

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Oakwood Clubhouse Library  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, McCoy, Warwick and Mrs. Hilby. Mr. Wolfe participated by teleconference.

Absent: Mr. Leckner

Members attending: Evan Hansen

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

Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes of the November Board meeting be approved. Mr. McCoy seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. The minutes of the December Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Corso moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Erpelding and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby reported on the membership. There are 98 paid full members and 5 recreational members. There are currently four men playing in the league who have not filled out any paperwork or paid their league fees. Mrs. Hilby will follow up with these new members as well as two other members who have paid but not submitted registration forms. There are 17 members of the women's team. One was injured in the first game so have not collected her fees until we know if she will be able to come back this season. One other member still needs to pay. We will check to be sure all members have paid their fees to the HOA when Mr. Corso secures the list from the Fitness Center.

Mr. Wolfe submitted the following comments regarding the financials which relate to the three months ending December 31, 2021:

Overall revenues are \$506 over budget. This variance is primarily due to the receipt of \$420 in unbudgeted revenues from the DirtDogs Little League team. Men's dues were also \$120 "to the good."

Direct cost of sales were \$264 less than budgeted. This is mainly because we had some unused billboards on hand and did not have to purchase any new ones yet.

Overall operating expenses were \$362 over budget. Liability insurance costs of \$360 were budgeted for January but paid in December. Turface cost purchases were \$386 over budget. This is because we did an "advance purchase" rather than buying the Turface on a quarterly basis. We budgeted \$325 for a ladies' team subsidy payable to the HOA. This was not, and probably will not, be paid. Most other expenses were near budget.

The net result was a bottom-line net income of \$408 to the good.

Mr. Erpelding motioned that the financial statements be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

The fire department is still very reluctant to do any CPR or defibrillator training. The defibrillator gives audio instructions as it's being used. Mr. Warwick suggested we practice before we need to use it in an emergency situation. He would like to solicit some volunteers from the Association to familiarize themselves with the process. Mrs. Hilby will send out an email to the membership.

The youth baseball team, DirtDogs, want to use the field on Monday and Wednesday. This puts some pressure on the groundskeepers to prep the field for the Tuesday and Thursday games. Mr. Warwick talked with Ken Brenden who is willing to prep the field for Tuesday and Thursday. The DirtDogs have proposed an agreement to pay the association \$100 a week for access to the field on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Currently they pay each time they use the field which is approximately \$200 a month. They are proposing \$100 a week whether they use the field or not. The DirtDogs also signed up for sponsorship of a banner. They are very appreciative of our hospitality and they love the field.

Mr. Leckner was unable to attend the meeting to report on field issues. Mr. Corso spoke to some of the items on the agenda. The times were changed on the sprinklers, and the soggy conditions down the left field line have improved. It appears the sprinklers were repaired. Work on the valves is finished, and they have been moved to the corner. There is a machine that will help improve the lip on the infield. It will push the dirt out from underneath the lip. McCoy suggested we rent one first to see if it does what we want it to do. We will discuss it next month when Mr. Leckner is present. IronOaks HOA is in the process of making some improvements at the field. We have two new fans on the patio and three lights that operate from the kitchen. There is also a plan to put extra screening on the backstop. The bathrooms are currently being updated. Mr. Corso emailed the landscaper, Scott Robinson, about a gopher hole down the right field line. In the afternoon there is a problem with a glare from cars parked in the south part of the parking lot. When cars are parked in the area nearest the women's restroom, the fielders have a glare. Possible solutions include not allowing parking in that area, asking people to move their cars once other spaces are vacated, and putting blankets on the windshields. The Board would like to encourage people not to park there for the second double header to reduce the glare.

Mr. Corso explained that we have new keys. With the remodel projects, locks have been rekeyed and now there is one key to the scorer's booth, one key which opens the bathrooms, kitchen, and garage, and one key for the field. Master keys are on a key ring in the scorer's booth. Mr. Erpelding suggested all Board members and managers have a master key to the building (bathroom, kitchen, garage). Mr. Corso will make keys and distribute them.

Mr. Erpelding has been monitoring the number of subs due to long term injuries. He is working with managers to pick up permanent replacements for their teams. Mr. McCoy mentioned the frustration of no response when asking players to sub. The Board would like to encourage people to respond promptly when contacted about subbing so that the managers can get their subs lined up.

Bill Maxwell's wife, Doris, passed away Monday night. Jeff Jay's son passed away after a long battle with cancer.

At the December meeting Mr. McCoy discussed a request from members to get a pitching machine. Kelly Anderson saw that the Board was considering acquiring a pitching machine, and he reached out to Mr. McCoy to generously offer his Jugs machine. Kelly will bring it to the field this week, and Mr. McCoy and Mr. Corso will take a look at it to determine if this is something we need.

Mr. Corso shared that he and Mrs. Hilby prepared a document with updated SLSSA rules which is now posted in the scorer's booth. Mr. Erpelding asked for clarity on the Lakes Division home run rule as there is some misinterpretation. The rule currently states "2 home runs, then 1 up or a single for Lakes Division." The 1 up doesn't go into effect until the maximum number of home runs are reached by both teams. If it's 2-1, a home run by the team with 2 will be counted as a single until both teams reach 2 home runs. The Lakes Division rule will be changed to read "2 home runs then 1 up or a single. Once a team gets to 2, they can't be more than 1 up."

The women's season is underway. Mrs. Hilby reports that the team is 4-3-1. The Sluggers have a great group of women who are competitive and having fun.

Umpire shirts on hand are 2XL and 3XL. Mr. Erpelding asked that we purchase some smaller sizes. A few Board members are aware of some shirts that may be available. They will check and get back to Mr. Erpelding.

It was brought to Mr. Erpelding's attention that Sun Division managers have recruited subs from the Lakes Division. In the past this has not been allowed. After some discussion the Board agreed that if there is an emergency, a player from the other division may be used, but that player would only be allowed to catch and would not bat. If a player leaves during the game, the team would have to take the out the first time he came up to bat.

Mrs. Hilby and Mr. Erpelding expressed concern about players coming to the field after they have tested positive for COVID. An email reminder will be sent to members to stay home if they have COVID symptoms or have tested positive.

