

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:50 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Hal Kime, Tom Lorgan, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Other participating Association members included Ken Brenden, Evan Hansen, Bob Hutchins and Dennis LePore. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ended December 31, 2008. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Kime to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and passed unanimously.

Ms. Kenyon then gave a report regarding the Ladies' team. She noted that the team is comprised of 16 ladies this year, that all dues have been paid and submitted to the Treasurer and that the season began January 5. She also noted that new uniform shirts were purchased for the team and that the cost was within the established budget. Ms. Kenyon also extended her thanks to Bill Gateley for furnishing ten game balls and twenty practice balls to the team. She invited all those present to come out and support the team. Mr. Wolfe will forward the Ladies' schedule to all Association members.

Dr. Spark gave an update regarding the annual social event. The event will be held on Monday evening, March 2, at the Ironwood Country Club. Dr. Spark and Mr. Deken will determine the menu and other details. In an effort to control costs, they will consider having the event be a partial potluck with the Association furnishing the main dishes and attending members bringing side dishes, desserts, etc. Final details will be presented at the February Board Meeting. Dr. Spark also extended

his thanks to Dave Martin for furnishing buns for the Associations' tournaments.

Mr. Ken Brenden updated the Board regarding the proposed Saturday League. Three teams have confirmed that they will participate. At least one additional team is necessary to make the league feasible. The league will tentatively commence on Saturday, January 29 and continue for eight weeks. Mr. LePore will attempt to form a team of various Sun Lakes players. The entry fee for non-Sun Lakes teams will be \$200. Sun Lakes players who have paid full dues (\$75) will not have to pay to participate.

The Board then discussed Mr. Gateley's offer to loan a hitting machine to the Association for use at the Field of Dreams. The Board deferred making a decision pending a review of the machine by Messrs. Lorgan and Washington. They will coordinate this review with Mr. Gateley.

Other items:

The Board discussed the need to repair or remove the soda machine. Mr. Deken volunteered to arrange for the repair or removal of the machine, depending upon the cost of repair.

Mr. Lorgan then discussed the issue of batting all players and the "fairness" of having an unequal number of batters on two teams. After a spirited discussion among the Board members and several of the members present, no changes to the existing rules were made.

Mr. Wolfe then presented a motion that the Board not make any changes to playing rules during any season unless a safety issue is involved. Rules changes could be made prior to the start of the fall season and between the fall and winter seasons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorgan and passed unanimously.

Dr. Spark noted that the defibrillator is now working properly. He also noted the need for extra pads and batteries. Mr. Deken will coordinate this with the HOA. Dr. Spark also suggested that we have a certified member (a member who has taken the requisite course) assigned to each doubleheader. Mr. Wolfe will survey the membership to determine who has taken the course and who may be interested in taking a new course.

The Board then discussed the issue of illegal bats. For safety purposes, the Association currently bans certain bats. The current playing rules do not address the issue of using Fast Pitch or baseball bats. Upon a motion made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Lorgan, the playing rules would be changed to specifically ban any bat that contains the words “Fast Pitch” on it and all bats made specifically for baseball. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Washington then made a motion to ensure that the infield be dragged or raked between the two doubleheaders. The manager of the home team of the second game of the first doubleheader will be responsible for ensuring that this is accomplished. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorgan and passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the current team rosters. The Board authorized Mr. Davidson to “tweak” the rosters in early February if it is determined that there is a significant imbalance among the teams.

It was noted by Mr. Washington that the new plate mat is narrower than the new standard. The old cut-out mat will be used until a properly-sized mat can be purchased. Mr. Washington was authorized to purchase a new mat.

The Board agreed to put the following items on the agenda for the September 2009 meeting:

- 1. Should dues be higher for non-residents?**
- 2. Should Tuesday-only and Thursday-only players be allowed to participate in league play?**

Mr. Deken then requested that the Association send a letter to Mr. Terry Hennessey of the SS-USA regarding our bat policy and any issues regarding liability insurance. Messrs. Deken and Wolfe will compose the letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Prepared by and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 13, 2009, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Tom Lorgan, Roger Spark, and Larry Wolfe. Board members Hal Kime and Jesse Washington were absent. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Other participating Association members included Messrs. Ken Brenden, Evan Hansen, Gene Metcalf and Ed Sowney. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Ellis to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2009 Board Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kenyon then provided a report regarding the Ladies' Team. She noted that the team is comprised of 15 ladies this year. To date, their record is not as good as last year's stellar team; however, there are ten games remaining in the season which concludes on March 6. It was noted that the new uniforms were purchased for below the budget of \$600.

Dr. Spark then updated the Board regarding the Defibrillator Training Course. Six members of the Tuesday/Thursday League attended along with two members of the ladies' team (Charlene Ellis and Karen Kenyon). The Board formally extended its thanks to Linda Shanahan, who conducted the course.

The Board then discussed emergency procedures. It was suggested that the physical address of the Field of Dreams and the contact number for the local Sun Lakes Fire Department be posted at the field. Mr. Wolfe will prepare and post a sign on the bulletin board. (The physical address is 24801 Price Road, Sun Lakes 85248.)

Dr. Spark then provided an overview of the recent weekend tournaments that were held at the field. He specifically thanked

members of the ladies team who helped out, as well as the volunteer umpires, scorers and specifically Bobby Thompson, who was a major contributor.

Dr. Spark then gave an overview of the upcoming social event. Both a buffet concept where Association members bring a dish and a buffet where food and service is provided were discussed. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lorgan, seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously approved as follows: The social event will be held on Monday evening, March 2 at the Ironwood Country Club. There will be a buffet with food and service provided by the staff of the Ironwood Country Club. There will also be a cash bar. The budget for the event shall be based upon \$12.50 per attendee.

Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report. After several questions and answers, the report was unanimously approved via a motion made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Dr. Spark.

Mr. Deken then advised the Board that a new sign at the corner of Riggs and Price Roads is in this year's IronOaks budget. He anticipated that the sign will be installed in the fall.

Mr. Deken advised the Board that the 2009 liability insurance premium has been paid.

Dr. Spark then discussed the desire of the Sun Lakes Fire Department to play a group of Sun Lakes All-Stars. The Board authorized Dr. Spark to coordinate the details of the proposed game or games.

Mr. Brenden updated the Board regarding the new Saturday League. The four-team league will commence play on February 21 and will continue for eight weeks. Mr. Brenden proposed that a fee of \$20 per player be imposed upon any Saturday player who is not a member of the Association. These fees should more than cover the cost of softballs to be used by the league. It is not expected that the Association would incur any other expenses since Mr. Brenden will use volunteers for umpiring, field preparation, etc. In addition, Mr. Deken noted that a fee of \$20 per team should be charged to cover an additional liability insurance premium. Mr. Lorgan moved that the aforementioned details

be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved.

The Board then discussed the following rules clarifications:

- 1. If a ball is hit over the fence for a homerun, the batter must, at a minimum, touch first base. Any runners on base do NOT have to circle the bases or touch the next base. They may immediately leave the field after the homerun occurs.**
- 2. If a substitute player starts a game and a roster player shows up later, the substitute shall finish that game and the roster player will NOT be entered into the lineup until the next game.**
- 3. A substitute may be selected to fill the place of any missing player. For example, if a team is missing level 2 and level 3 players, a level 2 player may take the place of the missing level 2 player. The substitute need not be rated 3 or below.**

A motion to adopt the above three clarifications was made by Mr. Lorgan and seconded by Dr. Spark. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deken advised the Board that the non-working soda machine has been removed and disposed of.

Mr. Davidson advised the Board regarding the recent changes in team rosters. The moves were required to add certain late-arriving players to rosters and to improve competitive balance.

Mr. Davidson then discussed the current schedule format. He noted that many players prefer to have fewer byes than the current schedule includes. After discussion, it was resolved that the remainder of this season's schedule would not be changed, but that the Board would recommend that next year's schedule include a Wednesday play date instead of byes (assuming that there are six teams). Wednesday play would include only one morning doubleheader. This would preclude conflicts with the Ladies' Team schedule. Players would play on a Wednesday every third week. This should alleviate some of the concern from players who have other activities on Wednesdays. It was also felt that by recommending this change now that players may be able to adapt their schedules to include Wednesday play.

The Board then discussed rainouts and make-up games. It was determined that the rainouts would not be rescheduled unless the results would effect the standings in a significant way. This will be determined on a date nearer to the conclusion of the Winter Season. The issue will be revisited at the March meeting.

Mr. Lorgan recommended that the Board express its thanks to Bill Gateley for his donation of the SwingAway Hitting Machine to the Association for use by all members. The Board formally commended Mr. Gateley for his generosity.

The Board then discussed the upcoming General Elections. Three Board seats will be up for election. The election date was set as March 31 during the season-ending tournament. The polls will open fifteen minutes prior to the first game and close at 2 p.m. The deadline for candidates to submit their names for inclusion on the ballot shall be March 17 at 1 p.m. Any eligible voter may request an absentee ballot from the Chairman of the Elections Committee. The ballot must be received prior to March 31. It was recommended that Duane Kraemer, Ed Sowney and Chuck Swanson be appointed to the Elections Committee. The above actions were unanimously approved via a motion made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Lorgan.

Mr. Lorgan noted that certain players use mitts in the field. He said that he thought that mitts could not be used by any fielders except first basemen and catchers. Other members thought that the rule was changed to allow any players to use a mitt in the field. Mr. Wolfe volunteered to determine the specifics of the rules per the Official Senior Softball-USA Rulebook. The Board agreed to comply with the rules as written therein and advise umpires to apply such rule or rules.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr, Spark to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes prepared by and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 24, 2009

A special emergency meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at the Field of Dreams at 2:12 p.m. by President Denny Davidson. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Hal Kime, Tom Lorgan, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the anticipated significant cost overruns relative to the upcoming Softball Social Event. At the regularly-scheduled February meeting the Board had approved a budget of approximately \$12.50 per person for the function and it was anticipated that the event would be held at the Ironwood Country Club and that 100-120 people would attend.

Due to an unexpected and overwhelming response, over 180 attendees are now likely to attend. This caused us to have to relocate the function to a much larger venue. The Oakwood Country Club was selected as the new venue: however, the cost per person at that venue will be higher as well.

Mr. Davidson asked whether we should consider canceling the event and holding an alternative (and cheaper) function, such as a cook-out, in the future. Mr. Deken noted that he planned to hold a raffle to offset some of the cost overruns. Mr. Wolfe then noted that anonymous supporters of the Association had agreed to contribute up to \$1000 to offset most of the cost overrun. He then made the following motion: Based upon the contribution from the anonymous donors and expected profits from the raffle, the Softball Social Event will be held as scheduled. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kime and passed by a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Ellis voting against the motion.

The Board agreed that in the future, if we have similar events, that a per person charge should be applied to offset the majority of the costs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Hal Kime, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Board member Tom Lorgan was absent. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Other participating Association members included Ed Sowney and Karen Kenyon and Olena Buxton representing the Ladies' Team.

A motion was made by Dr. Kime and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the minutes of the February 13 and February 24, 2009 Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report through February. He noted that the cost of the social event will be included in the March financial statements. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the report as submitted.

