in the outfield. They can bring blankets and lawn chairs. Mr. Reyhons said, "If we mess anything up, we'll fix it." Food trucks will be in the parking lot like years past. No dogs or golf carts will be allowed on the field. Parking will be an issue so as they promote the event, they'll encourage people to bring their golf carts or even walk to the field. Mr. Reyhons will look into possibly getting some portable restrooms. Mrs. Hilby will send Mr. Reyhons an email asking management to print large signs that can be posted at the gate stating no dogs and no golf carts. With regard to the improvements the HOA is making at the field, Mr. Leckner explained that he'd like to have input regarding the screen that's being replaced as the one currently in place doesn't cover the entire area that needs to be blocked. Mr. Reyhons will reach out to Veronica Semey, Director of Community Services, about getting back to Mr. Leckner.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Corso moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Leckner and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. There are 105 paid memberships - 100 full memberships, and 5 rec program memberships. Of the 105 full and rec memberships, 27 are IronOaks residents (26%), 34 are other Sun Lakes residents (32%), and 44 are non Sun Lakes residents (42%). On the women's side there are 14 paid memberships (excluding Mrs. Hilby who is a full member). Of the 15 total women, 7 are IronOaks residents (47%), 6 are other Sun Lakes residents (40%), and 2 are outside Sun Lakes (13%). IronOaks makes up 29% of the total membership.

Mr. Corso and Mrs. Hilby have been monitoring the HOA paid memberships. It appears that seven members still need to pay the HOA fees. Mrs. Hilby has contacted each of them by email and received three responses. Mr. Corso will follow up with the HOA in a week to see if payment has been made.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the January financial statements. Everything is pretty close to budget. We're \$386 to the good on revenue largely because of rental of the field to the little league team. Cost of sales for the billboards is below budget as we have an inventory of new boards. That gave us a gross profit of \$744. There was nothing significant in expenses. They were all within a couple hundred dollars. Softballs are about \$400 below budget, but that will catch up on the expense side after the softballs are ordered soon. Bottom line is that we are almost \$1,300 to the good. Mr. Erpelding motioned that we accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Leckner seconded. Motion carried.

Under old business, Cindy and Steve Schaidler found a short video on how to operate the defibrillator. Mr. Warwick sent a link to all the people who expressed interest in training. Little League is practicing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4-6 in February, March, April, and May.

Mr. Warwick talked about the upcoming Board of Directors election. Evan Hansen, Joe Commisto, and Ron Carmichael have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Evan Hansen reviewed the recruitment process and shared that there are three candidates for two positions. Those who have agreed to run are Sam Giordano, Doug Warwick and John Whitman. The election will be the week of March 7. Mrs. Hilby will produce ballots and a list of membership. She will also send an email notifying the membership including how to vote by email.

A discussion was held regarding the end of session cookouts and the annual banquet. Due to parking restrictions, there will be no cookout after the winter session, however, the current plan is to have a barbecue during the tournament for the spring session. Mr. Wolfe will explore outdoor options with Oakwood and Palo Verde for the annual banquet.

Mr. Wolfe suggested that somebody become familiar with the treasurer's records in case of emergency. He also recommended that we have an additional signatory. Mr. Corso motioned that Mrs. Hilby and Mr. Wolfe be each other's backups, and Mrs. Hilby should be the second signatory. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Leckner shared information about a machine that would be used to reduce the lip on the infield. It brushes the dirt back onto the field from under the sod where the infield meets the grass. It will cost \$250 to \$350. Mr. Wolfe motioned we purchase the Gas Powered Sweeper Cleaning Machine with Wheels. Mr. Corso seconded, Motion carried. The HOA has been making some improvements at the field including fans, LED scone lights, and a new iron railing. The bathrooms are in progress. When the men's restroom is completed, work will begin on improvements to the women's restroom. Other improvements pending are permanent benches, replenishing granite, and screening on the backstop that blocks the sun.

Regarding our recent problem with the scoreboard, Mr. Corso worked with Daktronics to solve the problem and learned more specifics about how the scoreboard operates. The

frame around the scorer's booth door is in need of repair. Mr. Leckner will contact Chris Hall about the door as well as the flag that is tattered.