Due to parking issues, there will be no cookout for the winter session. The banquet will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

The Board would like to remind players that if he has to leave for any reason, he must communicate that with his manager whose responsibility it is to get an appropriate replacement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Thursday, February 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby  
Members attending: Frank Tanner, Evan Hansen, Joe Commisto  
Guest attending: John Reyhons

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

John Reyhons, General Manager, was in attendance to discuss the Music in the Park event scheduled at the Field of Dreams on March 27. Suzy Steinmann does an annual event to aid the community. Her event is very well received and she has outgrown the venue between the field and the lake. This year the plan is to have the event on the softball field with the stage on the grass near first base. All of the attendees who come to listen will be seated in the outfield. They can bring blankets and lawn chairs. Mr. Reyhons said, "If we mess anything up, we'll fix it." Food trucks will be in the parking lot like years past. No dogs or golf carts will be allowed on the field. Parking will be an issue so as they promote the event, they'll encourage people to bring their golf carts or even walk to the field. Mr. Reyhons will look into possibly getting some portable restrooms. Mrs. Hilby will send Mr. Reyhons an email asking management to print large signs that can be posted at the gate stating no dogs and no golf carts. With regard to the improvements the HOA is making at the field, Mr. Leckner explained that he'd like to have input regarding the screen that's being replaced as the one currently in place doesn't cover the entire area that needs to be blocked. Mr. Reyhons will reach out to Veronica Semey, Director of Community Services, about getting back to Mr. Leckner.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Corso moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Leckner and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. There are 105 paid memberships - 100 full memberships, and 5 rec program memberships. Of the 105 full and rec memberships, 27 are IronOaks residents (26%), 34 are other Sun Lakes residents (32%), and 44 are non Sun Lakes residents (42%). On the women's side there are 14 paid memberships (excluding Mrs. Hilby who is a full member). Of the 15 total women, 7 are IronOaks residents (47%), 6 are other Sun Lakes residents (40%), and 2 are outside Sun Lakes (13%). IronOaks makes up 29% of the total membership.

Mr. Corso and Mrs. Hilby have been monitoring the HOA paid memberships. It appears that seven members still need to pay the HOA fees. Mrs. Hilby has contacted each of them by email and received three responses. Mr. Corso will follow up with the HOA in a week to see if payment has been made.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the January financial statements. Everything is pretty close to budget. We're \$386 to the good on revenue largely because of rental of the field to the little league team. Cost of sales for the billboards is below budget as we have an inventory of new boards. That gave us a gross profit of \$744. There was nothing significant in expenses. They were all within a couple hundred dollars. Softballs are about \$400 below budget, but that will catch up on the expense side after the softballs are ordered soon. Bottom line is that we are almost \$1,300 to the good. Mr. Erpelding motioned that we accept the treasurer's report. Mr. Leckner seconded. Motion carried.

Under old business, Cindy and Steve Schaidler found a short video on how to operate the defibrillator. Mr. Warwick sent a link to all the people who expressed interest in training. Little League is practicing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 4-6 in February, March, April, and May.

Mr. Warwick talked about the upcoming Board of Directors election. Evan Hansen, Joe Commisto, and Ron Carmichael have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. Evan Hansen reviewed the recruitment process and shared that there are three candidates for two positions. Those who have agreed to run are Sam Giordano, Doug Warwick and John Whitman. The election will be the week of March 7. Mrs. Hilby will produce ballots and a list of membership. She will also send an email notifying the membership including how to vote by email.

A discussion was held regarding the end of session cookouts and the annual banquet. Due to parking restrictions, there will be no cookout after the winter session, however, the current plan is to have a barbecue during the tournament for the spring session. Mr. Wolfe will explore outdoor options with Oakwood and Palo Verde for the annual banquet.

Mr. Wolfe suggested that somebody become familiar with the treasurer's records in case of emergency. He also recommended that we have an additional signatory. Mr. Corso motioned that Mrs. Hilby and Mr. Wolfe be each other's backups, and Mrs. Hilby should be the second signatory. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried

Mr. Leckner shared information about a machine that would be used to reduce the lip on the infield. It brushes the dirt back onto the field from under the sod where the infield meets the grass. It will cost \$250 to \$350. Mr. Wolfe motioned we purchase the Gas Powered Sweeper Cleaning Machine with Wheels. Mr. Corso seconded, Motion carried. The HOA has been making some improvements at the field including fans, LED scone lights, and a new iron railing. The bathrooms are in progress. When the men's restroom is completed, work will begin on improvements to the women's restroom. Other improvements pending are permanent benches, replenishing granite, and screening on the backstop that blocks the sun.

Regarding our recent problem with the scoreboard, Mr. Corso worked with Daktronics to solve the problem and learned more specifics about how the scoreboard operates. The

frame around the scorer's booth door is in need of repair. Mr. Leckner will contact Chris Hall about the door as well as the flag that is tattered.

Mr. Corso discussed rule issues that have come up recently. We no longer have ties, so for the tournament we'll use the International Tie Breaker which means the last batter goes to second, and there will be one out to start the inning. A courtesy runner cannot be used for that runner on second until he advances to third base. The current rule in the Sun Division is that the screen will be used for the fourth game of the day for the winter session only. Mr. Leckner motioned that effective immediately if one pitcher in the Sun Division wants the screen, both pitchers will use the screen for that game. A batted ball off the screen is the same as currently in place. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Erpelding recommended the start times for the tournament games be 8:30 10:00, 12:00, and 1:30. This gives enough break that players and spectators can leave so that parking is less of an issue. The Lakes Division will play the first two games on Tuesday. This will accommodate the Sun Division draft after the last game on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Sun Division will play first on Thursday. Mr. Corso will put the bracket on the chalkboard.

Mr. Erpelding shared that the numbers for the spring session are going to be right in line with 40 and 44 for the spring session. There are still a couple of people who don't know when they'll come back from the injured reserve. The Sun Division draft is scheduled for February 22 at 3:00 or immediately following the games. The Lakes Division draft will be on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30. Both drafts will be held at Mr. Erpelding's house.

Mr. McCoy discussed the pitching machine suggestion made by a few members. Kelly Anderson brought his pitching machine to the field. After trying it out, it was determined it wasn't going to work out with our softballs. We will continue with our current process for batting practice. Mr. McCoy will send sympathy cards from the Association to the Boones, Jays, and Billy Maxwell. He also reported we have about 30 hats left.

Mrs. Hilby provided an update on the women's team. The Sluggers currently have a 13-6-1 record with three doubleheaders remaining. With Scott Steinmann's emphasis on stretching and warmups the team has stayed relatively healthy and maintained good numbers throughout the season. Team cohesiveness is as high as it has been in many years, and it's been a fun season. The remaining home games are the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>, both Wednesdays at noon. The women appreciate the support of the Association and thank Tom Erpelding, Ken Brenden, and Larry Wolfe for volunteering to umpire our games and to the other members who have come to cheer us on.

