

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 11, 2013

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by President Davidson. The meeting was held in the Library Room in the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board Members Mike Core, Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Ed Sowney, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Also in attendance were Treasurer Bob Deken and Association members Bill Corso, Evan Hansen, Gary Hillabolt, Larry Kaufmann and Dennis LePore.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Ellis that the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting be approved as written. Motion passed.

Mr. Deken gave the Treasurer's report for December and the three months ended December 31, 2012. Most expense items are in line with budgeted amounts except that the cost of the new sidewalks was not in the budget. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Core that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Dr. Spark and Mr. Deken discussed the financial impact of the recent weekend tournaments. It was noted that the Association had a profit of approximately \$350 from the sale of food. Various menu alternatives for the tournaments were discussed. It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Wolfe that the current menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, a soft drink and a cookie be maintained. Motion passed.

Mr. Ellis gave a brief report regarding the ladies' team. He noted that the season had begun and that the ladies had split the first two games. Thirteen players have signed up to play.

Mr. Core gave an update regarding the distances between bases and the pitcher's safety screen. It was agreed to leave the bases in their current positions and to use our existing pitcher's screen which measures 6 feet in height for a trial period. The Board discussed the implementation of the use of the safety screen and rules applicable thereto. Mr. Core moved that we implement the use of the safety screen rule on Monday, January 14 and that

it be used for all men's play including Mondays, Tuesday-Thursday league play and Saturday play. (The requirement would not apply to the ladies' league or to any non-league tournaments held at the field.) The motion also stated that the rules relating to the pitcher's safety screen should be as follows: (1) a batted ball hitting any portion of the screen is a strike. If this results in a third strike, the batter is out; (2) a second batted ball hitting the screen in a player's same at bat is an automatic out; (3) a thrown ball by a fielder hitting the screen is in play; (4) the screen shall be placed directly in front of the pitcher's rubber at a distance of approximately fifteen feet; (5) the pitcher shall deliver the ball over the screen from within the pitcher's box; and, (6) a pitch hitting the screen is a ball. Mr. Sowney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolfe reported upon his research regarding full coverage mats. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Sowney and seconded by Mr. Washington that we not purchase the mats and that our existing mat and batters boxes be maintained. Motion passed.

Mr. Davidson noted that Messrs. Giordano, Hillbolt and Kramer were appointed to the Elections Committee.

The Board discussed plans for the January 24 end-of-session tournament. Mr. Wolfe presented a proposed tournament schedule. The Board also discussed modifying certain rules for tournament play. It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the full count be maintained for the tournament. Motion passed. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that the schedule as proposed by Mr. Wolfe be accepted and that the "Flip-flop rule" be used whereby if the visiting team is up by eight or more runs after six innings, the trailing home team would bat before the visitors in the seventh inning. Motion Passed.

The Board discussed the upcoming player draft for the second session. It was noted that Harry Roehl will not manage during the second session. A replacement manager will be selected. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the player draft be held after the January 24 tournament; that January 22 be the deadline for players to sign up for league play; and, that the same drafting rules and procedures be used for the second session draft that were in effect for the session one draft. Motion passed.

Dr. Spark presented an update regarding the March 23 banquet. It was confirmed that no entertainment would be included, but that Mr. Davidson would conduct a brief annual business meeting after the dinner.

Mr. Davidson discussed requests by the Elite Real Estate Pros team to hold a tournament at the field. Given that the team consists of primarily Association members, it was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Wolfe that the request be approved. Motion passed. The Board discussed weekend tournaments that conflict with Saturday play. Mr. Washington moved that no more than two tournaments be allowed per month. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board consensus was that a policy is needed in regards to tournaments and that it should address the number of tournaments allowable within a month. It was also agreed that the Association would continue to run the concessions at such tournaments.

Association member Larry Kaufmann noted that a lot of time is wasted by catchers missing pitches and then “strolling” to the backstop to retrieve it. He suggested that an extra ball be put in play by the umpire or be available behind the screen. No action was taken.

Mr. Davidson suggested that we re-implement the 1 and 1 count for league play. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Ellis that the 1 and 1 count be re-implemented for league play. Motion failed.

Mr. Davidson asked that Board members think about and be ready to discuss the use of additional non-resident players when required to fill out rosters at the February meeting. He noted that such action would require a change to our bylaws.

