

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Oakwood Clubhouse Bradford Room
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Warwick, Wolfe, Rodgers, Neumann, Kratz, Molter and Mrs. Hilby

Guests attending were Gary Hillabolt, Bill McCoy, Dan Malachuk, and Rick Berry

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:59 p.m.

The minutes of the December Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Wolfe motioned to approve the December minutes. Mr. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the December financials. We are pretty much on budget with everything. There were a couple of timing differences including budgeting the women's dues in December but they were received in January. Mr. Wolfe received an advance payment from the Dirt Dogs in late December. The \$2100 payment is for the four plus months they're using the field. It is included as deferred revenue on the balance sheet and will start showing up as revenue in January. Billboards are under budget on field supplies, but Gary Hillabolt will be buying more banner supplies in the future. We haven't purchased the chalk that was budgeted, but the chalk won't be needed until summer. Net net on the revenue side is \$172 to the good and on the expense side is \$532 under which makes us positive approximately \$984 versus budget. Mrs. Hilby moved to accept the budget. Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Membership is holding at 104 full and 5 recreational memberships for a total of 109. We have 9 paid members for the women (Mrs. Hilby is a regular member of the association). There are a few men and women who have just joined us, and we'll get them squared away next week. Mr. Molter is monitoring the HOA memberships. Mrs. Hilby will notify managers to follow up. Mr. Molter continues to work with the Fitness Center to get an accurate list, and he will follow up as needed.

Mr. Rodgers shared that the winter session opened yesterday. A couple of different situations came up prior to the winter session draft. Because we were short players for the Sun Division fall draft, part time players were drafted to fill the spots. This made it difficult for the managers to find subs. To fill the positions with full time players, new players were allowed to come in to the league for the winter session. In an unusual situation, the Lakes Division was short players. In this turn of events, four players on the list for the Sun Division draft would not get drafted and would go to the Lakes draft. Three of the players agreed to go into the Lakes draft, with one person not being able to be contacted. The undrafted player is the only fully available sub. If he doesn't get picked up, a provision will be put in place to assure he'll play.

A sportsmanship issue in the Lakes Division was discussed. Mr. Warwick asked the managers to address it with the players who are involved. The Board does not tolerate poor sportsmanship. The situation will be watched carefully.

Mrs. Hilby gave an update on the Sluggers. The ladies had their first game on Monday, losing two games to the ViewPoint Gems. Their pitcher is having foot surgery next week, and they are struggling to fill that role. There are a couple of part-time players who may be able to help out, but they are not available to be regular players. There were some positives including a two-run homer and a bases loaded triple. They look forward to improving as they settle into the season.

The women are excited to be able to have a cookout at one of their games. It is scheduled for February 17. Of course, the membership is invited as well as the women's opponents and their fans. Mr. Neumann will make sure the propane tanks are full. Gary Hillabolt will give Mrs. Hilby a list of supplies needed. Volunteers will be needed for grilling and serving. Dan Malachuk shared that a woman named Barbara Ann who lives in Oakwood has reached out to someone about playing but has not received a response. We will try to find out who she is.

Mr. Neumann shared updated rules information. Recently SSUSA approved a rule change banning bat warmers. Icing, cooling or heating of any equipment is considered altered equipment. We will continue to allow bat warmers at our field. Mr. Neumann also clarified that a ball trapped is not a legal catch. This includes trapping the ball against the ground, base or the fielder's chest. Additionally, he warned that if a runner is using the fielder to stop his momentum, the umpire will have to call interference. Umpires will enforce the rule that the back foot cannot be in front of the front edge of the plate when the ball is hit.

The only purchasing update is that Mr. Molter has order balls for the ladies.