A discussion was held regarding who will be the home team during tournament games. In the past the team who had the best record for the session gets to choose to be home or visitor. Mr. Erpelding would like to see the team that came through the winners' bracket have the choice in the championship game. Mr. Erpelding motioned that the team with the highest seed gets to decide to be home or visitor until the championship game. In the championship game, the team that comes through the winners' bracket gets the choice of

home or visitor. Seconded by Mr. Wolfe. The motion passed 5-2, with Messrs. Leckner and Corso opposed.

Mr. Warwick set the date and time of the next meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary



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Thursday, March 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby  
Members attending: Evan Hansen

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. There are 108 paid memberships - 103 full memberships and 5 rec program memberships. This compares with 112 members last year. There are also 15 women who have paid the abbreviated membership in 2022.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the February financial statements. In comparison to the budget there are not too many variances. We are pretty much right on budget with \$670 to the good on revenue; \$420 of that is from the Little League rental. Cost of sales for the billboards is the same as reported last month. We are below budget as we have an inventory of new boards. The \$202 variance on the tractor insurance is because it was budgeted in a different month. We are also over budget on field supplies due to the heavy use of chalk. Overall expenses were within \$300 of the budget which has been the case for the last five months. Mr. Corso motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Leckner seconded. Motion carried.

Evan Hansen reported on the status of the Board election. Tomorrow is the last day to vote. There are 107 on the list of eligible voters, 79 of which have voted. The committee will count the votes at the end of the day on Friday and contact Mr. Warwick with the results. He will then certify the election. Evan asked for clarification of eligibility as some members have paid their Association fees but not paid the HOA because they aren't able to play this year. Mr. Corso made a motion that good standing means you have paid your HOA fee and SLSSA fee by March 1. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion carried with six votes. Mrs. Hilby was opposed.

Mr. Wolfe gave an update on the banquet. Tickets will be sold at the field between 10:00 and 12:00 each day of league play March 15-22. Tickets will cost \$10 after the subsidy from the Association.

Mr. McCoy has the plaques for the Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball awards. Mr. Warwick confirmed there will be two this year.

There will be an end-of-season cookout during the league tournament on Thursday, April 14. Mr. Wolfe has certificates that can be used for awards including Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Player and top five batting averages. Erpelding will contact the managers for their input. Mr. Corso will talk to Mike Core and Ron Carmichael about shopping for the food. Dave Martin has offered to supply the buns. There is a possible problem with the grill. Mr. Corso will check on that.

Mr. Leckner presented the field report. Bill Jacobson retired from field work. Jerry Smith has expressed interest in helping out. Mr. Leckner explained it takes two hours to groom and prep the field. Next year we'll try to switch little league to Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday so there isn't such a tight turn around for preparing the field for league games. The HOA is willing to maintain everything but the infield, so Mr. Leckner will ask Scott Robertson, the landscaper for the HOA, to work on reducing the lip. He will also ask them to roll the outfield again. Veronica Semey responded to Mr. Leckner's attempts to contact her. He will provide her with a list of improvements the Association would like including fans in each dugout and a shade on the backstop to block the sun for the fielders. He will also communicate to her that we do not want permanent benches on the veranda.

As an outgoing member of the Board and chair of the rules committee, Mr. Corso was happy to report we have enough rules.

Mr. Erpelding shared that the spring session is going smoothly with the usual need for lots of subs.

Mr. McCoy reported that the plaques are here for the awards ceremony. We have only four name tags for the plaque recognizing people who passed away. We will need to switch to another style in the future.

Mrs. Hilby provided an update on the women's team. The Sluggers wrapped up their season with a 17-7-2 record. They hope to continue practicing about once a month in the ten-month off season.

To avoid meeting the same day as the spring cookout, Mr. Warwick set the date and time of the next meeting at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Thursday, April 7, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs. Corso, Erpelding, Leckner, McCoy, Warwick, Whitman, Wolfe and Mrs. Hilby  
Members attending: Suzy Steinmann, Gary Hillabolt

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 2:58 p.m.

The minutes of the March Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Corso and unanimously approved.

Mr. Whitman was seated as our new Board member. Mr. Warwick thanked Bill Corso for his six years of service.

Officer elections determined Mr. Warwick will remain president, Mr. Leckner will serve as vice president, Mr. Wolfe will continue as treasurer and Mrs. Hilby will carry out the duties of secretary.

Mrs. Hilby presented the membership report. We have 103 full memberships and 5 rec program memberships for a total of 108. This compares with 112 members last year. The women ended their season with 15 paid members and two players on the disabled list. Mrs. Hilby also shared some longevity and age-related fun facts about the make-up of the Association. Tom Vitolo is the longest standing member, having joined the association in 1988. The next closest in longevity are Ken Brenden and Ron Pennington who have been members since 1998. We have 11 members who are in their 80's, 6 of whom are currently playing in the league. The average age of players in the Sun Division is 67.8 years. The average age of players in the Lakes Division is 72.3 years. In the Lakes Division the average age for Young Realty is 70.6, Core Photography is 71.3, Skyview Media is 73.3, and A-1 Golf Carts 74.2. Interestingly, the average age of players on each of the Sun Division teams was 68.1 (Leckner), 68.2 (Wolfe), 68.3 (Redeemed Team), and 66.6 (Spooner). The average age of the women's team is 60.8. The youngest player is 54 and the oldest player is 68.

Mr. Wolfe gave a recap of the banquet. We budgeted for the full sit-down banquet with 120 people, band, etc. The total revenue we budgeted was \$3,690. With the change in format, we charged \$1,420 for a difference of \$2,270. We had budgeted a subsidy with the full banquet in mind, so with the reduced cost of the meals there was an improvement of \$562. All the big variances in the financial statement are due to the banquet. Banner revenues were up, and we were also on the upside for the Dirt Dogs paying \$820 rental for the field. Almost all the cost of sales differentials are related to the banquet. We did not budget for the gift cards so that gave us an overage. Chalk is still over by about \$160.

Turf is a little over \$186. Softballs are also over budget, but we have about 13 dozen right now. That is a timing thing as they are budgeted for every quarter. We did not have a cookout after the winter season so that's a positive variance. In summary, we are to the good almost \$2,000 for the first 6 months of the fiscal year. Mr. Leckner motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Feedback received by Mr. Wolfe was that the banquet format was well received. Mr. McCoy complimented Larry and Pat Wolfe for their work on the banquet and their quick response to the changes necessary because of the rain. Mr. Warwick apologized to the women's team for fumbling on the banquet.