It was moved by Mr. Sowney and seconded by Mr. Ellis that we present a team photo to all team sponsors and provide a plaque to the sponsor of the team that wins the second session. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Sowney and seconded by Mr. Washington that championship t-shirts be presented to the winners of the second session this year and to league championship team members in the future. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

February 8, 2013

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Davidson. The meeting was held in the Library Room in the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board Members Mike Core, Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Ed Sowney, Roger Spark and Larry Wolfe were present. Board member Jesse Washington was absent. Also in attendance were Treasurer Bob Deken and Association members Ken Brenden, Larry Domas, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hillabolt, Steve Kay, Dennis Kennedy, and Dennis LePore.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the minutes of the January 11, 2013 meeting be approved as written. Motion passed.

Mr. Deken gave the Treasurer's report for January 2013. He noted that the concession revenues from the January tournaments were \$1575 and resulted in a profit of over \$500. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Core that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

Mr. Ellis gave a brief report regarding the ladies' team. He noted that the team currently had a record of 11 wins versus only four losses. The only issue has been a shortage of players. He noted that Charlene Ellis had been elected to the position of President of the Valley of the Sun League for the 2014 season.

Mr. Davidson noted that the Elections Committee reported that no candidates for the two upcoming open Board of Directors' seats had been obtained other than from the incumbents, Messrs. Ellis and Washington. A notice will be placed on the Home Page of our website soliciting additional candidates. The Board set March 1 as the deadline for candidates to express their desire to run for the Board. If there is no competition for the open seats, no election will be required. If there are additional candidates, the Board will set the date for the elections at the March Board meeting.

Mr. Davidson discussed his desire to potentially assign additional non-resident players to teams to ensure a full roster of thirteen players. He noted

that IronOaks and other Sun Lakes residents would always have priority. Ideas were discussed, but no specific action was taken.

Dr. Spark updated the Board regarding the March 23 banquet. He expects the meals, including taxes and gratuities, to approximate \$19 per person. The \$40 per couple ticket price should cover the meals plus other incidentals.

Dr. Spark discussed the Sun Lakes Fire Department's request to play a doubleheader versus a Sun Lakes team. The Board set a date of March 3 for the event, which would include lunch provided by the firefighters. Mr. Davidson will assemble a team of Sun Lakes residents and will umpire the games.

Mr. Core expressed concern that the defibrillator at the field may not be in working order. Dr. Spark will have the Fire Department check the unit and will also coordinate the training and certification of Association members interested in learning how to operate the unit. Mr. Sowney suggested that a list of certified operators be posted in the scorer's booth.

It was suggested that the "flip-flop" rule be used when the visiting team leads by eight or more runs after six innings. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Core that the rule be adopted for league play. Motion failed.

On behalf of Mr. Washington, Mr. Wolfe presented a proposal to purchase t-shirts for champions of each regular season commencing with the second session this year. He proposed the purchase of 40 shirts for the next three sessions at a total cost of approximately \$400. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the proposed purchase be approved. Motion passed.

Mr. Davidson updated the Board on recent roster changes and changes to the rankings of certain players.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 8, 2013

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Davidson. The meeting was held in the Library Room in the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board Members Mike Core, Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Ed Sowney, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Also in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Association members Larry Domas, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hillabolt, Art Isley, Steve Hilby, Steve Kay, Dennis Kennedy, Dennis LePore, Rich Nadler, Harry Roehl, Red Waterfield and Bob Zawidski.

President Davidson advised the Board that Messrs. Ellis and Washington were unopposed in their bids for reelection to the Board; therefore, no elections will be required. Messrs. Ellis and Washington will begin new three-year terms on April 1, 2013.

President Davidson advised the Board that a major tournament will conflict with our scheduled year-end league tournament and awards ceremony on April 23. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the last play date in April be eliminated and that the tournament and awards ceremony be held on Thursday, April 18. Motion passed.

The Board then discussed a protest filed by Farmers Insurance relative to a game played on February 21 vs. State Farm Insurance. In that game, a substitute player's name was listed in the line-up, but said player did not participate until the 4th inning. When the player's position in the line-up came up, an automatic out was recorded. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that the protest not be upheld, but that the Board clarify the rule to cover this type of situation in the future. Motion passed.