Regarding field operations, Mr. Kratz reported that the biggest thing that happened last month was an attempted break-in to the kitchen. Although the deadbolt prevented entry, the frame of the door and door itself were damaged. The HOA came over and measured the door and frame, but it has not yet been replaced. Fortunately, the deadbolt to the garage was replaced less than a week earlier. The Dirt Dogs are paid in full and can use the field as many days as they want under the agreement. Jay Yoakum is coordinating with Steve Imlay who is providing a hitting clinic to those who have signed up. There are seven people ready for instruction. He would like us to send another email as they can accommodate up to five more people. A date is being selected. No one knows why we have dead grassy areas in the outfield. As far as Gary Hillabolt knows, all the sprinklers are working.

Doug Friesen's proposed policy for website postings was reviewed. Most importantly, all documents should include the author and date. Mr. Warwick will review and finalize the document.

An informational meeting was held at IronOaks regarding the proposed new Fitness Center. Several SLSSA members attended or watched online. No decisions have been made by the HOA, but we are watching intently as there are rumors the softball field may be a proposed site either for the Fitness Center or other amenities displaced as a result of the site chosen. A lively

discussion was held. We will continue to stay informed. This project is only in the planning stages and will have to be voted on by the homeowners.

Mr. Warwick is the only Board member going off the Board in April. The vote will be held the week of March 4. A nominating committee has been appointed to solicit candidates for the open position. They are Bill McCoy, Joe Commisto and Garnet Hammer.

Judy Gahide is supposed to reach out about Play it Forward which is scheduled for March 27. Mr. Warwick has not heard from her yet.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for February 12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Oakwood Clubhouse Library
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Warwick, Wolfe, Rodgers, Neumann, Kratz, Molter and Mrs. Hilby

Guests attending were Dennis LePore, Rick Berry, Dan Malachuk, Gene Granquist, and Tommy Vitolo

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:57 p.m.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Wolfe motioned to approve the January minutes. Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the January financials. Everything is pretty much on track this year. Total revenues are within \$107 to the good with the prime reason being that the men's dues are \$150 more than budgeted. Cost of sales is a timing issue. We spent some money on additional banners which will show up next month. On the expense side, everything is within target with the exception of chalk which is \$240 below budget. With total expenses \$500 below budget and the overage on revenue, we're \$938 to the good. Mrs. Hilby moved to accept the budget. Mr. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

Membership is up to 108 full and 5 recreational memberships for a total of 113. We have 12 paid members for the women (Mrs. Hilby is a regular member of the association).

Mr. Molter continues to monitor the payment of HOA dues. There are three people who haven't paid. They are not currently playing, but will be expected to pay once they begin participating in association activities.

The Board election will be held the week of March 4. Mr. Warwick solicited input from the nominating committee, but hasn't heard back. He will follow up. Only one person has expressed interest to date.

Mr. Rodgers reported that the winter session is going well. The Sun Division is really competitive this year. Everything is on schedule with makeup dates scheduled for next week including a Lakes Division doubleheader and two double headers for the Sun Division. At this time the numbers for the upcoming session are 41 in the Sun Division and 43 in the Lakes Division. Mr. Rodgers asked if we should have a seniority system for the Sun Division. After a discussion, Mr. Warwick suggested the 41st player would have the option of going to the Lakes draft or be assigned to a team as the 11th player. No motion was passed. Situations will be addressed individually by the Board.

Mrs. Hilby shared a draft of the Spring schedule. The Southwest Championships will be an issue for the Sun Division. Mrs. Hilby will check with managers on their thoughts of moving the Sun Division games that are scheduled for the week of that tournament to Mondays earlier in the season.

Gene Granquist asked if we would consider moving the start times to 8:00 for the spring session. The position of the sun and the temperatures create issues for either 8:00 or 9:00 start times. No changes were made to the start times for the spring session.

Mrs. Hilby gave an update on the Sluggers. The women are half way through their season with a record of 9-9. Unfortunately, there have been a lot of injuries and emergencies that have called our players away from the game requiring the use of emergency subs to help field a team. Hopefully the second half of the season will be healthier for the team.