Mr. Warwick asked the Board to consider possible changes to the bylaws, specifically regarding the rule that no more than two nonresident members can serve on the Board at any time (Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 1) and the rule regarding who can serve as officers (Article IV, Section E, Paragraph 1). Mr. Warwick would like to review this in the fall so we have time to go through the process should we want to make a change.

Mr. Corso reported everything is ready for the cookout. The grill works and has been cleaned out and prepped. Mike Core and Bill Corso will be picking up the food on Monday. Dave Martin will provide the buns. Stan Weiss will cook for us. Mr. Erpelding suggested we move the bleachers and set up the tables on the north side of the field so we won't block any parking. Between the second and third games (around 11:00) we will award certificates for the top 5 hitters in each division as well as a home run king. The women will also be awarded for top hitters as well as Sportsmanship and Most Improved which should have been given during the banquet. The topic of having a homerun contest after the awards are distributed was discussed. It was decided we will do it, but measures will be put in place to keep it from delaying the afternoon games too much. Issues included how many and who would be eligible to participate, number of swings allowed, rules, and who would coordinate the competition. Mr. Warwick will prepare an email for distribution regarding the cookout and awards.

There have been a number of requests to use the Field of Dreams from outside groups. We currently have requests from the Dirt Dogs (2 teams), another little league team, a youth girls' softball team, and a kickball group lead by Suzy Steinmann. We need to be fair to all, consider the wear and tear on the field and identify jurisdiction. Mr. Warwick clarified that the field is owned by IronOaks and is managed by Bluestar. We are considered tenants of the field. He feels it would be helpful to a meet with John Reyhons to discuss field use. If it continues to be our responsibility, Mr. Warwick would like the Board to develop policies and procedures to be submitted for the HOA's approval. Mr. Corso suggested that John Reyhons and Veronica Semey be included in these discussions. Mr. Warwick established a task force to develop these proposed policies and procedures. He appointed Mr. Leckner, Mr. Wolfe, and Mr. McCoy to the task force and asked that they work on it over the summer. In the meantime, we have an immediate request for kickball. Suzy Steinmann addressed the Board about the using the field on a weekly basis for kickball. She explained that she would like to see the field used more and improved which would make our community more appealing. She explained that she

and her group will not be disrespectful to the field. Play will be on the outfield grass and the bases will be moved around so the basepaths wouldn't get worn down. Mr. Warwick pointed out that liability insurance is the number one issue, as it is currently required of all groups who use the field. The Board unanimously agreed to support the next step of Suzy meeting with John Reyhons to find out what his requirements are for kickball to go forward. Mr. Wolfe will put off the other little league team that has requested usage until parameters are established. Mr. Leckner said the Dirt Dogs have been watering the field which is causing some problems. Mr. Whitman suggested we have a list of the things they can and cannot do on the field. Mr. Corso said they can play on the field and that's it. They should not be watering the field or otherwise maintaining it.

We need to order a 7 x 12 batter's box. The last one we bought was in 2018 and cost just over \$400. Mr. Corso will give Mr. McCoy the invoice for the last one as a reference. Gary Hillabolt said he will show us how to put it in. Some concern was expressed that the hole in the right-handed batter's box was partially caused from the wear and tear from the little league, and it was asked if we could remove the mat when they are using the field. It's imbedded in the dirt and can't be easily taken in and out. Mr. Leckner attended a seminar at Pebble Creek on field maintenance hosted by a company that will come and evaluate our dirt and slope of field and make recommendations based on what their program is. He will get in touch with them and arrange an assessment. Mr. Whitman suggested we contact more than one company to get recommendations. We also need the field lasered as was demonstrated by the water that pooled in low spots on the field after it rained. We've had the field lasered every couple of years and should try to have it done before the season starts next fall. Mr. Leckner thinks we're going to need another drag. We've been using a nail drag for a long time, but it is only needed when the field is hard. Mr. Leckner would like a different metal drag mat which would cost approximately \$200. Mr. Erpelding motioned that Mr. Leckner purchase a replacement batter's box. Mr. Whitman seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Leckner motioned we purchase a new drag. Mr. Whitman seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Leckner and Mr. Warwick will meet with John Reyhons about our concerns for the field including the lip and the shade on the backstop that blocks the sun, Mr. Corso suggested we go through Scott Robinson who is in charge of HOA landscaping. Mr. Whitman would be available for that.

There was no discussion on rules but Mr. Erpelding noted the tie game rule and sub rules should be reviewed in the fall.

Regarding the spring tournament scheduling, Mr. Erpelding proposed we go with 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 and 12:30. Tuesday the Lakes Division will play first. Thursday the Sun Division will play first. Friday the Lakes Division will play first. Mr. Corso will draw the bracket on the chalkboard at the field. Pace of play has slowed down and the second double header is starting late. Umpires and managers are encouraged to keep the game moving particularly when it comes to courtesy runners.

A discussion of summer ball options was led by Gary Hillabolt. There haven't been enough players to have pickup games for a long time. He wondered if going back to Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday would help. Robson Ranch is interested in playing every

other Friday alternating between here and there. Mr. McCoy suggested passing a clipboard asking players if they are interested in playing games in the summer. Gary Hillabolt will work with Dennis LePore and check with players during the tournament similar to the process when we start a new session.

Mr. McCoy reported we received 12 dozen balls about 3 weeks ago. We should have enough for about 12-13 weeks. He'll work with Mr. Corso about the batter's box mat.

Mr. Leckner suggested we consider lowering our minimum age to help with our diminished numbers. Mr. Erpelding suggested the current IronOaks age of 55 be applied to all of Sun Lakes residents. The Board will discuss this in the fall.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for Thursday, September 8, at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary

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Thursday, September 8, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs Warwick, Wolfe, Giordano and Mrs. Hilby  
Directors participating by phone were Messrs Erpelding, McCoy, and Whitman  
Members attending: Gary Hillbolt, Gary Alexander, Dennis LePore, Chris Jensen

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the April Board meeting were previously sent out to all directors. Mr. Wolfe moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Giordano and unanimously approved.

As a result of Jim Leckner's move to South Dakota, Mr. Warwick selected Sam Giordano as a replacement to complete the remainder of Mr. Leckner's term which ends in April. Mr. Erpelding motioned that Sam Giordano be appointed as a Board member and to the office of Vice President. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the treasurer's report. Things were pretty quiet over the summer. The year-to-date figures cover 11 months of the 12-month fiscal year. Total revenues are within \$600 of the budget. There were only two major variances. One was the ticket sales for the banquet and that was offset by the field rental by the Little League Dirt Dogs. Revenues are right on target. Mr. Giordano motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried.