Mr. Corso discussed rule issues that have come up recently. We no longer have ties, so for the tournament we'll use the International Tie Breaker which means the last batter goes to second, and there will be one out to start the inning. A courtesy runner cannot be used for that runner on second until he advances to third base. The current rule in the Sun Division is that the screen will be used for the fourth game of the day for the winter session only. Mr. Leckner motioned that effective immediately if one pitcher in the Sun Division wants the screen, both pitchers will use the screen for that game. A batted ball off the screen is the same as currently in place. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Erpelding recommended the start times for the tournament games be 8:30 10:00, 12:00, and 1:30. This gives enough break that players and spectators can leave so that parking is less of an issue. The Lakes Division will play the first two games on Tuesday. This will accommodate the Sun Division draft after the last game on the 22nd. The Sun Division will play first on Thursday. Mr. Corso will put the bracket on the chalkboard.

Mr. Erpelding shared that the numbers for the spring session are going to be right in line with 40 and 44 for the spring session. There are still a couple of people who don't know when they'll come back from the injured reserve. The Sun Division draft is scheduled for February 22 at 3:00 or immediately following the games. The Lakes Division draft will be on Wednesday the 23rd at 3:30. Both drafts will be held at Mr. Erpelding's house.

Mr. McCoy discussed the pitching machine suggestion made by a few members. Kelly Anderson brought his pitching machine to the field. After trying it out, it was determined it wasn't going to work out with our softballs. We will continue with our current process for batting practice. Mr. McCoy will send sympathy cards from the Association to the Boones, Jays, and Billy Maxwell. He also reported we have about 30 hats left.

Mrs. Hilby provided an update on the women's team. The Sluggers currently have a 13-6-1 record with three doubleheaders remaining. With Scott Steinmann's emphasis on stretching and warmups the team has stayed relatively healthy and maintained good numbers throughout the season. Team cohesiveness is as high as it has been in many years, and it's been a fun season. The remaining home games are the 16th and the 23rd, both Wednesdays at noon. The women appreciate the support of the Association and thank Tom Erpelding, Ken Brenden, and Larry Wolfe for volunteering to umpire our games and to the other members who have come to cheer us on.

A discussion was held regarding who will be the home team during tournament games. In the past the team who had the best record for the session gets to choose to be home or visitor. Mr. Erpelding would like to see the team that came through the winners' bracket have the choice in the championship game. Mr. Erpelding motioned that the team with the highest seed gets to decide to be home or visitor until the championship game. In the championship game, the team that comes through the winners' bracket gets the choice of

home or visitor. Seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion passed 5-2, with Messrs. Leckner and Corso opposed.

Mr. Warwick set the date and time of the next meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Thursday, March 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby

Members attending: Evan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. There are 108 paid memberships - 103 full memberships and 5 rec program memberships. This compares with 112 members last year. There are also 15 women who have paid the abbreviated membership in 2022.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the February financial statements. In comparison to the budget there are not too many variances. We are pretty much right on budget with \$670 to the good on revenue; \$420 of that is from the Little League rental. Cost of sales for the billboards is the same as reported last month. We are below budget as we have an inventory of new boards. The \$202 variance on the tractor insurance is because it was budgeted in a different month. We are also over budget on field supplies due to the heavy use of chalk. Overall expenses were within \$300 of the budget which has been the case for the last five months. Mr. Corso motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Leckner seconded. Motion carried.

Evan Hansen reported on the status of the Board election. Tomorrow is the last day to vote. There are 107 on the list of eligible voters, 79 of which have voted. The committee will count the votes at the end of the day on Friday and contact Mr. Warwick with the results. He will then certify the election. Evan asked for clarification of eligibility as some members have paid their Association fees but not paid the HOA because they aren't able to play this year. Mr. Corso made a motion that good standing means you have paid your HOA fee and SLSSA fee by March 1. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion carried with six votes. Mrs. Hilby was opposed.

Mr. Wolfe gave an update on the banquet. Tickets will be sold at the field between 10:00 and 12:00 each day of league play March 15-22. Tickets will cost \$10 after the subsidy from the Association.

Mr. McCoy has the plaques for the Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball awards. Mr. Warwick confirmed there will be two this year.

There will be an end-of-season cookout during the league tournament on Thursday, April 14. Mr. Wolfe has certificates that can be used for awards including Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Player and top five batting averages. Erpelding will contact the managers for their input. Mr. Corso will talk to Mike Core and Ron Carmichael about shopping for the food. Dave Martin has offered to supply the buns. There is a possible problem with the grill. Mr. Corso will check on that.

Mr. Leckner presented the field report. Bill Jacobson retired from field work. Jerry Smith has expressed interest in helping out. Mr. Leckner explained it takes two hours to groom and prep the field. Next year we'll try to switch little league to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday so there isn't such a tight turn around for preparing the field for league games. The HOA is willing to maintain everything but the infield, so Mr. Leckner will ask Scott Robertson, the landscaper for the HOA, to work on reducing the lip. He will also ask them to roll the outfield again. Veronica Semey responded to Mr. Leckner's attempts to contact her. He will provide her with a list of improvements the Association would like including fans in each dugout and a shade on the backstop to block the sun for the fielders. He will also communicate to her that we do not want permanent benches on the veranda.