Dr. Spark and Mr. Deken then gave a report regarding the March 2 Social Event. It was noted that approximately 180 members and guests attended the event and that the gross cost was approximately \$3500. Proceeds from the raffle and some special donations from members totaled \$1225, resulting in a net cost of \$2275. It was agreed that the event was very successful and enhanced the camaraderie of the membership and their guests; however, the net cost was significant. The Board agreed that in planning for next year's event, charging an admission for the event in order to attain an approximate break-even result should be strongly considered. President Davidson and others thanked Dr. Spark and Mr. Deken for their work in organizing the event. Ms. Kenyon and Mrs. Buxton also noted that 15 of the 16 lady team members attended the event and that all attendees enjoyed the dinner and festivities.

Ms. Kenyon then reported on the Ladies' Team. She noted that the team finished the regular season with a record of 13-13. She thanked

Olena Buxton and Henry Ellis for assisting her in managing the team and also thanked the Board members for their support and the volunteer umpires.

Dr. Kime then noted that the console that controls the scoreboard is very old and subject to requiring repair and that replacement parts are no longer available. He also noted that the company that manufactured the console is currently allowing trade-in's for a new console. The cost for the replacement is less than \$300. A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Spark to purchase the new console based upon a "not to exceed price" of \$300. The motion was passed.

Dr. Kime also noted the need for a padded portable table for injured players. He will investigate the alternatives and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Wolfe then gave a report regarding banner sales for the fiscal year to date. His report showed sales of \$2510. The budget for the fiscal year ending September 30 is \$3250. He also noted that he had just sold a new banner to Chandler Regional Medical Center which increased sales to \$3005. He advised that Board that sales were much more difficult this year given the overall economic conditions and asked for aid in selling additional banners. The sale of banners is the only revenue-generating alternative to increasing dues next year. Mr. Wolfe will send out information to the full membership to seek support and aid in selling additional advertising space and supporting current advertisers.

The Board then discussed the make-up of cancelled games. It was noted that only one playing date has been lost. The Board agreed that the games will not be rescheduled.

The Board then discussed the March 31 post-season tournament. The attached scheduled was approved. Dr. Spark will coordinate the social aspects of the event, including the cook-out. A budget of \$350 was set for the event. Members of the Ladies' Team volunteered to help with the cook-out and will also help administer the elections.

The Board next discussed the upcoming elections for three Board positions. Mr. Sowney represented the Elections Committee during the discussion. He will ensure that a sign-up sheet for interested candidates

is posted at the field next week. The Board also extended the deadline for sign-ups to 1 p.m., March 24. It was noted that only residents of Sun Lakes and Sunbird are eligible to vote and run for office. After additional discussion, the Board approved the use of absentee ballots for members not attending the March 31 tournament. The Elections Committee members (Messrs. Duane Kramer, Ed Sowney and Chuck Swanson) will coordinate the absentee balloting program. Mr. Wolfe will send out an e-mail advising the membership of the absentee balloting alternative. The above action was unanimously approved, based upon a motion by Mr. Washington, duly seconded by Dr. Spark.

The Annual Awards Program was then discussed. It was noted that the Awards Policy provides that the following awards be presented during the post-season tournament:

- Most Valuable Player
- Most Improved Player
- Rookie-of-the-Year
- Sportsman-of-the-Year
- 600 Club (awarded to batters with a batting average of .600 and higher, based upon a minimum of 100 at bats)

In addition, the Ladies' Team will present an award to its top hitter. Mr. Davidson will solicit nominations for the various awards from the managers of both the fall and winter league seasons. The nominations will then be voted on by the full Board at a special meeting to be held in late March. Mr. Davidson will ask Bob Hutchins to again prepare the awards certificates. Mr. Washington was named to lead the singing of the national anthem prior to the games and to act as Master of Ceremonies for the awards presentations, which will take place prior to the championship game.

Dr. Spark then updated the Board regarding the Firefighters vs. Sun Lakes All-Stars Games. A doubleheader, followed by a cook-out sponsored by the Sun Lakes Fire Department, will be held on April 14 beginning at 9 a.m. Messrs. Washington and Ellis will select the All-Star team and manage the team. After extended discussion and several failed motions, a motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Dr. Kime to have the team consist of 14 members, to be selected by Messrs. Washington and Ellis, with non-resident members not to exceed five. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then briefly discussed the summer program. The season will commence on Thursday, April 2. Board members will coordinate the program. If too many players attend the program, the Board may consider splitting playing dates among interested players.

Jesse Washington will again be in charge of uniforms next year. He was also assigned the additional duty of renewing and/or obtaining team sponsorships.

The Board also recommended that next season's league schedules include far fewer bye dates. This will be acted upon during the summer by the new Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Prepared by and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 23, 2009

A special vote of the Board was conducted via e-mail to consider the authorization for two expenditures.

The Board unanimously approved the expenditure of \$416 for a new console for the scoreboard and an expenditure, not to exceed \$300, for a portable medical table.

Attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
April 10, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Tom Lorgan, Harry Roehl, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Other participating Association members for all or parts of the meeting included Larry Domas, Dennis LePore, Gene “Doc” Metcalf, Bill Serdar, Ed Sowney and Bob Yaryan.

A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Roehl to approve the minutes of the March 13 and March 23, 2009 Board Meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer’s Report. He noted that there was a \$493 surplus for the period October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; however, it is expected that field maintenance expenses, the purchase of additional softballs and other normal operating expenses would result in a deficit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. The only possible additional income during the summer months would be from the sale of additional advertising banners. A motion was made by Mr. Washington to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously approved.

Mr. Deken also noted that any cash transactions should be signed off by two individuals for internal control purposes. The Board accepted Mr. Deken’s recommendation.