Considerable discussion was held regarding information Mr. Wolfe needs to build the budget for the upcoming year. It was decided to leave the dues at the current level. Because the banquet format was well received, we'll plan on that for the upcoming year. The Little League renters were an upside because it wasn't in the budget for last year. The Dirt Dogs would like to rent the field again this year starting in January for five months. They are paying \$400 a month. This will be discussed with Bill Jacobson and Tom Bersano as there is very little time to prep the field for games the day after the kids use it. Mr. Warwick received word from John Reyhons that the HOA will replace the sun shading. Mr. Reyhons has passed it on to Chris Hall, Director of Facilities, and they will take care of it. Mr. Warwick will do the follow up. Gary Hillbolt provided estimates for equipment that needs to be replaced. These include a new infield drag for under \$300 and a new set of bases with a cost of \$400. There is a new batter's mat in the garage which Gary will install for the fall league. Gary will work with Mr. McCoy to order these items. On June 10 Mr. Warwick and Dennis LePore met with Don Bare from Bareco regarding laser leveling the field. The estimate is \$3,450 and includes ripping 4 inches of the infield and laser leveling the infield and warning track as well as applying a sports top dressing. They will also meet with the groundskeepers to discuss how to maintain it. Bareco

recommends not using Turface in the future. Mr. Wolfe made a motion to use Bareco to laser level the field. Mr. Giordano seconded. Motion carried. Hats will be distributed only to new members. Six of the eight team jerseys will be replaced this year. Mr. McCoy will check with sponsors to make sure they're going to continue with the sponsorship. Gary Hillabolt asked that we purchase more plywood for banners in the outfield.

Mrs. Hilby reported that the membership numbers have not changed over the summer. We have 103 full memberships and 5 rec program memberships for a total of 108.

There was an unintended consequence when the Board voted on who was eligible to vote in the officer election last year. Mr. Warwick and Mrs. Hilby will look at the verbiage and make sure the women are not excluded from the voting process.

Currently the SLSSA Board is made up of seven members. Five of those members must be IronOaks residents (Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 1), and all officers must be IronOaks residents (Article IV, Section E, Paragraph 1). It has become increasingly more difficult to recruit IronOaks residents to run for a Board position and at the same time, there are those willing to serve who are not eligible. Mr. Warwick asked that we give some consideration to tweaking the current bylaws. Some suggestions that were discussed included a configuration of four IronOaks residents and three nonresidents, changing the definition of resident to include all of Sun Lakes, and/or requiring that only the President and Vice President be IronOaks residents. As Mr. Giordano pointed out, the field was originally created for all of Sun Lakes. However, it is on IronOaks property and their responsibility to fund and maintain it. Therefore, there was some agreement that at a minimum, the President and Vice President should be IronOaks residents who would represent SLSSA when interacting with HOA management. Mr. Warwick would like the Board to think on this, and we'll revisit it in October. If we make a change, it will require a change to the bylaws and will have to be voted on before the Board election.

Currently the minimum age to play in our league is 60 for those living outside of IronOaks. With some concern regarding diminishing numbers, there was a discussion of expanding the membership by lowering the minimum age to 55 for all Sun Lakes communities. Other suggestions included putting an ad in the Splash or the Sonoran newspaper and recruiting through our website. Mrs. Hilby made a motion that we lower the minimum age requirement to 55 for all Sun Lake residents. Mr. Whitman seconded. Motion carried.

Overseeding is scheduled for September 26 to October 26. Mr. McCoy will contact the City of Chandler to schedule Snedigar for that time. It is our hope that we can use the Field of Dreams to open our fall season on October 25.

Mr. Wolfe has received multiple requests from teams to use the field. Mr. Warwick received clarification on who controls the use of the field. John Reyhons said that when it is an IronOaks request to use the field, it's his call. Other requests are at our discretion. Gary Hillabolt shared that the field maintenance volunteers have difficulty getting the field ready for the next day when Little Leaguers are using the field until dark. It takes



multiple volunteers over an hour to get the field ready. The best option for field rental would be Tuesday nights when there is not a morning game scheduled the next day. Mr. Whitman suggested this is a big topic, and we should have a committee to coordinate this. He volunteered to be involved. It was decided that Mr. Whitman will reach out to Tom Bersano and Bill Jacobson and start the discussion with their thoughts regarding field prep and the impact of evening use of the field.

There are clogged drain pipes in the outfield. As a result, the fence posts in left field have corroded and are unstable. Landscaping and Facilities have been involved in the discussion. Left field is in bad shape with big grooves because the mower equipment was driven on it when it was wet. Mr. Giordano doesn't think the field should be used until it's repaired as it is a liability.

Mr. Warwick introduced some possible rule changes for our consideration, questions, and things to think about. Mr. Erpelding suggested we have a version of the international tie breaker rule with runner on second with one out. Mr. Whitman discussed playing with safety lines at all the bases. It's the same premise as we have from third to home. He suggests we try it in the Lake Division. It's all about safety and it works very well in the leagues he is currently playing in. Mr. Whitman also introduced the idea that a five-run inning doesn't apply if you're down more than five runs. You can catch up but you can't go ahead. The idea is that a team can always feel like they're in the game. Finally, scenarios of using a catcher from another team/league were considered. We'll discuss possible rule changes at the next meeting.

Gary Hillabolt reported that summer ball has gone very well. He's had a good response in finding replacements. Gary has done the organizing including finding subs for all the teams with help from Dennis LePore. Mr. Giordano threw out the idea of having one league in the fall session. Mr. McCoy proposed having a pool of Lakes players who would be available to sub in the Sun Division games. No decisions will be made on either suggestion until after registration.

Because he is out of state, Mr. Erpelding asked Dennis LePore to report on the numbers for the fall session. The Lakes Division is very well stocked if the season started tomorrow. They may have 11- or 12-man rosters. There are seven guys on the waiting list, so it's looking good even if we lose five guys who have expressed interest in moving to the Sun Division. We may need those players in the Sun Division because with those 5 and the 3 guys on the waiting list, we are at 42 players. There are a lot of moving parts in the Sun Division. Dennis is confident it will work out. We usually pick up a few guys at registration at Snedigar. Worst case scenario we'd go with a nine-man roster with a pick-up catcher.

Regarding purchasing, Mr. McCoy can't seem to get a confirmation on when the 12 dozen balls will be made in China. We have about seven dozen new balls left that we can squeak by on for the fall season. Gary Hillabolt asked Mr. McCoy to order a couple of large and extra large blue umpire shirts when he's ordering the new team jerseys.

