

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Ballroom

January 12, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Core was absent. Members in attendance were Mike Gloyd and Gary Alexander.

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

Mr. Wolfe reported that there was little financial activity in December other than the collection of team sponsorship fees from Core Photography and the purchase of the Core Photography team shirts. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, we have net income of \$3500 compared to budgeted income of \$1667. The positive variance is primarily related to banner revenue exceeding budget. This was due to more sponsors paying for three years in advance than was anticipated. Mr. Washington moved the report be accepted. Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 104 members with six opting for Open Play and ninety-eight full members. The Women's program has thirteen members. Registration forms and fees are still being collected from the women.

The current schedule appears to be working well although there are some longer gaps between play dates for some teams. These are necessary to avoid the same team playing back to back on a Thursday and Friday. The pattern has teams playing once during one week and twice the following week or vice versa. Mr. Hilby presented a schedule for a four team double elimination tournament for each division. He asked for Board feedback over the next few weeks.

Mr. Washington made a motion that beginning Monday January 30 a new format for Mondays will include batting practice and a skills session with the possibility of a game to follow if time and participants allow. On Saturdays the Open Play game will start at 9:00 with no pregame batting practice, this change will begin Saturday January 28. Mr. Hillabolt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso reported on some of the new rules for each division. The Board discussed the length of games particularly in the Sun Division. In an effort to shorten the length of games, starting Tuesday January 17 batters in the Sun Division will have a count of one

ball and one strike with no foul to waste. The Board does not want to go to time limits so it's asking the players to be more purposeful when entering and leaving the field following an inning. There was discussion on runner interference at second base; it was agreed it needs to be called more often. Umpires should be notified of the situation. If runner interference would take place the umpire should warn both teams the next occurrence will result in the runner to first being ruled out. The Association needs to obtain an approved mask for pitchers. Some substitute players are balking at paying the full membership IronOaks HOA price as the resulting playing time would be minimal compared to the cost.

Mr. Corso shared the garage has been cleaned out. Items behind the garage are there for the taking. The landscaping supervisor says there is a problem with one of the timers causing the field to be too wet. Mr. Corso is working with them to rectify the problem.

Pat Wolfe has met with both Cottonwood and IronOaks regarding the annual banquet; the prices are similar at both venues. The Board is leaning toward IronOaks. Mr. Wolfe will reserve Tuesday March 28 as the banquet date. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Due to Mr. Core's very busy schedule the Board is searching for a web-competent member to maintain the Association's web site.

Changes to the by-laws will be posted at the Field of Dreams fourteen days before the scheduled vote.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is Thursday February 9 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

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February 9, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Core. Board members in attendance were Mr. Core, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Giordano was absent. Members in attendance were Mike Gloyd, Randy Rothenbuehler, Bob Hutchins, Ed Sowney, Ken Brenden, Bob Zawidski, Denny Davidson, and John Seigla.

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

During the Treasurer's report Mr. Wolfe stated on a fiscal year-to-date basis we have a net income of \$5250 compared to budgeted income of \$1300 again due to prepayment of billboard sales. Mr. Washington moved to accept the report; Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 107 members with six opting for Open Play and 101 full members. The Women's program has twelve members bringing the Association total to 119 members.

The tournament brackets have been set and are posted on the chalkboard at the field. They have also been added to the minutes below.

Mr. Washington motioned and Mr. Hillabolt seconded that if Young Realty and Brenden Financial split Friday's games a coin toss will be used to determine the number one seed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hillabolt reported the numbers for the spring session. At this point there are 88 members requesting to play in the league but this number may fluctuate. The draft will be held Saturday February 18 at 10:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse. The starting time of spring games will be 8:00 and 10:30. If there are only 84 players the Sun division will play with 10 men on the field.

Mr. Hilby shared the results of the Follow-up Split League Survey with the Board. Following discussion and input Mr. Washington motioned the Association continue the two division league for the spring session. Mr. Hilby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso reported there would be no rule changes to start the spring session but intentional walk numbers in the Sun Division will be examined at the next meeting to see if there is a problem and if so, determine a solution.

During his field update report Mr. Corso praised the job Kenny Brenden and Dave Rinaldo have been doing with field preparations. He also met with I/O HOA General Manager Trish Huff. She plans reintroduce the turf project at a spring Board of Directors meeting. The hope is the HOA will provide some support for the project. The HOA Board wants a ten year warranty; the turf company will do eight.

The annual banquet has been set for Monday March 27. Invitations will be sent out later in February. Pat Wolfe and to some degree Larry are deep into organization of the event.

Mr. Core reported the master roster has been added to the web site with password protection. TJ Tjernlund has been doing a great job with the league statistics.

The vote on altering the By-laws will begin Thursday February 16. Only Sun Lakes residents are eligible to vote. Mr. Core and Mr. Hilby will oversee the voting process.

Mr. Washington reported the Association has no issues with sponsorship of teams; all are in place and have paid their fee. He reminded managers to please record who jerseys are assigned to in order to better recover them following each session. A new supply of softballs is needed as we'll run out mid March. To avoid paying for shipping 10 dozen balls will be ordered.