The Board then accepted nominations for officer positions for the next twelve months. The following officers were duly elected:

- President: Denny Davidson
- Vice President: Tom Lorgan
- Secretary: Larry Wolfe
- Treasurer: Bob Deken

The Board then assigned duties for the coming year as follows:

- Team sponsors coordinator: Jesse Washington**
- Equipment manager: Jesse Washington**
- Field use scheduling coordinator: Harry Roehl**
- Social events director: Roger Spark**
- Banner sales director: Larry Wolfe**
- Maintenance of rosters: Larry Wolfe**
- Umpire coordinator: Tom Lorgan**
- Media reporter: Larry Wolfe**
- Scorekeeper and scoreboard operator manager: Dennis LePore**
- Chairman of team selection committee: Tom Lorgan**
- Substitute player coordinator: Henry Ellis**

Dr. Spark and Mr. Washington updated the Board on the upcoming Sun Lakes Fire Department versus Sun Lakes All-Stars games. The games will commence at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14. The Firefighters will provide food and drinks following the doubleheader. Messrs. Washington and Ellis will manage the All-Star team. Dr. Spark will serve as first base coach. The games will be played under senior softball rules. Mr. Wolfe will send out a notice to all players inviting them to attend the game and festivities.

Mr. Wolfe then discussed the need for the replacement of several billboards due to warping and general deterioration. Dr. Metcalf suggested that Mr. Wolfe call Jack Lander, who may have a contact that may donate replacement boards. In the absence of obtaining “free boards,” it will be necessary to purchase replacement boards in the near future.

Mr. Wolfe then advised the Board that he and Association member Mike Core will donate web design software to the Association and will begin working on the design of a website for Sun Lakes Senior Softball. It was noted that it will be necessary to purchase a domain name and enter into a contract with a company to provide web hosting. The estimated costs are nominal (less than \$20 for the domain name or names and less than \$10 per month for web hosting.) Mr. LePore volunteered to help with the project.

It was noted that the new scoreboard control console has been installed and is in working order.

Under new business it was agreed that Mr. Davidson will coordinate the distribution of various field keys to Board members and others on an as needed basis.

It was also agreed that the Board will strongly consider extending the winter season by two weeks (through mid-April) beginning with the 2010 winter season. It was also agreed that the 2009-2010 seasons will include far fewer Byes than the recently-completed season. This will be accomplished by either playing three doubleheaders per day or by playing two doubleheaders on Wednesdays, in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

In considering outside players for next season, it was unanimously agreed to “grandfather in” existing outside players prior to adding any others. It was noted that the number of outside players is currently at quota (25% of total membership); therefore, new outside players may be added only if an existing outside player does not renew his or her membership or if the resident membership increases. If the resident membership increases, one outside player could be added for every three resident players added.

Mr. Sowney then recommended that the Board consider producing a “New Member Information Package.” The board agreed that the idea had merit and that the information might also be included on the new website.

Mr. Washington advised the Board that six dozen new softballs would be purchased at a cost of \$34 per dozen.

Mr. Washington recommended that prior to next year’s playoffs that a rule providing that no substitutes could be used in the playoffs be adopted. The Board agreed with Mr. Washington’s recommendation.

It was confirmed that dues for “Summer Only” play are \$40 and must be collected prior to a new player’s third playing date. A waiver of liability must also be signed.

The Board agreed that the Tuesday only and Thursday only playing option be removed from next year’s application. Tuesday-Thursday players should fully commit to playing both days.

The Board then considered recommendations for a spring social event made via memo by Bill Serdar. The Board agreed that the Social Director should give Mr. Serdar's suggestions due consideration in planning next year's events.

The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 11. A draft budget will be presented at that meeting. Additional meetings during the summer may be held on an as required basis.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Recorded by and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

September 25, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The meeting was held in the Resources Room at the IronOaks Arts & Crafts Building. The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Denny Davidson, Harry Roehl, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Board members Henry Ellis and Tom Lorgan were absent. Bob Deken, Treasurer, and Olena Buxton, representing the Ladies' Team, were also in attendance. Association members Mike Core, Bill Corso, Jim Kilmartin, Rich Nadler and Ed Sowney attended all or portions of the meeting.

1. A motion was made by Dr. Spark to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roehl and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report for the period October 1, 2008 through September 24, 2009. He noted that he will present the final report for the fiscal year ending September 30 at the next Board Meeting (October 9, 2009). The major variances from the budget included a positive \$1300 in revenues from the sponsorship of billboards offset by a \$3000+ expense variance due to the annual social event and banquet. The net result to date showed a loss of \$1377 compared to a budgeted profit of \$186.
3. Mr. Deken then presented a preliminary budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010). He noted that his goal was to present a budget that was approximately breakeven. He assumed player dues of \$90 for the Tuesday/Thursday men's league and \$40 for the ladies' team. The budget included team sponsorship fees of \$1500 (six teams at \$250 each) and \$4250 from billboard sponsors. It was also assumed that the annual Association banquet would be a breakeven event with ticket prices charged attendees to cover the cost of the event. Assuming the cost per person is similar to the 2009 event, the ticket price per person would be in the \$15 to \$20 range. Significant expenditures for the fiscal year included \$2100 for new and replacement banners, \$1800 for field supplies and \$6000 for field maintenance. After a lengthy discussion, the Board