Mrs. Hilby will prepare the signup sheets for registration and send them to Mr. McCoy to have copied. Registration will be available at Snedigar October 4-13. The drafts will be held the week of October 17. League play will hopefully begin on October 25 if overseeding is completed. Mrs. Hilby will confer with Gary Hillabolt on a proposed fall schedule.

Mr. Wolfe asked if we could change the day of the week we meet. Thursdays are difficult with league play on that day. Also, there is live music in Stone & Barrel every Thursday making it difficult to conduct business. Mr. Warwick will check to see if the library is available on the second Wednesday of the month. Until then, he set the next meeting for Thursday, October 13, at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Oakwood Clubhouse Library  
Thursday, October 12, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs Warwick, Wolfe, Giordano, McCoy and Mrs. Hilby  
Directors participating by phone were Messrs Erpelding and Whitman  
Members attending: Gary Hillabolt,, Dennis LePore, Bill Jacobson

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:02 p.m.

The minutes of the September Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors.  
Mr. Erpelding moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr.  
McCoy and unanimously approved.

Mr. Wolfe presented the treasurer's report. This is the end of the fiscal year so the report covered the full 12 months. Everything was pretty close other than things we've talked about before. Having the less expensive banquet had a positive net impact of approximately \$1,600. The other main difference is the \$2,000 income from field rental to the Little League team. Softballs are over \$500 to the good but that's because we can't get them. Those three items together make up most of the \$4,100 differences. Mr. Giordano motioned to accept the financial report. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby gave an update on registration. There are currently 63 full members registered and 4 recreational members. She will make a list of who hasn't registered and share that with the Board and the draft committee so they can follow up. Discussion was held regarding the amount the women pay for HOA fees. Mr. Warwick asked Mrs. Hilby to meet with Jeff Vance, Director of Fitness and Wellness, to find out how they want to handle it. To clarify the wording regarding who is eligible to vote in Board elections, Mrs. Hilby made a motion that a member in good standing means you have paid the applicable HOA fee and SLSSA fee by March 1. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Warwick opened discussion on the proposed amendment, as written and distributed to the Board after the September meeting. Questions, comments, and/or additions to the proposed amendment were solicited from the Board. Mr. Warwick made a motion to accept the amendment as written. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried. The proposed change to the by-laws including the reason for the change will be posted in the information case at the Field of Dreams for 14 days after the fall session begins. At the end of the 14 days Mrs. Hilby will publish to the entire membership an email soliciting a yay or nay vote. Votes will be tabulated and results communicated to the membership.

Mrs. Hilby shared the Master Calendar as well as the fall session schedule. After next week's drafts, the schedules with team names and manager information will be distributed to the membership and posted on the website.

Laser leveling could not be worked out due to scheduling conflicts. The HOA landscaping had no availability to prepare the field for Bareco or move the mix onto the field so Mr. Warwick dropped the project for the moment. Mr. Giordano recommended taking a short break right after the spring session and do the project. Bill Jacobson suggested shutting down the summer session early and having it done in the fall rather than having it done and then playing on it all summer. Bill also asked that we purchase a half load of infield mix from Stabilizer Solutions to use when low spots develop. Mr. Giordano motioned that we budget for one load, but purchase a half load if we can get it. Mr. Wolfe seconded. Motion carried.

Gary Hillabolt ordered a home plate for \$125. It is similar to the one used at Robson Ranch. We have a new home plate and new mat in the garage. Bases are on order. Dave Kratz has asked if he could donate the cost of the bases. The Board thought that was a very generous offer. Bluestar was out at the field on Wednesday. Bill Jacobson worked with them regarding problems with the sprinklers. They replaced 4 heads today, added to the 10 they replaced earlier. Mr. Giordano will work with the HOA on field maintenance and will try to set up regular monthly meetings with Park McDonald to facilitate communication regarding our field.

The recent wind storm destroyed banner boards. Gary Hillabolt has replaced those and has five more boards ready to go with ten more new boards in the budget. Three new banners will be hung next month. There are three poles in left field that are about ready to break off. Until the watering issue is resolved, it can't be taken care. Electricity has been extended to the first base dugout. There will be electricity taken to the third base dugout in the near future. The sun screening hasn't been done yet. Mr. Warwick will follow up.

Members have been registering at Snedigar for our 2022-2023 season. Only new players need to sign up at the Fitness Center and that amount should be prorated as the HOA memberships are based on the calendar year. After Mrs. Hilby meets with Jeff Vance, Director of Fitness and Wellness, regarding the women's HOA fees and the prorated fees for the remainder of 2022, she will inform the new members of the process to sign up with the HOA.

Mr. Erpelding and Dennis Lepore gave an update on the upcoming fall session. At this moment it looks like there are currently 40 players in the Sun Division and 42 in the Lakes Division with some question marks. We might have as many as six new players coming tomorrow to Snedigar; three in each division. If we get three new players in each division, we'll be in good shape. Dennis has been monitoring the website every day for inquiries. There's a possibility that we'll be over in the Sun Division which means whoever doesn't get drafted will be in the Lakes Division draft. If there are 42 in the draft, 2 players will not get drafted in the Sun Division, and they will go into the Lakes draft. Drafts will be held next Tuesday and Thursday. Randy Neumann, Ron Carmichael, Mike Gloyd, and Sam Giordano will be managing in the Sun Division. Lakes Division managers are Gary Hillabolt, Dennis Kennedy, Tom Erpelding, and Chris Jensen.

Mr. Whitman is working on rental agreements to be used with the Little League teams. He needs to know what days the grass is cut and watered. He is also working on the guidelines for using the field and will finalize his documents and send them to the Board for review. Discussion was held regarding consideration for the volunteers who prep the field. It was decided Tuesday night, Friday night, and Saturday afternoon will be offered as available rental times for Little League. Bill Jacobson would like batting practice to end no later than 10:00 for field maintenance, and the Board supports that.

Mrs. Hilby explained there is a desire among members to have some simple social events to promote familiarity and camaraderie amongst the entire membership. She asked permission to use the SLSSA email system to distribute information regarding social activities. The Board was agreeable to the request.

Mr. Whitman discussed rules for the upcoming season. The first was the tie game rule. He doesn't think the international tie breaker will work because of the additional time it will take. Discussion was held regarding rules for tie games that we've tried in the past. Mr. Wolfe motioned we implement the half-run rule. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried.