There are two upcoming cookouts. The first being February 27 at the men's league tournament. The second is our first cookout at a women's game on March 3. Mr. Neumann is coordinating the cookouts and would like volunteers to contact him. Usually, people from the first double header help set up. Getting the grill out is a major undertaking, and it needs to be cleaned and checked. The Coca-Cola cooler is old and rusted. Although it works, Mr. Neumann thinks we should dispose of it as it looks bad, is rusty and takes up quite a bit of space. The Board agrees, and a new large cooler will be purchased to replace it. The outlet below the water cooler hasn't worked in quite a long time. Mr. Neumann thanked Dave Kratz for working with the HOA to get it repaired.

Robson Reserve has offered to bring refreshments and snacks on Tuesday of tournament week. They are a current sponsor of our league and a potential team sponsor. They will come around 10:30 for a couple of hours.

Mr. Kratz gave an update on field maintenance. He was able to change mowing times to accommodate the women's league. He has been communicating with Park McDonald about the condition of our outfield grass. Park acknowledges the grass looks terrible. The explanation is that the HOA changed the seed they used this year, and they're going back to the old seed next year. Everything happens so quickly with overseed, Music in the Park, and then the start of our league. Park says the field could use another week. One of the outfield sprinkler heads was stuck open and a sprinkler in the infield wasn't oscillating. The door to the kitchen has been replaced after the attempted break in. Mr. Kratz wanted to thank everyone for obeying the honor system with the beverages. A couple of weeks ago the scorer's booth was unlocked. The people who clean the bathrooms, etc. noted that the kitchen was open on a Sunday. We need to make sure those who have keys accept the responsibility of making sure everything is locked up before leaving the field. We all need to be more diligent, especially with the recent break-in attempt. Recently Bill Jacobson was at the field and handed Mr. Kratz his keys with the explanation that he's done his time. We all appreciate greatly the time and effort Bill has made to keep our field in such good shape. Mr. Kratz shared a conversation he had recently with Dennis who is the new director of facilities. Mr. Kratz shared our concern that there may be a threat to our field. Dennis says he loves the field, and it's not going to happen. Mr. Kratz suggested we extend an invitation to our cookout to the people who cut our grass, the security

guard who counts us every day, the people who clean our facilities, the head of facilities, Lynnelle Glysson, and John Reyhons.

In his update on rules, Mr. Neumann addressed the prevalence in the Lakes Division of runners going to first base to run on the inside of the foul line and then make a quick sidestep to the orange bag. Runners should be on the outside (in foul territory) when within 30 feet of first base. If the runner interferes with the first baseman, the umpire can call him out. If a throw takes the fielder off the bag, there could be a collision when the runner is on the inside of the line. Mr. Kratz will ask Gary Hillabolt to chalk a running lane to first base as a reminder that runners should not be on the inside of the foul line. Mr. Neumann also noted the rules addendums need to be updated with changes we've made over time.

Mr. Molter had nothing new to report for purchases.

The annual social event is coming up on April 1. Larry and Pat Wolfe do all the planning and organizing for the event. Last year attendance dropped from 120 to 88. Sun Division participation was really low. In hopes of increasing participation, Pat is going to sell tickets on additional dates. It would help if managers would promote it.

Mr. Warwick discussed the upcoming charity event on March 29. We've been invited to join pickleball, golf, tennis, and billiards in participating in the Fourth Annual Play it Forward charity event that benefits Neighbors Who Care. This is a Sun Lakes organization that helps seniors to be independent and live in their own homes longer. Statistics show these efforts help seniors stay in their own homes five years longer with this non-medical assistance. Some of the services provided are respite care for caregivers, phone calls just to talk, welfare visits, transportation services, help with grocery shopping, dinners delivered, help with paperwork, etc. It's a wonderful service to members of our community. Mr. Rodgers has an idea to have a Top Golf type of event. For \$20 you get 20 swings to hit a softball off a tee to try to get as many points as you can. It will be held the morning of March 29 around 8:30 or 9:00. SLSSA will provide \$100, \$50, \$25 prizes to the participants. More information will be coming soon.