There was no Treasurer's Report since Mr. Deken advised the Board that he had not yet received the monthly bank statement.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Wolfe that the start time for game one be moved to 8:30 a.m. effective with the March 19 games. Motion passed. (The start time also applies to Monday and Saturday play.)

Mr. Ellis reported that the ladies team season has concluded. The team had an overall record of 13-14 and a league record of 9-8. He also advised the Board that Charlene Ellis had been elected President of the Valley of the Sun Ladies League.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the minutes of the February 8, 2013 meeting be approved as written. Motion passed.

Dr. Spark advised the Board that the defibrillator was not working. He will coordinate the repair. He also will coordinate defibrillator/CPR training in the near future.

Association member Harry Roehl addressed the Board with several issues. He noted that a recreational league player had acted inappropriately on several occasions. It was agreed that Dr. Spark will discuss the issues with the offending party. If that is unsuccessful in resolving the issues, a formal complaint will be taken to the Grievance Committee. Mr. Roehl then proposed that the 1 and 1 count with one to waste be reinstated for future play. He will present a proposed player survey to the Board at the next meeting. The survey will tabulate the preferences of the league players regarding the full count vs. 1 and 1 count. Mr. Roehl then proposed that only ASA bats be used for Monday recreational league play, including both batting practice and the pick-up games. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that only ASA-approved bats be used for all Monday play effective Monday, March 11. Motion passed. Finally, Mr. Roehl proposed that either ASA-bats or restricted flight balls be used in the future for safety reasons. The Board agreed to consider the proposal prior to league play resuming in the fall.

Association member Dennis LePore advised the Board that Art Sloane had requested the Association consider donations to the Homeless Veterans charity. After discussion it was agreed to consider placing a donation box at the field at some point in the future. Mr. LePore will bring up this request again at a later time.

Association member Gary Hillabolt recommended that the Board consider changing the rule regarding a batted ball hitting the pitcher's safety screen. He recommended that it be an automatic out the first time it is hit. The Board agreed to consider the recommendation when finalizing playing rules for the fall season.

Dr. Spark reminded the attendees that the Annual Social Event will be held on Saturday, March 23 in the Oakwood Ballroom. He discussed various plans for the event.

Association member Art Isley proposed that player Bill Whitely be moved from the Desert Cove team to the State Farm team in an attempt to improve competitive balance. He felt that Mr. Whitely was improperly rated prior to the draft and that impacted the selection of players. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Core that Mr. Whitely remain on the Desert Cove team and that no roster changes be made. Motion passed.

Association member Gary Hillabolt recommended that the committee that rates players be changed next year. He proposed that only Association members fully participating in the program, including the summer program, serve on the committee. The Board took Mr. Hillabolt's recommendation under advisement.

The league schedules for next year were briefly discussed. The Board will consider having a short season (November-December) and two separate sessions after the first of the year. The matter was taken under advisement for future action.

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

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 12, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Davidson at 10:09 am in the Library Room of the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board members Mike Core, Dennis Davidson, Henry Ellis, Ed Sowney, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Also in attendance was Treasurer Bob Deken and Association members Steve Kay, Steve Hilby, Harry Roehl, Mike Gloyd, Dennis LePore, Gary Hillabolt and Larry Domas.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Dr. Spark that the minutes of the March 8, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mr. Deken. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Washington that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion Passed.

Mr. Davidson reported that the assigned duties to each board member for 2013-14 would be the same as for 2012-13 with Mr. Core as field scheduler and assisting with the website, Mr. Ellis serving as the player commissioner, Mr. Sowney serving as associate player commissioner and kitchen coordinator, Dr. Spark as coordinator of the annual banquet and lunches for tournament days, Mr. Washington as purchasing agent for balls, hats, shirts and other miscellaneous items, and Mr. Wolfe as the Board Secretary and assisting with the website.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that a resolution be approved congratulating the 2008 Ladies Team for being recognized by the Arizona Softball Hall of Fame. Motion passed

The board heard a report from Association Member Harry Roehl who surveyed the members regarding using a one-and-one count with one to waste for league games next year. Mr. Roehl reported the survey of the members favored the one and one count with one to waste over the full count with none to waste by a vote of 43-34. After discussion it was moved by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington that the one and one count with one to waste be adopted for next year's 2013-14 league play. Motion passed.