During the summer season Mr. Whitman shared information regarding the use of safety lines at all bases for the Lakes Division. The idea is that runners will not run to the base, but will follow safety lines which will avoid collisions, similar to how players avoid home plate. Mr. Erpelding said it would be very difficult for one umpire to see that. After much discussion it was decided the umpires need to enforce the veering off rule when there is a play at second base. Mr. Whitman motioned that we adopt the safety lines in the Lakes Division for the fall session. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Discussion was held regarding the mandatory use of the pitcher's screen for both divisions. In support of this rule, Mr. Erpelding explained it is our job to ensure safety for our players. Lakes Division pitchers have to start on the rubber. Sun Division pitchers will follow the same rule. If the pitcher is going to step from behind the screen to be a fielder, he has to wear the mask and shin guards. Mr. Erpelding motioned that we require the Sun Division to use the pitcher's screen. If pitchers do not stay behind the screen until after the ball is hit, they are required to wear the mask and shin guards. Mr. Giordano seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitman introduced the rule that the five-run inning does not apply if a team is down more than five runs. The idea is that a team always has an opportunity to catch up. Mr. Erpelding expressed concern about the time. Mr. Whitman made a motion that the five-run inning not apply. Motion failed after receiving no second.

There was a proposal from some of the membership to have two Lakes Division players drafted by each of the Sun Division teams to be used as regular subs. It was determined this is a moot point if we have our numbers.

Bill McCoy shared that the six sets of jerseys are on order. They won't be ready for three

weeks. We'll save about \$1,400 by going with the new supplier and the lighter weight fabric. Softballs have been on backorder since early July. They are delayed at the port at Long Beach. The hope is that the order will arrive next month. We still have seven dozen balls and should be okay for the fall season. The women's balls are also on order.

The Field of Dreams was dedicated on November 9, 2002. Dennis LePore suggested a plaque to commemorate the 20 th anniversary. Mr. McCoy checked on prices of plaques that would match the others displayed at the field and found the cost has risen significantly to over \$500. We can order a painted aluminum plaque for about \$150. Mr. Wolfe will get a mock up to Mr. McCoy who will get a final quote.

Mr. Wolfe will revise the proposed budget to include the infield dirt and the plaque. Based on the current situation the budget will show about a \$3,200 deficit assuming no field rental from the Little League. If we do have that income, it would be about even.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for November 9 at 3:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 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, November 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs Warwick, Wolfe, Whitman, Giordano, McCoy Erpelding, and Mrs. Hilby

Members attending: Gary Hillabolt

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:05 p.m.

The minutes of the October Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Erpelding asked for clarification regarding eligible voters for the upcoming bylaws vote. It was agreed upon that anyone who is a member in good standing by December 1 may vote. This allows some time for the returning players to complete their registration. Mr. Erpelding motioned to approve the October minutes. Mr. McCoy seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Giordano made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the treasurer's report. When looking at the income statement compared to budget, most of larger variances are timing issues. Team sponsor fees, for example, are budgeted to receive six in October and two in November. Banner revenue is \$840 to the good with two unbudgeted new sponsors. These timing issues make up most of the revenue variance. Cost of sales is within \$45. The \$260 variance in expenses reflects the plaque. The \$320 below budget is for the infield drag which is, again, a timing issue. Net-net we're almost \$2,000 to the good because of the variances. Mr. Erpelding motioned to accept the October financials. Mr. Giordano seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby gave an update on registration. There are currently 92 full members registered and 7 recreational members. The breakdown is 21 IronOaks residents, 30 Sun Lakes residents, and 48 outside the Sun Lakes community.

The proposed change in the bylaws has been posted for 14 days. Mr. Warwick will write an email to be sent to eligible voters. Voting will end December 1. Mrs. Hilby will send the email and tally the votes.

Mr. Whitman provided use-of-field documents including a calendar for the year and proposed guidelines for use of the field. Mr. Whitman checked with the HOA about how you go about renting the softball field and discovered there are no set policies for use of the field. He recommends we develop some policies and rental agreement forms going

forward. Mr. Giordano asked to have time to look through and perfect the forms and then go to management to present them. Mr. Warwick asked that we all look at these documents, think about them, and be ready to give feedback to Mr. Whitman.

Mr. Warwick contacted Chris Hall, Director of Facilities, about the sun screen replacement. Mr. Hall is checking with the Fitness Director to see if they have a tarp that might work and will get back to Mr. Warwick. Chris Hall was at the field with a fence guy looking at putting chain link fencing over the home plate area to keep balls from going into the parking lot. There are eight poles in the outfield that seem to be rusted through to the point that the entire fence is unstable. Mr. Warwick will follow up with Chris Hall regarding the fencing as well as the termites in the men's room.

Mr. Wolfe was contacted by a woman from Element3 Health which involves a program similar to Silver Sneakers. The health insurance company has some type of reimbursement for members when they participate in activities, including softball. Mr. Wolfe will invite them to make a brief presentation at the December meeting. Mr. Wolfe proposed an Alumni Association as a way of keeping track of former members. He will put more information together.

Mr. Erpelding summed up how the fall session is going with one word - injury. Other than the tremendous need for subs, the session is going well. He visited with all the Lakes managers, and they've voted unanimously to cancel the Lakes games next week due to a lack of available players. Mr. McCoy brought up that the Lakes games have been going really long, some lasting three hours. When it's getting close to noon, Mr. Erpelding would like the incoming players to be warmed up and ready to take the field as soon as the games end. He will send an email to managers asking them to have their teams ready to go as soon as the first double header is over. Suggestions for keeping the games on time included a discussion of infield practice and asking the umpires to announce the leadoff batter as the team is coming in from fielding.

There will be batting practice Monday, Wednesday, Saturday for the next two weeks. Start times are 9:00 Monday and Saturday and 2:00 on Wednesday. Dennis LePore stopped at the field later in the day recently and found the field was open, bat warmers were still out, and the only thing locked was the scorer's booth. Managers need to make sure everything is locked up, bases are put away, and dugouts cleaned out. Whoever opens the field for batting practice needs to make sure it's locked up after batting practice. If that person can't stay till the end, he should designate someone to lock up. December 16 is the last day of the fall session. Signup for the winter session will begin the first week of December. Drafts will take place the week of December 19. Scott Steinmann's friend has a bat manufacturing company and would like to come and show his bats. The Board is okay with that.

Mr. Giordano reviewed projects needing attention including bathroom, fence, screen, etc. He's also concerned about cutting the grass only once a week. He'll try to set up a meeting to coordinate all these issues with John Reyhons, Park McDonald, Chris Hall, and Directors Warwick, Giordano, and Whitman.



Mr. Whitman brought up the veering off rules. There seems to be quite a bit of confusion. The runner should veer off away from the arm of the throw. The umpire can call the runner safe if he veers off for safety and the umpire determines the runner would have been safe. Mr. Erpelding will include clarification in his email to the managers.

Mr. McCoy reported all the jerseys are in his car. He also has new umpire jerseys. Skyview and Redeemed jerseys do not change. Softballs are supposed to have been shipped. The plaque is on the wall next to the water cooler.

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for December 14 at 3:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 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, December 14, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Directors participating were Messrs Warwick, Wolfe, Whitman, Giordano, McCoy, Erpelding

Participating by phone were Mrs. Hilby and Mr. Whitman

Members attending: Chris Jensen, Dennis Kennedy, Gary Hillabolt

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Warwick at 3:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November Board meeting were previously sent out to all Directors. Mr. Erpelding motioned to approve the November minutes. Mr. Giordano seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe presented the treasurer's report. Under revenues everything is close to budget except for banner advertising revenue which is \$2,000 to the good. The donation made by Dave Kratz which is intended for purchasing bases is reflected in the miscellaneous income category. Cost of sales is higher than budgeted because we sold more banners. Gross profit is \$1,900 to the good. On the expense side the field supplies are over by about \$268. Mr. Wolfe noted that there was an entry in the wrong account and when he corrects that, the amount will be more in line. The ladies' fee is still up in the air. Because they've been hard to get, we purchased all 18 dozen balls for the season which makes us overbudget by \$1,200. This is a timing issue and will resolve itself. The bottom line is we are \$1,400 to the good for the first two months of the year. Mr. Giordano motioned to accept the November financials. Mr. Erpelding seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hilby gave an update on registration. There are currently 92 full members registered and 9 recreational members. We added two new rec players this past month. Mrs. Hilby will send out the HOA registration information next week.

Voting for the proposed change in the bylaws has concluded. There were 48 yea votes and 1 nay. The vote passed and members have been notified. Mr. Warwick will revise the language of the by-laws. He will give it to Mrs. Hilby who will prepare the documents to be posted on the website.

Mr. Whitman shared guidelines for renting the field. This document will come with the rental agreement so the renter will understand what's allowed and what's not allowed. Mr. Whitman collected samples of rental applications from five or six different areas and would like to have a committee work to put it all together on one document. The HOA would then have it on file where rental agreements are kept for other areas. He has also prepared a contact sheet with information about where to go when you need help with something. This could be posted on our website. He still needs contact information for the HOA people. Mr. McCoy clarified he is in charge of purchases. He is also responsible

for awards, memorials and registration in the fall. Mike Core should be removed as photographer.

Mr. Whitman is preparing a calendar for each session in calendar format to be shared at the next meeting. He would like to have rental times settled for the little league team on Tuesdays and Fridays which is coming up in January. There is some confusion about Pedroia and the other person who's been at the field with a key. Mr. Whitman wants to meet with the HOA to clarify who is saying yes or no for using the field to make sure we're all on the same page and add those names to the contact page. Mr. Warwick will develop an agenda for that meeting, run it by Mr. Whitman, Mr. Giordano, and Mrs. Hilby and set up a meeting with John Reyhons. Mrs. Hilby will type up the documents for Mr. Whitman. Mr. Warwick will take the rental agreements and craft a one-page document so the HOA owns and enforces it.

Mr. Warwick has reached out again about the sun screen but has not heard back yet.

Element3 Health couldn't come this month. Mr. Wolfe arranged for their presentation to be made at the January meeting.

Mr. Wolfe sent out a proposed application for the Alumni Association. He will have it put on the website, published in the Splash and sent via email to "other contacts."

Mr. Whitman has been considering ways to make our amenity more valuable to the community and suggested putting on a 12 & under clinic as a fundraiser and community service project. The idea would be to work on fundamentals of the game for approximately three to four hours on a Saturday or Sunday. We could charge very little but also give back to the community to promote baseball or softball. Mr. Whitman would spearhead it, and we'd need five or six softball guys to come out and donate their time. Mr. Giordano suggested an umpire clinic for the umpires in our league. Mr. Whitman recommended doing that at Snedegar in the fall before we get on our field.

Last Friday Mr. Warwick fielded a complaint from a Lakes Division player regarding an incident that happened the prior week. The Lakes teams were playing the early games, and players from the Sun Division teams were waiting to play. The players from the waiting team were unkind and making rude comments about the play. Something like that has no place in our league. We should be celebrating the fact that we can still do this. Sportsmanship counts. Be kind. Good natured ribbing is one thing, mean spiritedness is uncalled for.

Mr. Wolfe asked for clarification regarding how long we wait for late players to arrive before we call a game a forfeit. Mr. Warwick will put it on the agenda for next month. Mr. Erpelding raised the topic of subbing across divisions. Mr. Warwick asked the ratings committee to meet and propose some options in the February meeting.

Batting practice times for the next couple of weeks will be Monday at 9:00, Wednesday at 2:00 and Friday and 9:00. Due to liability issues and membership requirements, we need to make sure players who come to batting practice are members.

We need volunteers to step up to help Bill Jacobson with the field.

Mr. Erpelding reported on the winter session. The Sun Division draft was held yesterday. The Lakes Division draft is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon. We have 40 players in the Sun Division and 44 players in the Lakes Division. That number changed daily the last two weeks. The Lakes managers are the same as last session, Jon Hendrikse is replacing Randy Neumann in the Sun Division.

Mr. Giordano reported that we are waiting to have the meeting with Chris and Park regarding field maintenance. This will be our best opportunity to discuss the issues we are concerned with so we will work to have the one-page rental agreement ready as well as the list of concerns and needs at the field.

The only issue regarding rules that was brought to Mr. Whitman's attention is the excessive speed rule with pitches. He talked to numerous people. It's in the rule book but judgement comes into play, changing from umpire to umpire. Mr. Whitman feels that when you have the screen, excessive speed should not come into play. Dennis Kennedy has researched this from a physics perspective and has deduced that if you're pitching from the rubber and going over the screen, it should not be excessive speed. If you are pitching from well behind the rubber, it is possible. Mr. Whitman will research excessive speed and legality of a pitch with regard to releasing the ball while still on the rubber.

Mr. McCoy reviewed purchasing issues that haven't already been discussed. We have 18 dozen balls made in Vietnam instead of China, but they are the same balls. We have about four dozen old balls from conserving. The nameplate has been added for Duke Garoutte. We have three to four dozen women's balls. Everyone seems to be happy with the jerseys. We're down to three caps.

Tomorrow frost is expected so game times will be at 9:30

Mr. Warwick set the next meeting for January 11 at 3:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cyndy Hilby  
SLSSA Board Secretary