Tommy Vitolo attended the meeting and wanted to thank everybody for all their support during his difficult year with health issues.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for March 12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Warwick, Wolfe, Rodgers, Neumann, Kratz, Molter and Mrs. Hilby

Guests attending were Alex Santucci and Mike Gloyd

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:59 p.m.

The minutes of the February Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Wolfe motioned to approve the February minutes. Mr. Rodgers seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the February financials. Revenues were to the good a little over \$500 primarily due to a couple of new signs that were not budgeted which increased banner revenues. We are \$125 below on Grouper revenue. Net net we are over \$500 to the good on revenue. Total cost of sales is up because we had to buy more banners. The actual cost of banners was \$286 higher than budgeted. On the expense side, the main variances are timing related. We budgeted buying additional items for billing and supplies but haven't had to buy them yet. We are about \$150 less than budgeted. On field supplies we are \$300 less than budgeted primarily related to chalk. Gary Hillabolt bought some last week so that will come through on the March financials. The ladies' cookout was budgeted for February but was moved to the first week in March, so that is a timing issue. We were \$55 over budget on the men's tournament cookout which came in at \$655. Net net we are \$1,137 to the good. Mr. Molter moved to accept the budget. Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Membership is up to 111 full and 5 recreational members for a total of 116. We have 12 paid members for the women (Mrs. Hilby is a regular member of the association). Twenty of the members are IronOaks residents with an additional four women. Thirty-seven members are from Sun Lakes with an additional three women. In total there are 24 IronOaks residents and 40 Sun Lakes residents, for a grand total of 64 Sun Lakes members.

Mr. Molter continues to monitor the payment of HOA dues. He will follow up on the new players.

The election for one Board vacancy was held this month. The winner was Alex Santucci. Mr. Warwick congratulated Mr. Santucci and thanked all of the candidates for their willingness to serve.

Mrs. Hilby reported the Sluggers season wrapped with a 17-13 record. We had some great new players join the team this year. Some highlights included discovering that two returning players could pitch and welcoming a player from another team who runs like the wind and had four in-

the-park homeruns. The women would like to thank the umpires and grounds crew and everyone who helped out at the first ever cookout for a women's game. It was definitely a highlight.

Mr. Rodgers gave an update on the spring session. There has already been one rainout. People are asking if the games will be made up. Mr. Rodgers will talk to the managers to find a time to schedule makeup games. There are 12 players on each team in the Lakes Division. Yesterday in the first game, two players batted only one time. There have been some complaints from players and spectators of profanity. Mr. Warwick will craft an email to the membership.

Mr. Neumann reported he had good help for the cookouts including Stan Weiss, Evan Hansen, Pat Wolfe, and Santa Marie Giordano. Dave Martin arrived early and set up all the tables. Many people pitched in to help with set up and take down. Mr. Neumann counted 37 nonplayers for the women's cookout so we had over 60 people.

The Play it Forward fundraising event is scheduled for March 29. It's our first time participating. Mr. Warwick will be out of town so has enlisted the help of others. People don't have to play, but we are hoping for donations for a good cause. Mr. Rodgers described the plan for scoring. There will be \$100, \$50, \$25 prizes. Mike Amato will be the contact for Mr. Wolfe. People can sign up in the scorer's booth. We need to talk it up to the members. Mr. Warwick will send an email to the managers to encourage participation.

Bob Molter reported a new cooler has been purchased and supplies including tees and paints for the Play it Forward event have been ordered. The Coca Cola cooler is still available to anyone who will take it away. We'll put it out with a "free" sign.

The Music in the Park event was held a few weeks ago. Mr. Kratz shared that the field was left in much better shape than in the past possibly because this is a better time of the year than fall when they've just seeded and watered the field. The soda supply in the refrigerator got a little weird after the cookout and the Robson Reserve leftovers that were comingled with the regular supply. He suggested we might want to communicate next year about how we're going to handle it. Perhaps an inventory can be taken before the cookout. There was a leaky valve behind the pitcher's circle, although it doesn't seem to be a problem now.