Dr. Spark presented a summary overview of Annual Banquet. The Banquet was successful with over 140 in attendance. He thanked all board members who helped to make the Banquet a success and he also reported a small profit after all expenses were considered. All Board Members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Spark for his efforts with the banquet.

Dr. Spark also reported on the food for the April 18 season ending tournament and social event. Sub sandwiches, chips and sodas will be provided to the members and guests during the tournament play.

Mr. Wolfe presented a schedule for the April 18 tournament. It will follow the same format as the prior tournament in January with the same seeding process. The first game will begin at 8 am with a projected time of 1:20 for each game. It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Spark that the proposed schedule be adopted. Motion passed. Following discussion of the use of one or two umpires for tournament games, it was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Sowney that only one umpire be used. Motion passed. After discussion it was the Board's consensus that tournament play will be conducted under the same rules as was used for the league play this year.

Mr. Washington displayed to the Board the Championship T-shirts that will be awarded to the league champs for the second session. Enough shirts have been purchased for the next two sessions of the 2013-14 league seasons.

Mr. Core reported that the move to using only ASA bats for Monday seems to have reduced the number of members coming to Monday play resulting in only batting practice and no pick-up games. After some discussion, the board decided to have more discussions on this topic at a future board meeting since 2012-13 Monday play will be concluded on April 15.

Mr. Davidson led a discussion on the use of a different ball instead of the .44 COR 375 lb. compression ball currently used. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Sowney that a more extended trial of a .40 COR 325 lb. compression ball be conducted during the summer and that the current supply of balls for batting practice would be used. Motion passed.

Mr. Davidson said the June, July and August Board meetings will not be held due to various conflicts with Board Members' schedules during that time period. The regular monthly schedule will resume with the September Board meeting.

Association Member Gary Hillabolt was recognized and expressed a concern with how player ratings were being conducted. Mr. Hillabolt cited that of the current three rating committee members, one doesn't play on a regular league basis and another is only a sub. He asked that two new people, who play on a regular basis, be put on the committee. Mr. Hillabolt also brought up a concern about potential player collisions at home because many players were not staying very far away from home plate. He suggested that more than just a line be used to indicate where the scoring plate should be. He recommended that we use another plate for scoring as suggested in the SS-USA Senior Softball Rule Book.

The Board received a request from St. Peter Indian Mission School for a donation to an upcoming fundraiser. Out of a concern of establishing a precedent, the board consensus was not to make a donation.

The Board held elections for officers for the 2013-2014 term. The following were elected officers: President- Dennis Davidson; Vice President- Roger Spark; Secretary- Mike Core; and Treasurer- Larry Wolfe.

In final action, the board named Sam Giordano as Most Improved Player for 2012-13 and Jack Strauss as the Sportsman of the Year. No Rookie of the Year was selected as no first year players achieved the required 150 at bats.

The Board also will conduct further discussions at future meetings to develop a nominating process for those awards.

Mr. Davidson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm

Michael Core, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 9, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Davidson at 3:03 pm in the Library Room of the Oakwood Clubhouse Building. Board members Mike Core, Dennis Davidson, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Board members not in attendance were Henry Ellis and Ed Sowney. Also in attendance were Association members Mike Gloyd, Dennis LePore, Sam Giordano, Evan Hansen, Duane Kramer and Larry Domas.

It was moved by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the minutes of the April 12 Board meeting. Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. Wolfe who had sent out the report for Directors review prior to the meeting. Mr. Wolfe explained his changes in the presentation. He reported year-to-date net income of approximately \$4500 compared to a budget of \$3665. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Association should finish the fiscal year with a positive net income, but reminded Directors that there were still five months remaining in the fiscal year. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Dr. Spark that the report be accepted. Motion passed.

A resolution authorizing Mr. Davidson and Mr. Wolfe to be co-signatories to any Association certificate of deposits with Bank of America was presented. It would require any action on the CDs be done with two signatures. It was

moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the resolution. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolfe explained to the board that he would like information regarding budget requirements to be given to him prior to the September Board meeting. Mr. Wolfe said he will present a preliminary budget at that meeting.