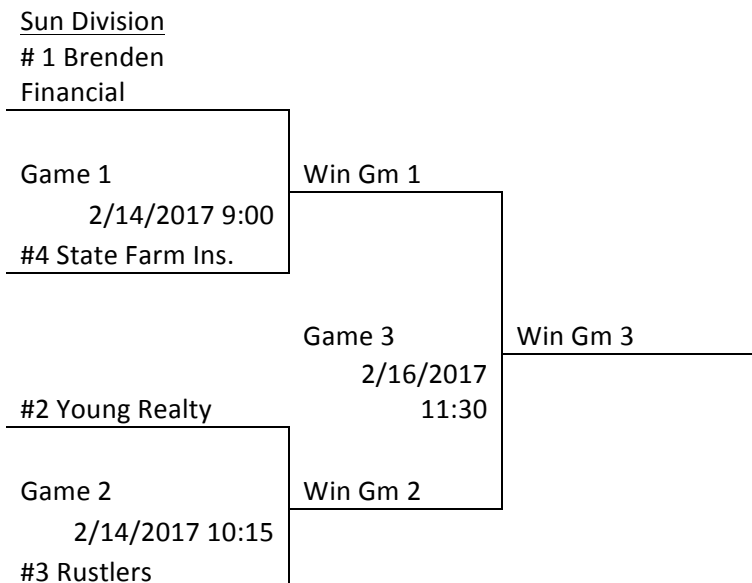
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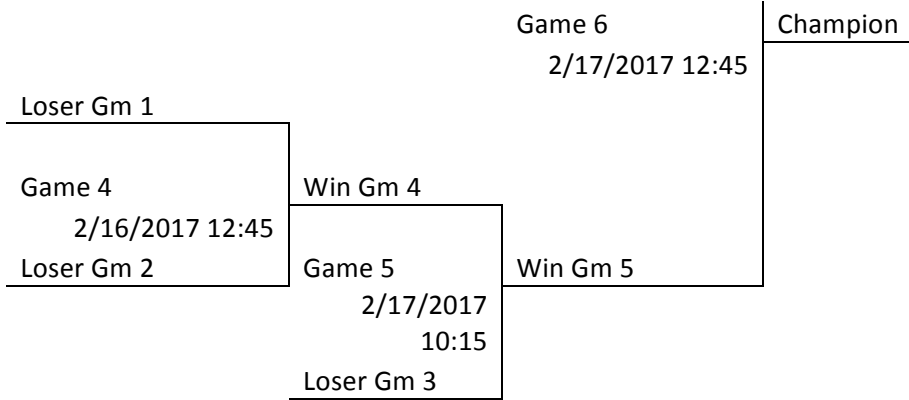
The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Core at 4:21.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SLSSA  
Split League Double Elimination Tournament Brackets  
February 14, 16, &  
17





SLSSA  
Split League Follow-Up  
Survey  
2/9/2017

Sun Division			Lakes Division		
	#	%		#	%
1 - Poor	1	2.7	1 - Poor	5	13.15
2	0	0	2	3	7.89
3 - No Opinion	1	2.7	3 - No Opinion	6	15.79
4	13	35.13	4	10	26.31
5 -			5 -		
Outstanding	22	59.45	Outstanding	14	36.84
Total	37	99.98	Total	38	99.98
	50			54	
	surveyed			surveyed	

Divisions Combined			Divisions Combined		
	#	%		#	%
1 - Poor	6	8	1 & 2's	9	12
2	3	4	3	7	9.33
3 - No Opinion	7	9.33	4's & 5's	59	78.66
4	23	30.66		75	99.99
5 -				104	
Outstanding	36	48		surveyed	
Total	75	99.99			
	104				
	surveyed				

Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

Split League Survey

Survey Comments and Suggested Changes

February 9, 2017

(Comments and changes have been categorized)

**Sun Division**

Comments:

- The same guys seem to used as subs – 1

- The parity is great – 1
- Like unlimited home runs – 1
- Games are close – 1
- Working well, more positive comments than negative – 1
- Better competition – 5
- Miss mixing with other players – 1
- Safer in the Lakes Division – 1
- Great move – 1
- Guys seem to enjoy the game more at their level of competition – 1
- Skilled players in their late 60's or early 70's don't have great fit – 1

#### Suggested Changes:

- None – 18
- Home run limit – 10
- Two balls, one strike – 1
- More players per team – 1
- Better system for substitutes – 1
- 10 players per team – 1
- Players under 65 use an ASA bat – 1
- Out on the second strike if a foul ball – 1

#### **Lakes Division**

##### Comments:

- I get to play more positions – 1
- Too many errors – 1
- Lack of skills – 1
- Prefer being in the Lakes rather than the "Sun Home Run Derby" – 1
- Keep two divisions, it's safer – 1
- Not enough players when injuries strike – 1
- Terrible – 1
- Continue to use the rover in the Lakes as it keeps the game from being too long – 1
- Good, competitive, and balanced – 4
- Some weeks you only play one double header – 2
- Don't get to mix with all of the players – 2
- Working great as both divisions have players with comparable skills – 1

- Got to show my talents on the field – 2
- Length of games concerning – 1
- Good crowds – 1
- Better batting results – 1

Suggested Changes:

- None – 19
- More subs available in one league – 1
- Balance the talent – 1
- Restore to one league – 10
- Limit home runs in Sun – 3
- 1:15 time limit – 1
- Formalize Monday fundamental sessions – 1
- Pitcher's screen in the Sun
- Play the two divisions on separate days (T-Th & W-F) – 1
- More games per week – 1
- No rover in the Lakes – 1
- More teams - 1