Mr. Neumann has been working on updating the rules addendum for the Organization page on the SLSSA website. Several rules were discussed. It was decided to leave the walk rule as it is. The wind rule will be at the umpire's discretion. If the Sun Division is short-handed, they may use Lakes players, and Lakes players are eligible to bat. If both teams are missing one player both managers can pick up a player of any rating as long as both pick up a player of the same rating. A discussion was held about a recent situation when a player was injured and left the game as a defensive player but later wanted to return as a batter. Mrs. Hilby motioned that any player may return to the lineup at any time as long as he returns to his original position in the batting order. Mr. Neumann seconded. Motion carried.

Currently in the Sun Division, the pitcher is allowed to pitch as far back as 10 feet from the pitcher's plate. At the time this rule was put into place, the Sun Division didn't use a screen.

Going forward, Senior Softball rules apply for pitching which will change the Lakes rules to match the Sun Division rules. If not wearing equipment, the pitcher must be behind the screen when the ball is hit. Mrs. Hilby will send an email to umpires and managers.

People have been donating to the food drive boxes in the kitchen. The Robson Reserve event went well, and they would like to do it again next year.

Ticket sales for the annual social event on April 1 have been going slowly. Only 58 tickets have been sold. Hopefully sales will pick up these last couple of days before the number has to be turned in to Palo Verde. Mr. Rodgers will get input from the managers for awards, and then the Board will vote by email. Mr. Wolfe will prepare the award certificates once he has the names of recipients. Mr. Molter will order the plaque. All this must be done by March 26.

The Board went into a special session to discuss the Steve Hilby Spirit of Sun Lakes Award.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for April 9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Oakwood Clubhouse Library
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Warwick, Wolfe, Rodgers, Neumann, Kratz, Molter, Santucci and Mrs. Hilby

Guests attending were Dennis LePore, Dan Malachuk and Dennis Kennedy

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:59 p.m.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Rodgers motioned to approve the March minutes. Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby reported that membership is up to 114 full and 4 recreational members for a total of 118. This is consistent with the last three or four years.

Mr. Wolfe presented the March financials. The only big variance is a positive. Banner advertising revenues are \$1,360 to the good. Three were unexpected and three more are in the process. The only other big variances are timing related. The banquet was budgeted for March but was held in April. Those numbers will show up in April on the expense side. We are within \$469 of budget and in very good shape. The bottom line is that net income is \$1,977 to the good with \$1,360 related to the banners. Mr. Molter moved to accept the budget. Mr. Neumann seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe could not share the final numbers for the social event because we have not yet been billed by the restaurant. We had many more attendees this year. Because the Association subsidizes the cost of the event, before next year we need to address who can come. Does the Association want to subsidize multiple guests of our members? Mr. Wolfe will have numbers at our next meeting.

The Play it Forward fundraising event goal was \$1,000. Mr. Rodgers could not give an exact count because we don't know how many raffle tickets were purchased, but the total was a little over \$2,000. Event coordinator, Mike Amato, said he will get with us earlier next year to help us prepare and promote it. Although they couldn't participate, many Association members made donations. Sixteen people participated in the competition. Vern Rodgers won. Dennis Kennedy was second. Bill Matson was third. Mr. Rodgers thanked Mr. Santucci for helping with the arduous task of painting the lines. Mr. Neumann took charge and kept things flowing. Mr. Neumann complimented Mr. Rodgers and his committee for how well organized it was, especially for the first time. There were many volunteers and people who pitched in to help. Dennis LePore took charge of scoring with the assistance of Jim Entwistle. Participants included six Sun players, eight Lakes players, a Slugger and an alumnus. Mr. Warwick thanked Mr. Rodgers. Other volunteers included Joe Dilabio, Ernie Flores, and Jerry Smith. Janet

Rodgers made all the big signs and manned the megaphone. It was a very successful and enjoyable event.

