

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