The Board discussed summer play. It was the consensus of the board that during the summer the pitcher safety screen would be placed 10 feet in front of the pitching rubber and that pitchers would be required to pitch from the rubber. It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Spark that effective June 1, the starting time for Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday batting practice and pickup games would be 7:30 am and that new .40 COR balls would be used during summer play beginning on that date as well. Motion passed. A reminder will be posted on the website.

Mr. Washington presented some information on new shirts and hats for the 2013-14 season. It was the consensus of the board to gather more information as to the need for new shirts next season. It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Spark that new hats be purchased for the 2013-14 season. Motion approved.

Mr. Davidson led a discussion concerning the make up of the Player Rating Committee. It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Davidson and Mr. Core should meet and discuss the selection of the committee members for the upcoming season.

Mr. Core presented to the board draft comments that he believed the Association should file with the IronOaks HOA General Manager Clark Champion. The Ad Hoc Pickleball Committee's report on the site selection study has been completed and presented to the IronOaks board. Two of the possible sites would have significant impacts on the softball field, parking lot and the use of the field restrooms. The Board felt it imperative that comments regarding the impact of these sites be sent to the General Manager and the HOA board. Mr. Core requested further board input and will file those comments with HOA General Manager. Such comments, when completed and filed, will also be posted on the website.

In other items, Mr. Davidson asked that the Board be prepared to discuss the use of batting mats at the next meeting.

Duane Kramer expressed appreciation to the Board for the successful March banquet and the Board thanked him for his comments.

It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Core that the Board go into executive session to discuss non-resident participation. Motion passed.

Following the executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next schedule meeting will be September 13, 2013.

Mike Core, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 13, 2013**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Davidson at 10:02 am in the Library Room of the Oakwood Clubhouse building. Board members Mike Core, Dennis Davidson, Ed Sowney, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe were present. Also in attendance were Association members Ken Brenden, Ron Brown, Bill Corso, Larry Delaney, Doug Friesen, Sam Giordano, Evan Hansen, Steve Hilby, Steve Kay, Jim Kilmartin, Dennis LePore and Bill Maxwell.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Dr. Spark that the minutes of the Director's May 8, 2013 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the Treasurer's report. Association revenue was approximately \$2,400 ahead of budget through 11 months of the current fiscal year. However, field maintenance costs were higher than budgeted making the bottom line surplus approximately \$1,000 with the projected

surplus to be approximately \$500 by fiscal year's end. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that the report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the Association's 2013-14 Fiscal Year Budget. After reviewing the budget assumptions Mr. Wolfe explained that with a reduced amount of revenue from the three-year outfield sign advertising contracts for the next fiscal year, a deficit of approximately \$4,000 is projected. Mr. Wolfe posed the questions that "Do we want to live off reserves for the next year?" He suggested a committee be appointed to study the financial reserves necessary to meet large expenditures in the coming years. Mr. Davidson appointed Ken Brenden, Larry Delaney, Sam Giordano, and Steve Hilby to a Reserves Assessments Committee with Mr. Giordano as the chairman. After further discussion it was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington to raise dues for the 2013-14 fiscal year as follows: Recreational Program (Mondays, Saturdays and Summer Play Only) to \$55, Full Resident Program (Recreational and League Play) to \$95, Full Non-Resident Program (Recreational and League Play) to \$105 and the Ladies Program to \$45. Motion carried with Mr. Davidson being against, but unable to vote as President.

Mr. Davidson reviewed the duties of each Board member for the upcoming year.

Mr. Core presented the league 2013-14 schedules for board approval. The league would begin play on October 29 with the first session ending December 19 with no tournament. The second session would begin January 7 and end on February 20 with a single elimination tournament slated for Saturday, February 22. The third and final session would begin on February 25 and end on April 15 with a single elimination tournament slated for Thursday, April 17. Mr. Core pointed out that one Saturday in January would be used for scheduled league play to keep the schedule balanced and to avoid finishing any later than April 17. It was moved by Mr. Core moved that the schedule be approved as presented and seconded Dr. Spark. Motion carried.