Outgoing president, Doug Warwick welcomed and seated Alex Santucci as a new Board member. Election for the new president followed. Mrs. Hilby nominated Mr. Rodgers for president. Mr. Santucci seconded. Mr. Wolfe nominated Dave Kratz. Mr. Molter seconded. Mr. Rodgers was elected president. Mr. Warwick shared that he has been a member of the Association for ten years, serving on the Board for six years and as president for five years. He said the Association has been a great blessing. He is humbled and thankful to have been a part of the leadership team. Everyone on the Board expressed their tremendous gratitude for Mr. Warwick's leadership and guidance and wished him well.

Elections continued with the office of vice president. Mrs. Hilby nominated Mr. Kratz. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Mrs. Hilby nominated Mr. Wolfe for Treasurer. Mr. Kratz seconded. Mr. Kratz nominated Mrs. Hilby for secretary. Mr. Santucci seconded. All the nominations were passed unanimously.

Mr. Rodgers will work with Mr. Kratz during the summer to communicate with members as they set board assignments.

The Spring session is wrapping up this week. There were some cancelled games that we just couldn't find a way to make up. Because the number of games were down, awards were based on 150 at bats for the Sun Division and 135 for the Lakes Division. Mr. Wolfe prepared certificates for the top five in average as well as the home run leader in each division. He also created a special award for Bob Montelione for setting an all-time record for inside-the-park home runs.

The Summer session will begin the last Tuesday of April. Dennis LePore shared that there are currently 33 signed up, but we are short a manager. Kim Van Nausdle and Larry Maggard have agreed to manage. Dennis explained that the summer managers don't have the same duties as managers in the regular session. While they make lineups and assign positions, they don't have to chase down players. Dennis Kennedy will manage subs. Managers simply need to let Dennis Kennedy know who will be missing. Mr. Santucci volunteered to be the third manager. Dennis LePore is putting teams together with the help of the ratings committee. He should have rosters in place by next week. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday with two seven-inning games starting at 8:00 a.m. As the summer heats up, adjustments might be made including moving the start time to 7:30 and switching to one seven-inning game and one five-inning game. There will be no walks. Ron Carmichael is working on the Robson games.

The final cookout of the year is tomorrow. Mr. Neumann has volunteers lined up. He is looking to involve more people from the Association and has Paul Krautwurst and Gordon Beraud signed up to cook. Pat Wolfe has arranged for volunteers to help with the serving.

Mr. Neumann had nothing to say about rules.

Mr. Kratz happily reported that the Coca Cola cooler is finally gone. The fan in the third base dugout stopped working. The motor seized up, and will need to be discarded as it is not possible to repair it. Because that dugout isn't used in the summer, we'll revisit the replacement in the fall.

Regarding purchasing, Mr. Molter reported that a few items were acquired for the Play it Forward event. He is returning one of the tees.

Mr. Rodgers set the next meeting for September 10, 2025. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby
SLSSA Board Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Oakwood Clubhouse Library
Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Rodgers, Wolfe, Kratz, Santucci and Mrs. Hilby

Attending by phone were Messrs. Neumann and Molter

Guests attending were Dennis LePore, Jon Hendrikse, Dan Malachuk, Bill Jacobson, Bob Zeidler, Dennis Kennedy, Bill McCoy, Barry Lauritano

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

The minutes of the April Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Wolfe motioned to approve the April minutes. Mr. Santucci seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby reported that membership is up to 117 full and 10 recreational members for a total of 127. This is six more members than the 2023-2024 roster. We have 22 IronOaks members, 40 Sun Lakes members, and 66 nonresidents. The women added 5 IronOaks, 3 Sun Lakes, and 4 nonresidents. The combined totals are 27 IronOaks (19%), 43 Sun Lakes (31%), and 70 nonresidents (50%).