As an outgoing member of the Board and chair of the rules committee, Mr. Corso was happy to report we have enough rules.

Mr. Erpelding shared that the spring session is going smoothly with the usual need for lots of subs.

Mr. McCoy reported that the plaques are here for the awards ceremony. We have only four name tags for the plaque recognizing people who passed away. We will need to switch to another style in the future.

Mrs. Hilby provided an update on the women's team. The Sluggers wrapped up their season with a 17-7-2 record. They hope to continue practicing about once a month in the ten-month off season.

To avoid meeting the same day as the spring cookout, Mr. Warwick set the date and time of the next meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Library

Thursday, April 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Whitman, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby

Members attending: Suzy Steinmann, Gary Hillabolt

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:58 p.m.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

Mr. Whitman was seated as our new Board member. Mr. Warwick thanked Bill Corso for his six years of service.

Officer elections determined Mr. Warwick will remain president, Mr. Leckner will serve as vice president, Mr. Wolfe will continue as treasurer and Mrs. Hilby will carry out the duties of secretary.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. We have 103 full memberships and 5 rec program memberships for a total of 108. This compares with 112 members last year. The women ended their season with 15 paid members and two players on the disabled list. Mrs. Hilby also shared some longevity and age-related fun facts about the make-up of the Association. Tom Vitolo is the longest standing member, having joined the association in 1988. The next closest in longevity are Ken Brenden and Ron Pennington who have been members since 1998. We have 11 members who are in their 80's, 6 of whom are currently playing in the league. The average age of players in the Sun Division is 67.8 years. The average age of players in the Lakes Division is 72.3 years. In the Lakes Division the average age for Young Realty is 70.6, Core Photography is 71.3, Skyview Media is 73.3, and A-1 Golf Carts 74.2. Interestingly, the average age of players on each of the Sun Division teams was 68.1 (Leckner), 68.2 (Wolfe), 68.3 (Redeemed Team), and 66.6 (Spooner). The average age of the women's team is 60.8. The youngest player is 54 and the oldest player is 68.

Mr. Wolfe gave a recap of the banquet. We budgeted for the full sit-down banquet with 120 people, band, etc. The total revenue we budgeted was \$3,690. With the change in format, we charged \$1,420 for a difference of \$2,270. We had budgeted a subsidy with the full banquet in mind, so with the reduced cost of the meals there was an improvement of \$562. All the big variances in the financial statement are due to the banquet. Banner revenues were up, and we were also on the upside for the Dirt Dogs paying \$820 rental for the field. Almost all the cost of sales differentials are related to the banquet. We did not budget for the gift cards so that gave us an overage. Chalk is still over by about \$160.

Surface is a little over \$186. Softballs are also over budget, but we have about 13 dozen right now. That is a timing thing as they are budgeted for every quarter. We did not have a cookout after the winter season so that's a positive variance. In summary, we are to the good almost \$2,000 for the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Mr. Leckner motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Feedback received by Mr. Wolfe was that the banquet format was well received. Mr. McCoy complemented Larry and Pat Wolfe for their work on the banquet and their quick response to the changes necessary because of the rain. Mr. Warwick apologized to the women's team for fumbling on the banquet.

Mr. Warwick asked the Board to consider possible changes to the bylaws, specifically regarding the rule that no more than two nonresident members can serve on the Board at any time (Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 1) and the rule regarding who can serve as officers (Article IV, Section E, Paragraph 1). Mr. Warwick would like to review this in the fall so we have time to go through the process should we want to make a change.

Mr. Corso reported everything is ready for the cookout. The grill works and has been cleaned out and prepped. Mike Core and Bill Corso will be picking up the food on Monday. Dave Martin will provide the buns. Stan Weiss will cook for us. Mr. Erpelding suggested we move the bleachers and set up the tables on the north side of the field so we won't block any parking. Between the second and third games (around 11:00) we will award certificates for the top 5 hitters in each division as well as a home run king. The women will also be awarded for top hitters as well as Sportsmanship and Most Improved which should have been given during the banquet. The topic of having a homerun contest after the awards are distributed was discussed. It was decided we will do it, but measures will be put in place to keep it from delaying the afternoon games too much. Issues included how many and who would be eligible to participate, number of swings allowed, rules, and who would coordinate the competition. Mr. Warwick will prepare an email for distribution regarding the cookout and awards.