Mr. Core also stated that the application form for 2013-14 year would be posted on the website October 1. Applications and checks can be turned during pick-up game days on October 15, 17 or 22. They can also be

turned into any board member after October 1. Applications and checks will be accepted up to October 22 with the managers drafting their teams on October 24 or 25.

Mr. Washington presented one of the new caps which have been purchased for each player for the upcoming 2013-14.

Mr. Davidson led the Board in a discussion of desired roster size of the league teams. The consensus of the Board was to try to get at least 13 players on each team if possible.

Mr. Davidson led the board in a discussion of the substitution rule for league play in the upcoming season. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that a test substitution rule will be used in the first session of the schedule whereby team managers could replace a missing player with a player from the same rating level or lower rating level. Also included in the motion was that teams that failed to acquire the proper substitutes to keep their roster at the same number as was drafted would be assessed an automatic out for each slot on the roster for each at-bat missed during a game. Motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Wolfe voting against the motion.

Mr. Davidson informed the board that he will appoint a Players Rules Committee to review the rules and make recommendations to the Board for changes where necessary.

Mr. Davidson conducted a discussion concerning the type of softball to be used during league play. Currently summer play is using a 375lb compression ball with a .40 C.O.R. It is reported that a petition is being passed to use the same ball as last year in the upcoming league play i.e. 375lb compression with a .44 C.O.R. The board chose to table any decision until receiving a petition that is being circulated for the latter ball.

Mr. Delaney reported to the board that he is hopeful that the over seeding of the field will be done Sept 25 and if all goes well play on the field can resume in the latter part of October. Mr. Sowney will work with the Chandler Parks and Recreation department for temporary field rentals at Snedigar Park. Mr. Sowney also reported he will do some research on a mat that might be used for home plate and batter's boxes. Mr. Sowney

also presented his concerns about the use of profane language at the field and urged all members to be involved in curtailing this language.

The next regular Board meeting date will be Friday, October 11.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Michael Core, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

President Denny Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:02 am in the Library of the Oakwood Club House. Board members present were Jesse Washington, Ed Sowney, Larry Wolfe, Mike Core and Dr. Roger Spark. Also in attendance were the following association members: Sam Giordano, Ken Brenden, Dennis Kennedy, Dennis LePore, Gary Hillabolt, Mike Gloyd, and Larry Delaney.

Mr. Core moved and Dr. Spark seconded that the minutes of the September 13 Board meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe then presented the Treasurer's Report. The fiscal year ending September 30 was reviewed. Mr. Wolfe pointed out that net income for the past fiscal year was \$1161 and was due in large part to pre-payments by field sign sponsors. He reminded the board that next year would see a fall off in income as there will be fewer sponsor pre-payments in the next fiscal year as most signs are pre-paid on a three year period. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Dr. Spark that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Core moved and Mr. Washington seconded that the issue of the use of .44 C.O.R. (Coefficient of Restitution) balls for the upcoming season be brought to the table for more consideration. After discussion Mr. Wolfe moved and Dr. Spark seconded that .44 C.O.R. balls be used during the upcoming season, that Mr. Washington was authorized to purchase the appropriate number of 44 C.O.R. balls for the first session of league play, and, that the remaining 40 C.O.R. balls be used for Monday play and next summer until they have been used up. Motion carried

The Board discussed the substitute player rule approved at the September 13 meeting. It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Sowney to rescind the rule, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Ken Brenden, on behalf of the newly appointed Playing Rules Committee, presented a report from the committee. The committee consists of Mr. Brenden, Dennis LePore, Sam Giordano, Bill Cheney and Larry Kaufmann. As a result of this report and ensuing discussion, the Board took the following actions:

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that the following be adopted:

- 1) There will be a rating system of 1 thru 4 with 1 being the highest rated player thereby giving the managers an ample pool of players to substitute.
 - a. There will be 12 #1 rated players with the remaining players falling #2 thru #4.
 - b. Managers will need to fill their rosters to 12 for each game. If the manager cannot fill the roster to 12 of his own players;
 - i. Managers will substitute a player equal to their rating or lower.
 - ii. All managers must use their best efforts to ensure they have 12 man rosters.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Washington that the following be adopted:

- 2) Teams will draft their roster based on the following procedure:
 - i. A manager must draft themselves based on the following:
 1. #1 rated managers must draft themselves in the 1st round.
 2. #2 rated managers must draft themselves by the 3rd round.
 3. #3 rated managers must draft themselves by the 7th round.