Because financial reports were emailed to Board members over the summer, Mr. Wolfe focused his treasurer's report on year-to-date data. As of the end of August, we are in good shape on the revenue side primarily because we are \$2,325 to the good on advertising (banner) revenue. Everything else is pretty close to budget. Although social event revenue was below budget, expenses were lower than budgeted which resulted in a net net to the good. Total revenue was \$1,473 to the good. Everything is fairly close on the expense side except for the unbudgeted expense for Play it Forward. Net net was \$600 under on total expenses which makes us \$2,200 to the good on a year-to-date basis. Mrs. Hilby motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Kratz seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe sent out detailed assumptions for the proposed budget. If we accept those assumptions, we would have a slight positive of about \$1,100 for the year. One of the biggest variables is banner revenue because we don't know who's going to renew. The budget is based on historical averages. The big infield upgrade project will put us in a negative position at the end of September. The proposed budget assumes that we go back to the fee level from previous years (last year we were able to reduce fees because hats were purchased by John Robinson). If we purchase hats for everyone this year, it will put us into a negative. The Board decided we will only distribute hats to new players this year. If returning players, want to purchase a new hat, they may do so. Mrs. Hilby will send an email asking returning players if they wish to purchase a hat for \$25 and get a count to Mr. Molter. The budget is based off historical data

except hats and fees. A discussion was held on other factors to consider for this year. Gary Hillabolt is going to put in two new sprinkler heads at an expense of approximately \$125 for materials. If he needs to rent a trencher, it will be more. We'll also need a new mat for home plate which is usually around \$400. With those adjustments it would bring the budget to about \$700 positive. Mr. Santucci discussed the topic of putting in permanent foul lines which would save time and maintenance. Each bag of chalk is \$9. If we only chalk the foul lines past the infield, one bag lasts about a week. Permanent lines would be about \$1,400-\$1,600. With the expense of doing the infield project, it was decided to table this for now. Mr. Wolfe will make the discussed changes to the budget and send it out to the Board. Mrs. Hilby moved to accept the budget with the changes discussed today. Mr. Molter seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Molter reported that, with the assistance of Mr. Santucci, arrangements have been made for the use of Snedigar during the overseeding. We have the use of two fields from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 30 and continuing through October 23. Fall registration will take place October 2-14. Mrs. Hilby will prepare the registration forms. Two sets of uniforms need to be purchased this year. Mr. Molter is working with the printing company to complete the purchase of uniforms. It was time to replace the Redeemed Team uniforms. We will also need to purchase uniforms for our new sponsor, Robson Reserve. Balls were ordered for the upcoming season last spring. One additional carton has been ordered to make sure we don't come up short. Mrs. Hilby will check to confirm there are enough 11-inch balls for the women's season. Mr. Molter will hold off on scheduling the tractor tune-up. Gary Hillabolt asked Mr. Molter if he could arrange it as he wants to make sure we don't need the tractor when they're redoing the infield.

Mr. Kratz reported on field operations. All the poles on the outfield fence that were loose and bumpy have been repaired by Gary Hillabolt. Repairs still need to be made to the fencing down the first base line. There has been excessive water behind third base and in left field. Bill Jacobson reported there are three sprinkler heads hitting the same spot behind third base. Gary Hillabolt has decreased the time for those sprinklers which seems to be helping. It's always a problem this time of year because they're watering three times a day in preparation for overseeding. Mr. Kratz, Mr. Rodgers and Gary Hillabolt have met with Park McDonald to make sure they're all on the same page as the infield project and overseeding approaches. The infield work will be done September 17 and 18. Mr. Kratz reported that he is appreciative of the money that has come in to cover the beverages provided in the kitchen. He works to buy the water and soda when it's on sale being mindful of expiration dates. Bill Jacobson asked if we could get electrical power to the third base dugout. He also asked if we have given any thought to eliminating one of the batting practice days to reduce wear and tear on the field. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting when we will try to have some sort of a compromise. Gary Hillabolt requested that we don't allow any other users of the field besides the little leaguers. Concerns were also raised about safety when batting practice is going on while groundskeepers are trying to complete the work that needs to be done.