There have been a number of requests to use the Field of Dreams from outside groups. We currently have requests from the Dirt Dogs (2 teams), another little league team, a youth girls' softball team, and a kickball group lead by Suzy Steinmann. We need to be fair to all, consider the wear and tear on the field and identify jurisdiction. Mr. Warwick clarified that the field is owned by IronOaks and is managed by Bluestar. We are considered tenants of the field. He feels it would be helpful to a meet with John Reyhons to discuss field use. If it continues to be our responsibility, Mr. Warwick would like the Board to develop policies and procedures to be submitted for the HOA's approval. Mr. Corso suggested that John Reyhons and Veronica Semey be included in these discussions. Mr. Warwick established a task force to develop these proposed policies and procedures. He appointed Mr. Leckner, Mr. Wolfe, and Mr. McCoy to the task force and asked that they work on it over the summer. In the meantime, we have an immediate request for kickball. Suzy Steinmann addressed the Board about the using the field on a weekly basis for kickball. She explained that she would like to see the field used more and improved which would make our community more appealing. She explained that she

and her group will not be disrespectful to the field. Play will be on the outfield grass and the bases will be moved around so the basepaths wouldn't get worn down. Mr. Warwick pointed out that liability insurance is the number one issue, as it is currently required of all groups who use the field. The Board unanimously agreed to support the next step of Suzy meeting with John Reyhons to find out what his requirements are for kickball to go forward. Mr. Wolfe will put off the other little league team that has requested usage until parameters are established. Mr. Leckner said the Dirt Dogs have been watering the field which is causing some problems. Mr. Whitman suggested we have a list of the things they can and cannot do on the field. Mr. Corso said they can play on the field and that's it. They should not be watering the field or otherwise maintaining it.

We need to order a 7 x 12 batter's box. The last one we bought was in 2018 and cost just over \$400. Mr. Corso will give Mr. McCoy the invoice for the last one as a reference. Gary Hillabolt said he will show us how to put it in. Some concern was expressed that the hole in the right-handed batter's box was partially caused from the wear and tear from the little league, and it was asked if we could remove the mat when they are using the field. It's imbedded in the dirt and can't be easily taken in and out. Mr. Leckner attended a seminar at Pebble Creek on field maintenance hosted by a company that will come and evaluate our dirt and slope of field and make recommendations based on what their program is. He will get in touch with them and arrange an assessment. Mr. Whitman suggested we contact more than one company to get recommendations. We also need the field lasered as was demonstrated by the water that pooled in low spots on the field after it rained. We've had the field lasered every couple of years and should try to have it done before the season starts next fall. Mr. Leckner thinks we're going to need another drag. We've been using a nail drag for a long time, but it is only needed when the field is hard. Mr. Leckner would like a different metal drag mat which would cost approximately \$200. Mr. Erpelding motioned that Mr. Leckner purchase a replacement batter's box. Mr. Whitman seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Leckner motioned we purchase a new drag. Mr. Whitman seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Leckner and Mr. Warwick will meet with John Reyhons about our concerns for the field including the lip and the shade on the backstop that blocks the sun, Mr. Corso suggested we go through Scott Robinson who is in charge of HOA landscaping. Mr. Whitman would be available for that.

There was no discussion on rules but Mr. Erpelding noted the tie game rule and sub rules should be reviewed in the fall.

Regarding the spring tournament scheduling, Mr. Erpelding proposed we go with 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30. Tuesday the Lakes Division will play first. Thursday the Sun Division will play first. Friday the Lakes Division will play first. Mr. Corso will draw the bracket on the chalkboard at the field. Pace of play has slowed down and the second double header is starting late. Umpires and managers are encouraged to keep the game moving particularly when it comes to courtesy runners.

A discussion of summer ball options was led by Gary Hillabolt. There haven't been enough players to have pickup games for a long time. He wondered if going back to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday would help. Robson Ranch is interested in playing every

other Friday alternating between here and there. Mr. McCoy suggested passing a clipboard asking players if they are interested in playing games in the summer. Gary Hillabolt will work with Dennis LePore and check with players during the tournament similar to the process when we start a new session.

Mr. McCoy reported we received 12 dozen balls about 3 weeks ago. We should have enough for about 12-13 weeks. He'll work with Mr. Corso about the batter's box mat.

Mr. Leckner suggested we consider lowering our minimum age to help with our diminished numbers. Mr. Erpelding suggested the current IronOaks age of 55 be applied to all of Sun Lakes residents. The Board will discuss this in the fall.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for Thursday, September 8, at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary