

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
ZOOM

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Carmichael, Corso, Erpelding, Hatch, Leckner, Warwick and Mrs. Hilby.

Also participating were SLSSA members Gary Alexander and Bill McCoy.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:01 p.m.

Having been previously reviewed by Board members, Mr. Erpelding motioned to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Leckner. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby reported that we have 108 paid memberships. Of those, 102 are full program and 6 are recreational. Included in that count are a player who is upgrading from rec to league and another player who has backed out. Mr. Corso reported 72 league players have paid their HOA fees. He'll get a new list on Friday and contact those players who haven't paid yet over the weekend.

Larry Wolfe was unable to present the financials for December due to a computer problem.

Mr. Leckner reported that the field was rolled today. It's still soft in left and right fields. Mr. Leckner will ask Ken Brenden to shut the water off Saturday. There have been players on the field during our league shutdown. When Mr. Corso inquired, he was told an association member approached Brian Quillen who, along with John Reyhons, made the decision to open the field for hitting practice with the expectation that the association member would be checking to be sure participants have paid their HOA fees. Because the decision of the HOA has created confusion, Mr. Warwick asked Mr. Corso to arrange a meeting with Brian Quillen and John Reyhons to help the association understand the reason for their decision. The SLSSA stands by their decision to keep the field closed until January 18.

Mr. Carmichael shared that the Lakes draft was held on January 11 via Zoom. Ten players have opted out of the winter session, including four Sun Division players, four Lakes Division players, and two members of the women's team. We're welcoming four new players to league play.

Because of the temporary loss of players this session, Mr. Corso motioned the Sun Division may bat their subs anywhere in the lineup for the 2021 winter session. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Mr. Leckner opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Erpelding discussed the Lakes Division rule requiring pitchers to pitch over the screen. There was a marked increase in walks with the implementation of this rule. Mr. Erpelding shared that the managers would like to go back to the ability to pitch around the screen. All other rules remain the same, including the minimum six-foot arc. Mr. Erpelding motioned that we allow the

Lakes Division pitchers to pitch around the screen effective for the winter session and forward. Mr. Corso seconded. Mr. Leckner opposed. The motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby reported that the ladies' team will be starting their league play on Monday, January 18. After starting with 17 players when practice began in November, the team is down to 12 players due to injuries and COVID concerns. The plate for the women's league should be slightly bigger than the permanent plate. Mr. Corso will look to see if the rubber mat previously used for the ladies is somewhere in storage. Mrs. Hilby will get the specifications from the managers.

Mr. Erpelding researched information on the sun screen and forwarded his findings to Ken Brenden. Because Ken became unavailable to assist with this, Mr. Erpelding will talk to Gary Hillabolt. Mr. Corso will also check with the tennis club to see if they may have an old one in storage. Softballs are in stock, including those for the ladies.

Mr. Corso gave Brian Quillen all the quotes for the new scoreboard. The next step is for the HOA to place the order. Mr. Corso will monitor the progress.

When Mr. Warwick spoke with the fire department in December regarding CRP training, he was asked to check back in mid-January. While Mr. Warwick will follow up next week, he is expecting the same answer until the COVID situation changes.

Previously player phone numbers have been posted on the SLSSA website. For privacy protection, the Board has agreed that phone numbers for the general membership will be made available only on the password protected pages of the site.

Mrs. Hilby asked for an update on the COVID policy. The Board will make decisions based on the facts of the situation going forward. The managers will receive information regarding CDC recommendations to assist them in answering questions from their players.

Mr. Leckner is concerned about the use of the patio after the games. Mr. Corso suggested we move the couch to the garage and spread the chairs apart. Mr. Leckner is concerned that masks are not being worn and social distancing is not being followed. The risk they are taking is the shutdown of their division for two weeks. The Board will stand together to encourage compliance and continue to be diligent and respectful in enforcement.

Mr. Warwick set the next BOD meeting for February 11, 2021, in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Warwick adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Cyndy Hilby, Secretary

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Directors present were Messrs. Carmichael, Corso, Erpelding, Hatch, Leckner, Warwick and Mrs. Hilby.

Also present was SLSSA member Bill McCoy

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

Having been previously reviewed by Board members, Mr. Corso motioned to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Carmichael. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby reported that we have 109 paid and 2 unpaid memberships. Of those, 104 are full program and 5 are recreational. The two unpaid memberships are not league players. There are 16 paid memberships and one unpaid membership for the women's program. Based on the information provided by the HOA, 19 people have paid the SLSSA dues but have not paid the HOA fees. Most are inactive at this time, but Mrs. Hilby will contact them to remind them that prior to participating in any SLSSA activities on the field, their HOA fees must be paid.