- directed Mr. Deken to prepare a revised budget for the October 9 meeting to include an additional \$800 for the replacement of dugout awnings, the purchase of team shirts for three teams and to include revised player fees to result in a near breakeven scenario. It was noted that the buildings at the field need to be repainted; however, the HOA will assume cost responsibility for that, resulting in no impact to the budget. The majority of the Board members in attendance conceptually agreed that the player dues for non-resident players should be moderately higher than those of resident players. Mr. Deken will take that into consideration in preparing the revised budget.
4. Ms. Buxton, substituting for Manager Karen Kenyon, then presented the Ladies' Team report. She noted that the team will again participate in the Valley of the Sun League and will play during the months of January and February, with practices to begin in December. Practices and games are on Mondays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays. Ms. Buxton also asked that the Board consider maintaining dues at \$35 per person for this season considering that no new uniforms will be required and that the ladies only use the field for three months of the year.
 5. Mr. Wolfe presented revised Player Application and Waiver Forms. He noted that the forms will be available on the website which will allow players to print out the forms and have them completed prior to turning them in with their dues. The Board approved the forms and set the following dates for applying for 2009-2010 membership: October 13 through October 27. Forms and dues will be collected at the Field of Dreams every Tuesday and Thursday between and including those dates. Mr. Kilmartin volunteered to coordinate the sign-ups.
 6. Dr. Spark then discussed the proposed 2010 social event and banquet. He will reserve a date in March for the event and will determine a budget for the event based upon discussions with the IronOaks Banquet Director. (The Board agreed that the event should be held at an IronOaks site since the IronOaks HOA is paying for the re-seeding of the outfield, the cost of maintenance "outside the fences" and the cost of utilities at the field.) Ticket prices will be determined based upon that budget. Prices will be set to cover all expenses of the event. Dr. Spark will also set dates and deadlines for the purchase of tickets. Mr. Washington will assist Dr. Spark in planning entertainment for the event.
 7. The Board then discussed the schedule for the fall season. Mr. Wolfe presented a draft showing a Tuesday, November 3 start date and the final play date of December 15 with December 17 reserved as an open

- make-up date for cancellations due to weather or conflicts with travel team tournaments. The schedule would feature three doubleheaders per play date with no byes. Mr. Davidson noted that the 65+ and 70+ travel teams would likely participate in a tournament that would conflict with the November 17 and 19 scheduled games. Mr. Wolfe will present a revised schedule that recognizes those conflicts for approval at the next meeting. The Board approved a November 2 start date for the Monday program. It was noted that Red Waterfield volunteered to coordinate that program.
8. The Board agreed that seasonal resident players must begin participating in league play no later than the November 15. Such players must submit applications, waivers and dues prior to the October 27 deadline to be included in the player draft. If a player arrives after November 15, he will be assigned to the Monday program until an opening on a team roster occurs. It was also noted that the player drafts, to be coordinated by Tom Lorgan, will commence shortly after the October 27 deadline for paying dues. Mr. Lorgan will select at least two additional selection committee members.
 9. The Board then discussed the Waiting List of Non-resident Players. The Board agreed to set a policy that requires new non-resident players to attain the actual age of 60 before being eligible to participate in any Association-sanctioned play. Any non-resident player younger than 60 that participated in the 2008-2009 program will be “grandfathered.” Mr. Wolfe will present a draft policy for the Board’s consideration at the next meeting. This age policy will not apply to the Ladies’ Team; however, the Ladies’ Team membership must maintain a roster of no more than 25% non-resident players per the Association’s Bylaws.
 10. Mr. Davidson proposed that the second season beginning in January be split into two seasons, with the rosters adjusted between seasons if required to obtain competitive balance. The attending Board members conceptually agreed with his proposal. The schedules for those seasons will be finalized at the December Board Meeting.
 11. The Board considered rules changes for the fall season. After considerable discussion and a motion made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Roehl, the following changes to the rules were approved: (a) a 1 and 1 count with “none to waste” will be utilized in league play; (b) a batter hitting a homerun over the outfield fence needs to touch first base, but then may return to the dugout. He may

- circle the bases if he desires to do so. Any runners on base must circle the bases. Mr. Delaney submitted a written proposal to adopt the SSUSA definition of age 70 for purposes of using the Ultra II and Worth 510 bats. The board also discussed changing the eligibility for using those bats to be based upon ability level rather than age. After considerable discussion and several other proposals, no changes were made to the existing bat policy. It was suggested that certain players be asked to use an ASA-approved bat to enhance player safety. Mr. Davidson will discuss this proposal with any player or players he feels should use an ASA-approved bat. Mr. Wolfe will prepare revised playing rules based upon the above-noted changes and any others that might be made at the October meeting.
12. Association Member Mike Core recommended that pitchers be asked to voluntarily wear a protective mask for safety purposes and that the Association purchase one or two masks for that purpose. Mr. Core's recommendation will be considered for adoption at the October meeting.
 13. Dr. Spark noted that for increased safety purposes we should have managers be responsible for dragging the infield between games. Via memorandum, Mr. Delaney advised that in dragging the field, we should not drag over the batters boxes, since this is causing damage to the support under the boxes. Team managers will be advised of these requirements.
 14. The Board then discussed the Monday Program. Based upon a motion by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington, the following was unanimously adopted: All new players joining the Association after the start of league play will first go to the Monday Program for evaluation and to await an assignment to a league team, if qualified. In addition, Dr. Spark will head a committee to determine which current players they feel should play in the less competitive Monday Program for safety purposes. Committee members will then discuss their concerns and recommendations with those identified as being at risk. They will also establish a policy for determining who may play on Mondays. For example, should higher-skilled players in the Tuesday/Thursday League be allowed to play on Mondays as well, or does this defeat the attempt to enhance safety? Dr. Spark will present the committee's recommendations at the October meeting.
 15. Mr. Washington noted that he obtained two replacement team sponsors for the coming fiscal year: Desert Cove Rehab & Nursing Center and Community Association Banc (Mutual of Omaha). He

- then presented quotes from four sources for new team shirts and hats. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Washington, to purchase new shirts for three teams this year (including the two new teams) and to not purchase any new hats this year. Approximately twenty hats left over from last year will be given to new players. The motion was unanimously approved.
16. Mr. Brenden's proposal for a Saturday League was then discussed in detail. A motion was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Roehl to approve a Saturday League with the following provisos: (a) the league will be completely independent of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association; in effect, the Saturday League will be renting the field from the Association; (b) the fall league may commence play on October 31 and run through December 19; (c) a second session may commence on January 9 and run through March 27; (d) field usage fees for the first session shall be set at \$180 per team and fees for the second session shall be \$220 per team. The Saturday League team managers will be responsible for collecting whatever dues they may wish to charge participating players. As a part of the agreement, the Association will furnish four balls per play date; (e) the Saturday League may adopt its own playing rules and player eligibility requirements; (f) Mr. Brenden will be responsible for preparing the field for play and locking up the field and buildings after each play date; (g) all teams and participants must sign a waiver form prior to participating in the league. Mr. Brenden will insure that such waivers are signed and submit them to Mr. Wolfe; (h) Mr. Brenden recognizes that there may be conflicts with tournaments on certain Saturdays. In such cases, the tournaments have priority. The Association will make a diligent effort to notify Mr. Brenden at least a week in advance of any conflicts.
17. Association Member Jim Kilmartin expressed his concern regarding the use of abusive language at the field by certain players. The Board agreed that excessive abusive language should not be tolerated and that a written warning should be given to those who use such language in the future and that continued use of abusive or foul language should result in suspension from the Association. It was noted that our Playing Rules do provide for ejection from a game and a four-game suspension for use of excessive foul language. It was agreed that the Board will consider applying similar sanctions during summer play. This will be considered at the October meeting. In addition, a Disciplinary & Grievance Committee will be named at that time.

18. Association Member Core updated the Board regarding future plans for the Association's website, <http://sunlakessoftball.com>. Webmasters Core and Wolfe plan to utilize a calendar for game dates, tournaments, the Ladies' team schedule, etc. In addition, a photo album feature will be added and photos on the website will be changed out on a periodic basis to feature different players. It was noted that this is the 25th anniversary of the founding of Sun Lakes Softball. A history article has been added as a link on the Home Page and additional items recognizing the 25th anniversary will be added. League standings and player batting averages will also be included after league play commences. If members have additional suggestions, they should forward them via email to postings@sunlakessoftball.com. It was noted that all future announcements will be via the website rather than via direct email to Association members; therefore, members should check the Home Page and Announcements page frequently.
19. Mr. Davidson suggested that On Base Percentage (OBP) be used for batting statistics rather than Batting Average. His definition of OBP includes reaching base via an error. His rationale was that our scorekeepers are inconsistent relative to determining what should be recorded as an error versus a hit. After spirited discussion, the matter was tabled until the October meeting.
20. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Recorded by and attested to by Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The meeting was held in the Resources Room at the IronOaks Arts & Crafts Building. The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Denny Davidson, Tom Lorgan, Harry Roehl, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Board members Henry Ellis and Roger Spark were absent. Bob Deken, Treasurer, also attended a portion of the meeting. Association members Mike Core, Larry Delaney, Evan Hansen, Jim Kilmartin and Ed Sowney attended all or portions of the meeting.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Roehl to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2009 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. The deficit for the year was \$1844.62. The deficit was due to the cost of the annual banquet.
3. Mr. Deken then presented a revised budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010). His draft budget showed a modest surplus of \$370 based upon dues levels of \$90 for Tuesday/Thursday play, \$100 for non-residents, and \$40 for Monday play and the Ladies' team members. Given that the Association has an investment CD for contingencies and a remaining balance in the checking account from previous years, the Board decided to maintain dues levels at the 2008-2009 levels with the exception that non-residents' dues would be \$85 for Tuesday/Thursday play. Dues levels were, therefore, set as follows: Tuesday/Thursday: \$75; non-resident Tuesday/Thursday \$85; Monday only play: \$35; summer only play: \$40; and, ladies' team: \$35. The Board also declared that the annual banquet would be budgeted as a breakeven event, meaning that attendees would be charged an admission price equal to the out-of-pocket per person cost of the event. Overall, the budget for the fiscal

- year will have a deficit based upon these changes. A motion to approve the revised budget as amended was made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved.
4. The Board discussed the need for a policy to establish what level of contingency funds the Association should have on a going forward basis. Messrs. Core and Wolfe agreed to work on a draft policy for presentation to the Board at a future meeting.
 5. There was no report relative to the Ladies' Team.
 6. Mr. Wolfe presented a revised schedule for the fall league. The scheduled was changed to "work around" two tournaments in November. This resulted in playing on one Wednesday and one Friday. The schedule assumed that six teams would play each date with no byes. After discussion, Mr. Washington moved that the scheduled be adopted as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Roehl and unanimously approved.
 7. Mr. Wolfe then presented a draft policy relative to non-resident players. Essentially, the policy states that non-residents must reach the age of sixty before playing in any Association-related game or event. The draft was amended to include a provision whereby current non-resident players under the age of sixty would be "grandfathered" and would be allowed to continue to participate. A motion was made by Mr. Roehl to approve the policy as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved.
 8. The Board members then discussed the playing rules as adopted at the previous meeting. The Board agreed to define a new player (as used on page 4 under the New and Returning Players clause) as any player who has not been an Association member for one year or more. Therefore, a previous member who has not participated for a year or more would need to begin play in the Monday program pending evaluation and a team roster opening. A motion to adopt this revision was made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Roehl and unanimously approved. Mr. Washington then made a motion to allow members aged 69 who would turn 70 in the program year to be allowed to use the Worth 510 and Miken Ultra II bats. After discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.
 9. Mr. Core then proposed that the Board formally recommend that pitchers wear a face mask and that the league provide a mask. After discussion, the Board agreed to recommend that all pitchers wear a mask. Messrs. Core and Wolfe agreed to buy a mask and donate it for use by pitchers.

10. The Board discussed the Monday program and players. One key point of emphasis in the Monday program is player safety. The Board therefore agreed to include a provision in the rules that would prohibit the use of the Worth 510 and Miken Ultra II by all players during Monday play, regardless of age. It was also agreed that the rules should clarify that banned bats may not be used by players in batting practice and during summer play. This includes under-70 players using the Worth 510 and Miken Ultra II at any time. A motion was made by Mr. Roehl and seconded by Mr. Lorgan to make the aforementioned changes to the rules. The motion was unanimously approved.
11. The Board members then discussed the Grievance Committee. Mr. Sowney volunteered to chair the committee. He will seek two additional members and will present recommended duties and guidelines for the committee at the next meeting.
12. Via email, Dr. Spark advised the Board that Duane Kramer and Dr. Hal Kime agreed to serve on the committee which determines which players should play only in the Monday program due to safety concerns and/or medical considerations.
13. Mr. Davidson then proposed that the Tuesday/Thursday program utilize a modified on base percentage instead of the traditional batting average for purposes of player statistics. After considerable discussion, the Board asked Mr. Wolfe to conduct an informal survey of players requesting their input. The survey will ask whether the league should keep no player statistics, maintain the use of batting averages or adopt the use of a modified on base percentage statistic. The survey will be conducted via email and will conclude on October 20. Based upon the survey results and further discussion, the Board will determine what, if any, player statistics will be kept.
14. The Board then opened up the meeting for the discussion of non-agenda items. (a) The first item discussed was whether players who wish to play only Tuesday or only Thursday should be assigned to a team roster. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Player Selection Committee will discuss the matter with such individual players who have played only one day in the past and attempt to come up with a fair solution. It was also agreed that the practice should be discouraged and that no new players be allowed to play on only Tuesday or Thursday. (b) Mr. Kilmartin then noted that there are problems with some of the lights around the field and with a water line. It was noted that the IronOaks HOA is responsible for

those maintenance items and that the issues should be reported to Mr. Deken who can contact the appropriate person at the HOA. (c) It was noted that Dr. Spark had agreed to inventory the first aid items at the field and insure that adequate supplies are on hand. Mr. Delaney will purchase some frozen peas and/or ice packs and maintain a supply in the freezer. (d) Mr. Lorgan noted that he will select additional members for the Player Selection Committee and advise the full Board of the members selected. Team rosters will be selected shortly after the October 27 deadline for the submission of player applications and dues.

15. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

16. The minutes were recorded and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

November 13, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The meeting was held in the Ocotillo Room at the IronOaks Arts & Crafts Building. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Tom Lorgan, Harry Roehl, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Bob Deken, Treasurer, also attended a portion of the meeting. Association members Mike Core, Bill Corso, Evan Hansen, Dennis LePore, Gene Metcalf and Ed Sowney attended all or portions of the meeting. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Roehl to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2009 meeting. Dr. Spark noted that under item 12 Bill Corso should be added as a Medical & Player Evaluation Committee member. Based upon that amendment, the motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved.
2. Ms. Kenyon then gave the Ladies' Team Report. She noted that she was in the process of organizing the team for the upcoming season and that she had placed a notice in the *Sun Lakes Splash* soliciting those with interest in joining the team. She stated that practices would begin in December with league games commencing in January. The team will again play in the Valley of the Sun League.
3. Mr. Washington then discussed Rich Nadler's request to use some old team shirts for a tournament next weekend. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the request. Mr. Washington will coordinate getting the shirts to Mr. Nadler.
4. The Board then discussed various bat issues at length. (a) Upon a motion by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved, the Board agreed that only bats with the BPF 1.20 stamped on the bat by the manufacturer would be considered legal bats. Bats with stickers or other temporary attachments would be deemed illegal. Mr. Wolfe will amend the Playing Rules to make this clarification. (b) Mr. Davidson then discussed a specific player issue. For safety purposes, that player had previously been asked to use only wooden softball bats or ASA-approved bats at the Field of Dreams. On certain occasions the player did not comply with the request. It was agreed

that Mr. Davidson would write a letter to said player regarding this issue and warn him that any future noncompliance would result in his suspension from the league through October 31, 2010. It was noted that the player would also lose his “grandfathered status” regarding non-resident players and, therefore, would not be able to apply for readmission to the Association until after his 60th birthday. The aforementioned action was taken via a motion by Mr. Roehl, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and approved with Mr. Washington casting a nay vote. Previously, Mr. Washington had made a motion that the suspension should be for four games; however, the motion died for the lack of a second. (c) The full Board and certain attending Association members then discussed and debated other bat issues. It was noted that bat issues have been a continuing problem and that alternative solutions might be implemented in the future. Among alternative solutions discussed was the idea of purchasing three or four team bats for each team and requiring all players to use those bats. It was also suggested that a restricted flight ball might be used to enhance safety. Another suggestion was made to allow all players to use any BPF 1.20 softball bat, including the currently-banned Miken Ultra II and Worth 510 bats. It was also discussed that players using illegal bats be suspended from the Association. No specific action was taken on any of these suggestions; however, the Board will seek membership input to assist in discussing and developing bat policy changes in the future. It was the consensus to not make any major changes in the bat policy during the season and that any significant changes would be preceded by a lengthy advance notice period. It was also recommended that all players consider the possibility of major changes in the bat policy when contemplating the purchase of new bats.

5. Mr. Deken then gave the Treasurer’s Report and presented the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010. A motion to accept the report and budget was made by Mr. Roehl, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved.
6. The Board then addressed a formal appeal by Manager Dennis Kennedy of the Grand Valley Golf Carts team. The appeal claimed that in a November 3 game versus Desert Cove an illegal bat was used by a Desert Cove player. With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning that player hit a “walk off” grand slam home run to win the game. Mr. Kennedy claimed that the umpire was notified but no action was taken. He asked the Board to rule that the use of the illegal bat should have resulted in a third out and that none of the runs should

- be counted and that Grand Valley should be credited with the win. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Mr. Lorgan to uphold the appeal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and approved. Mr. Ellis voted nay. Mr. Wolfe will notify Mr. Swanson, League Statistician, to change the league standings and the batting average of the effected player.
7. Mr. Lorgan then discussed some complaints from various managers and players regarding the team rosters. After discussion, it was agreed that no changes to the rosters will be made until after the conclusion of the fall season. At that time, several late-arriving players may be added and moderate adjustments may be made to improve competitive balance, if required.
 8. Dr. Spark gave the report of the Medical & Player Evaluation Committee. It was agreed to continue discussions in a closed session for Board members only.
 9. The Board then confirmed that game times will be at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 noon for the remainder of the fall season. Game times for the initial portion of the winter schedule will be at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
 10. The Board then briefly discussed Rules of Order for future meetings. The Board members encourage input from attending members; however, they agreed that a more formal structure would be desirable. In the future, it is requested that attending Association members raise their hand and be recognized by the President prior to expressing their opinions. This should speed up the meetings and still allow the members to be heard.
 11. In other business Mr. Washington noted that on page 5 of the Playing Rules, the rules refer to home plate rather than the home plate extension line. Mr. Wolfe will correct the rule as noted.
 12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Davidson at 12:26 p.m.

Recorded by and attested to by Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

December 11, 2009

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Denny Davidson. The meeting was held in the Ocotillo Room at the IronOaks Arts & Crafts Building. The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Tom Lorgan, Harry Roehl and Larry Wolfe. Board members Sparks and Washington were absent. Bob Deken, Treasurer, also attended a portion of the meeting. Association members Mike Core, Bill Corso and Ed Sowney attended all or portions of the meeting. Karen Kenyon and Olena Buxton represented the Ladies' Team.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Lorgan to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roehl and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report. No significant variances from budget were noted. He stated that our previous Certificate of Deposit (CD) had matured and that he was in the process of reinvesting the balance and accumulated interest in a new seven-month CD through Mutual of Omaha.
3. Ms. Kenyon then gave the Ladies' Team Report. She provided the Board with the team schedule and noted that the team will begin play in the ten-team Valley of the Sun League on January 4. She also noted that Association Members Core, Deken, Washington and Wolfe had volunteered to umpire the home games.
4. Mr. Wolfe presented a draft schedule for the winter-spring season. After review and discussion, Mr. Lorgan moved that the schedule be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roehl and unanimously approved.
5. The Board discussed potential rule changes for the upcoming season. No changes other than the point of emphasis described under item 8 below were adopted.
6. The Board discussed roster changes for the winter-spring season. It is anticipated that five or six new and returning players will be added and that a few fall league players will not play due to injuries or personal reasons. The Board set a deadline of January 2 for submitting

- applications and fees for the new season. The Player Selection Committee, chaired by Mr. Lorgan, will make roster adjustments considering the above and may make a few other adjustments to enhance competitive balance. However, in general, the teams will be very similar to the fall league rosters.
7. Mr. Wolfe presented proposed modifications to the Annual Awards Policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Roehl to eliminate the MVP Award and to accept Mr. Wolfe's proposal to increase the eligibility level for all other awards from 100 to 150 at bats. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved.
 8. The Board discussed certain situations whereby the team managers have agreed to change playing rules. The Board reiterated that no managers or umpires have the authority to change any playing rules. Mr. Wolfe will insert a paragraph in the Playing Rules clarifying this point.
 9. The Board agreed to continue the Sun Lakes Fire Department vs. Sun Lakes All-Stars event. The Board agreed that only Sun Lakes resident players should participate in the games and that we should include two ladies on the Sun Lakes team assuming the Fire Department uses lady players. Dr. Spark will coordinate the event which will be held in March or April.
 10. Mr. Davidson noted that the Saturday League had recently allowed players under the age of 50 to participate in league play and that other players not on any of the team rosters were allowed to participate. It was also noted that there have been complaints regarding dirty restrooms after Saturday play. Mr. Wolfe will prepare a letter to the League Commissioner, Ken Brenden, expressing these concerns and requiring that the league abide by the agreements previously made.
 11. Under Other Business: (a) The Board set the dates of March 23 and 25 for Board of Directors elections. The terms of current Board members Davidson, Ellis, Lorgan and Washington expire as of March 31. All are eligible for reelection if they desire to run again. The Board will encourage all resident players with an interest to submit their names to the Election Committee, which will be named at the February meeting. (b) The Board discussed the alleged use of an unauthorized bat by a player previous warned about using such bats. The Board will discuss the matter with the player next week and take action as required. (c) The use of the field for non-Association purposes was briefly discussed. This item was tabled for further consideration. (d)

Mr. Sowney asked the status of discussions with Channel 49 personnel regarding a possible feature about Sun Lakes softball. Mr. Davidson noted that he had discussions with Channel 49 and that he was still working on setting up a meeting with them. (e) Mr. Davidson noted that a representative from Tanel Sports asked if he could set up a booth at a future game or games to sell their merchandise at a discount to Association Members. The Board authorized Mr. Davidson to pursue the matter.

12. In closed session the Board discussed a confidential matter presented by a member of the Medical and Player Evaluation committee.
13. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Prepared by and attested to by Larry Wolfe, Secretary.