Mr. Rodgers shared that there will likely be new procedures for dragging the field once the infield is redone. Everyone who might be working on the field will need to be educated. Jon Hendrikse asked if we can put a video online to demonstrate how the field gets dragged. Once

we get instructed by the company, we'll look into how to educate field workers about it. Gary Hillabolt said we may need to purchase another metal drag.

Mr. Santucci reported that preparations are being made for the new season. Sun Division managers will be Mike Gloyd, Ron Carmichael, Marty Hobby and Kim Whitney. Lakes Division managers who have committed so far are Kim Van Nausdle, Gary Hillabolt, and Dave Kratz. He has received the initial ratings from other members of the ratings committee. Once we get to Snedigar, ratings will be firmed up. All rental fees have been paid at Snedegar. They will not be doing any field prep. Mr. Santucci was able to get a resident rate of \$14 per hour which totals \$456 for the 8 sessions for the two fields from September 30 to October 23. Mr. Santucci will check with Snedigar to see how they handle communicating rainouts. The fall season is scheduled to start on October 28 with game times at 9:00 and 12:00.

Mr. Neumann has no rules to discuss at this time but advised that there will be new rules after the World Championships in September and likely updates in October.

There was a discussion of various rules requested by members. Clarification was requested regarding the policy when the pitcher is not behind the screen, specifically about wearing the proper equipment. We voted on this previously, and we need to be sure "wearing the proper equipment" is included in the rules addendum and, if necessary, define proper equipment. Safety is always our first concern. Using the proper protective equipment is required if the pitcher does not stay behind the screen. If a pitcher is not properly equipped and steps out from the screen immediately after pitching the ball, the umpire can call an illegal pitch.

The current walk rule was discussed as it pertains to having previously walked a batter on four straight pitches. There is currently no consequence to the visiting team for throwing unlimited numbers of balls. Some ideas included advancing the runners, adding a runner if a base is open, and allowing a run to walk in. Umpires have the discretion to remove the pitcher if he cannot throw a strike. Mr. Neumann will talk to the managers and bring back a proposal.

In the interest of moving the game along, the following was asked. If a batter is walked and he knows he's going to have a pinch runner, is it necessary to have the batter touch first base? We'll try it at Snedegar and address it in the October meeting.

Much discussion was held regarding pitching from the rubber. The rule will be changed in the Lakes Division back to requiring the pitcher to pitch from the rubber.

During the summer session, a rule was instituted that the batter could not be thrown out at first base from the outfield. There was discussion about keeping that in regular season for the Lakes Division. It was decided that there was a good reason for the rule in the summer because Sun Division players were playing outfield. We will not use this rule in the regular season.

The next topic for discussion was the infield fly rule in the Lakes Division. The infield fly call should be made when the ball reaches its apex. It should be loudly communicated by the umpire. It is the umpire's judgement if the ball can be caught with ordinary effort. Mr. Neumann reminded us that the abilities of the fielders should not be a consideration.

Finally, the use of substitutes across divisions was discussed; specifically, should we limit Lakes players to two games a day. This cross league subbing mostly happens when there is a shortage of players due to tournaments or there is a no show or late cancellation. The main concern is that managers should be looking for subs within the Sun Division when possible. Mr. Neumann will review this with the managers, and Mr. Santucci will review it at the draft.

There are three boxes of ASA softballs in the kitchen. (We do not use these softballs in our league.) Dennis LePore would like to donate them. The Board approves.

A discussion was held about having some kind of social event on opening day. Ideas included an ice cream social and a hot dog and chips cookout. No decisions were made.

Mr. Wolfe proposed that we renew our certificate of deposit at the current rates. The Board agreed.

The IronOaks Activity Open House is being held on October 18. The registration deadline is the 11th. Cost for a table is \$10. There are brochures in the kitchen left over from last year. We would need someone to volunteer to staff the table. No decision was made.

Mr. Rodgers set the next meeting for October 8, 2025. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:53.

Respectfully submitted

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