Unable to attend the meeting, Larry Wolfe submitted a written treasurer's report to the Board. The summary is as follows:

The following comments relate to the year-to-date Income Statement Compared to Budget (numbers noted are rounded to the nearer dollar):

Revenues are \$387 to the good. Banner revenues are \$245 over budget. Even though we've lost three advertisers so far (one to closing his business and two COVID-related), several others paid three years "up front" to offset those losses. I suspect we will lose additional advertisers over the next few months, so it will be important to try to find some new ones. The HOA caught up its payments in January resulting in a \$800 payment and a YTD positive variance of \$25. Note that on a go-forward basis, we will be far below budget since we will now be billing the HOA a flat \$250 per month for infield preparation and maintenance. The budgeted HOA revenues for the period January through September (the end of our fiscal year) are \$3300 while we will be billing them \$2250 (\$250 for nine months).

Cost of Sales are \$432 below budget; however, we will be required to replace some worn banners soon, so that positive variance will likely be eliminated.

Operating expenses are \$2427 less than budgeted. Much of the variance is due to timing differences. We have not yet received the invoice for our liability

insurance (\$360). We also budgeted \$650 for Turface/infield dirt in January. That expense will be incurred in February and later months. We also budgeted \$500 for softballs, but have not purchased those yet. Those three timing items account for over 60% of the variance (\$1510). Other major variances are for hand sanitizer which has not been purchased or used (\$500) and we have not had to pay a ladies' program subsidy to the HOA yet (we budgeted \$325).

The bottom line variance is over \$3246 "to the good," due to the aforementioned differences. Note, however, much of that positive variance is expected to be reduced over the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Carmichael motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Leckner seconded. Motion carried.

Last month there was confusion over closing the field due to COVID concerns. Mr. Corso and Mr. Warwick spoke with John Reyhons, General Manager of IronOaks, to clarify the situation. SLSSA is responsible for league operations. The HOA is responsible for the field and responsible for shutting the field down for whatever reason. If the SLSSA Board feels there is a problem (COVID or other), we will go to them and they will make the decision.

Mr. Corso shared that the scoreboard is in the process of being ordered. The HOA is handling the ordering of the scoreboard, agreeing to use the bid that we preferred. The HOA will get us involved when it's time to be installed. The process will likely take two or three months.

Mr. Warwick followed up regarding the CPR class. Although the fire department is very interested in providing the training, it remains on hold during the COVID situation. Mr. Warwick will call back in April.

A situation arose this week when an injured player was ready to return to play via the sub list. There was confusion about when he was available to be picked up. The protocol is that managers cannot pick up a sub more than two weeks in advance of an absence. When a player becomes available, he cannot be contacted by any manager until an email has gone out to the managers at which time all managers have equal opportunity to pick him up. No one can act until the email is published. A compromise was agreed upon for this particular situation, and Mr. Carmichael will notify the parties of the compromise.

Mr. Leckner addressed some areas of concern at the field. He recently worked on the lip in front of home plate as well as the area of the pitcher's mound that needed more dirt. The mowing schedule is also a concern. Because the field is in use every day of the week January thru early March, Mr. Leckner will attempt to arrange to have the mowing done on Mondays between batting practice and the ladies' noon game. Mr. Hatch inquired about the dry patches of rye grass. It has been attributed to a bad batch of seed this year. The string used to mark the foul lines is broken, thus causing difficulty with chalking straight lines. Mr. Leckner will buy more string.

Signup sheets are going around this week for the Spring session and are due on Friday. Mr. Carmichael reports that the numbers look good. At this time, it looks like we're short one player

in each league. The drafts will take place on Monday the 22nd for the Sun Division and Wednesday the 24th for the Lakes Division. The draft may be held via Zoom. All managers in the Sun Division are coming back. Contact has not been made with the Lakes Division managers at this time.

Mr. Carmichael asked to review the time limit on the second game. Currently the policy is that single innings will be played after the 4th inning and no new inning can be started after 11:20. When time expires, the current inning is finished and the next inning will be the open inning. Discussion was held and it was general consensus that we'll leave it as it is. Some concern was expressed with regard to teams playing short-handed. Mr. Corso will talk to all the managers reinforcing the importance of making a good faith effort to get subs rather than playing with nine. Mr. Corso will also discuss with managers the proper procedure when disputing an umpire's call. When there is a disputed call, the managers rather than individual players should talk to the umpires. The conversation should remain calm so the situation can be sorted out. In addition, Mr. Corso will ask the managers to address with their players the need for being careful to avoid contact during play for the safety of all players involved.

The ladies' Sluggers team began their season January 18 and will continue with home games every Monday and Wednesday through March 10. They are currently 5-9.

Mr. Erpelding has not made any purchases this past month. He did get two cases of softballs for the men and two boxes for the ladies, some of which he is storing at his home due to lack of space at the field. He has not received an invoice for them yet even though he has called repeatedly and will continue to call.

It is time to form a nominating committee for Board elections next month. Mr. Warwick will make the appointments.

Mr. Warwick set the next BOD meeting for March 11, 2021, in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library at 3:00 P.M.

Mr. Warwick adjourned the meeting at 4:24.

Respectfully submitted
Cyndy Hilby, Secretary