4. #4 rated managers must draft them selves by the 11th round.
- ii. The draft order will be by a random drawing determined by a non-manager member drawing the names out of a hat. The order cannot be changed.
- iii. The will be a serpentine draft

Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that the following be adopted:

- 3) A ball striking the screen in front of the pitcher is a foul ball and will be subject to the foul ball rules.

Motion carried 4-1.

The board also debated two other items from the Committee's report:

It was moved by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the pitcher's screen be removed. Motion was defeated, 3-2.

It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Washington that home runs will be unlimited. Motion was defeated 5-0.

Mr. Sowney made a brief report concerning the use of the Snedigar Park rentals. Mr. Delaney was also present and said the over seeding of the field looks good and that perhaps we can get back to the field a little earlier than reported. He will know more in a couple of weeks.

Dr. Spark reported that no date has been established for the 2014 Banquet. He said he is targeting the 3rd Saturday in March, but needs to check various schedules to selecte a final date.

Mr. Delaney asked for help during the week of October 14 to spread gravel on the warning path. It will be posed on the website.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 15 at the Oakwood Club House Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Core, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 6, 2013**

President Denny Davidson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am in the library of the Oakwood Clubhouse. Board members present were Larry Wolfe, Mike Core, Ed Sowney, Henry Ellis, Jesse Washington and Dr. Roger Spark. Also present were Association members Sam Giordano, Ken Brenden, Mike Gloyd, Steve Hilby, Dennis LePore and Bill Corso.

Mr. Core moved and it was seconded by Mr. Wolfe that the minutes of the Oct. 7, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the league could be short of team sponsor fees. He reported that the Association will need to look for new team sponsors to replace any that are dropping their sponsorship. Mr. Wolfe reported that the Association is slightly ahead of budget due to increased field banner signs income. Mr. Core moved and Mr. Washington seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe also reported that he would like to explore changing from the current Bank of America to another bank due to poor service at the current institution. It was the consensus of the board that Mr. Wolfe should explore other banks and report back at the January Board meeting with his findings and a recommendation of a new bank.

Mr. Giordano, chairman of the Capital Expenditures Committee, presented an initial assessment of the necessary financial reserves that the Association should maintain for capital expenditures. He stated that the Association needs to have an annual capital expenditures budget and should establish an annual budget that factors in the necessary long term financial reserves to meet such expenditures. He asked for the Board's input to the committee on the process. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Davidson led a discussion on the “Rock” softballs used during the first session of league play. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Core that the league play continue to use the “Rock” ball and that a new ball be available for each game if the umpire deems it necessary. Motion carried.

Mr. Davidson also led a discussion of the upcoming Session 2 league play including the player inventory and the drafting of teams. It appears that there will be at least 74 players in league play. After discussion Mr. Davidson set January 3 as the deadline for any new applications and January 5 as the date of the draft for teams.

Mr. Ellis report that the Ladies Team has held several practices and is still looking for additional players. Rick Ebel is assisting Mr. Ellis in the coaching of the team. Mr. Ellis stated he had just received the schedule that has approximately 20 games including two tournaments.

Dr. Spark reported that the annual banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, March 29 at 5:45 pm. He reported that he hopes to keep that cost to \$40 per couple. Dr. Spark also asked that if tournaments are being planned on the Association’s field that he be contacted in order to assure preparation of lunch for the events.

Mr. Sowney raised the issue of the exact distance of the pitcher’s screen in front of the pitching rubber. Mr. Davidson directed that the distance be measured so that the board can officially adopt the distance as a part of the approved playing rules at its January Board meeting.

The board discussed purchase of new bases for the field and additional softballs to supply the league play through the balance of the season. It was moved by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Sowney that the Association purchased 10 dozen “Rock” softballs and a set of new bases for the field. Motion carried.

Mr. Ellis brought up the matter of head injuries caused by errant throws in the course of the game. The board asked Dennis LePore to do a survey of the players concerning the possible required or voluntary use of protective helmets while running the bases. Mr. LePore will report back to the board on the results of the survey.

The Board set the next meeting as January 10, 2014. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Core, Secretary

