

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 8, 2008**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by President Dennis Bernaiche.

The following Board Members were present: Dennis Bernaiche, Bob Deken, Roger Spark, Norm VanBlargan and Larry Wolfe. Board members Hal Kime and Denny Davidson were absent. Also present were Association members Larry Delaney and Gene "Doc" Metcalf. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' League.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 14 was made by Mr. Deken, seconded by Mr. VanBlargan and unanimously approved.

Mr. Deken then gave the Treasurer's Report. His report covered the period from the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1, 2007) through February 8, 2008.

Mr. Deken then updated the Board regarding the vending machine. He noted that the relocation to the kitchen will provide a cleaner and cooler environment for the machine.

The Board then addressed Old Business:

- A. Based upon an e-mail recommendation by Mr. Davidson, the Board discussed the possibility of making changes to the Pinch Runner Rules. Mr. Davidson recommended pinch runners only be allowed once per inning and that the player making the last out would be the designated pinch runner. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. VanBlargan to

make no changes to the existing rules at this time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Deken and unanimously approved.

- B. The Board then discussed making changes to the existing Legal Bat Rules. After discussion, it was decided to make no changes in mid-season and that the new Board could re-address the matter prior to the fall season.
- C. Mr. Deken and Mr. Metcalf discussed changes to the Association's insurance policy. It was noted that the annual premium will increase from \$275 to \$375, but that coverage has been expanded. The Board thanked Mr. Metcalf for his efforts in helping to obtain the new insurance and expanded coverage. As a part of the insurance policy discussion, it was noted that the policy for dealing with emergencies should be made available to all members. The policy is currently posted at the Field of Dreams; however, Mr. Deken will also send copies of the policy via e-mail to all members who have provided him with e-mail addresses and will post the policy on the IronOaks website.
- D. The Board then discussed revising the schedule due to conflicts with upcoming tournaments and to re-schedule games postponed due to unplayable field conditions. Mr. Deken will prepare a revised schedule as soon as possible. Postponed games will likely be re-scheduled on Wednesdays.

The Board then addressed New Business:

- A. The Board appointed Roger Spark Chairman for coordinating the Annual Meeting. He will be assisted by Dick Moran, who coordinated the 2007 meeting. Mr. Spark will attempt to schedule the meeting for a Monday evening in March.
- B. The Board then discussed the selection of the Election Committee and Chairman. Three Association members will

be needed for the Committee. Volunteers will be solicited and the Committee and Chairman will be appointed at the March Board meeting.

- C. The Board then discussed the draft Annual Awards Policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Deken to approve the policy with the amendment that it be clarified that members of the Ladies' team are eligible for The 600 Club. The motion was seconded by Mr. VanBlargan and unanimously approved.
- D. The Board then appointed Mr. Wolfe to coordinate the selection of award nominees from the five fall league and five winter league managers.

President Bernaiche then opened up the floor for any other discussion topics.

Mr. Metcalf stated his position that players over a certain age should be allowed to use any bat that meets the 1.20 limitation. The Board recommended that his suggestion be presented to the new Board for consideration for potential consideration prior to the fall season.

Ms. Kenyon asked what Board positions will be open for the upcoming March election. It was noted that the seats currently held by Messrs. Bernaiche, Deken and VanBlargan will be open.

Ms. Kenyon then asked if the Board had considered the use of a secondary home plate rather than the extended line. It was noted that either may be used per most softball association rules and that the Board had determined that the use of the extended line was the safer option.

Ms. Kenyon noted that the Ladies' team plays till February 29 and currently has a 12-0 record. The Board congratulated her and the team on a great start to their season.

Ms. Kenyon and the Board thanked Mr. Delaney for the work he has done in making the Field of Dreams one of the premiere softball fields in the area.

The Board congratulated Ms. Kenyon, who will be honored by the Women's Sports Foundation in New York City later this year as one of only 40 coaches in the country for her work relative to Title IX.

There being no further business, President Bernaiche adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Prepared by and Attested to by:

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Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 14, 2008**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Dennis Bernaiche.

The following Board Members were present: Dennis Bernaiche, Bob Deken, Hal Kime, Roger Spark, Norm VanBlargan and Larry Wolfe. Board member Denny Davidson was absent. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team. Association member Jesse Washington was also present.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 8, 2008 was made by Mr. Spark, seconded by Mr. Deken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Deken then gave the Treasurer's Report. His report covered the month of February.

The Board then expressed its thanks for the work done by Roger Spark and Dick Moran relative to coordinating the annual meeting.

The Board then discussed the upcoming elections. It was noted that there will be three openings on the Board. The positions currently filled by Messrs. Bernaiche, Deken and VanBlargan will be open. The three incumbents are eligible to run for reelection. Association member Bob Hutchins will be asked to chair the Election Committee. The elections will be held at the field during the year-end tournament on March 27. In order to increase the number of participating voters, internet voting will also be available. Mr. Deken will coordinate that aspect of the elections.

Mr. Wolfe is coordinating the selection of annual award winners. The ten 2007-2008 team managers have been asked to submit nominations for the awards. The awards will be presented prior to the championship game on March 27 and will consist of the following: Most Valuable Player, Rookie-of-the-Year, Most Improved, Sportsmanship Award and 600 Club. Mr. Hutchins has agreed to act as Master of Ceremonies and will produce the award certificates.

The year-end tournament will be held on March 27 and will include a cook-out for all members and guests. Roger Spark is coordinating the cook-out and picnic.

Ms. Kenyon then gave a report regarding the Ladies' Team. She noted that the team finished the season with a 20-3 record, the best record since 1995. She thanked the Board for the Associations' support of the Ladies' program and also thanked the "Larry Committee," Larry Delaney and Larry Domas for their work in preparing the field, and Larry Collins and Larry Wolfe for umpiring the games. The Board congratulated Ms. Kenyon and her team on a great season.

The Board recommended that the incoming Board address scheduling conflicts between the Age Group Traveling Teams and league play prior to the fall season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Prepared by and attested to by:

Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 30, 2008**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Board members Hal Kime and Tom Lorgan were absent.

The first order of business was the election of Officers for the 2008-2009 term. A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to nominate Mr. Davidson as President. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Dr. Spark to nominate Dr. Hal Kime as Vice President. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Dr. Spark to nominate Mr. Wolfe as Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to nominate Bob Deken as Interim Treasurer through September 30, 2008. It was confirmed that the By-laws do not require that the Treasurer position be held by a Board member. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 14, 2008 was made by Dr. Spark, seconded by Mr. Ellis and unanimously approved.

The Board then discussed summer play. It was confirmed that summer play will be held each Tuesday and Thursday morning, initially beginning at 8 a.m. on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Davidson was named Summer Play Coordinator. He will be assisted by Dr. Spark and

Mr. Washington. Mr. Davidson will also ask Association member Jim Kilmartin to assist with the program.

The Board then discussed future meeting dates. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Ocotillo Room. Any additional meetings during the interim will be held on an as required basis.

Mr. Wolfe will prepare the agenda for the September meeting with input from all Board members. Topics to be considered at the September meeting will include:

- \*Should voting by the President be limited to tie vote situations?
- \*Revision of the substitute runner rule
- \*Revision of the definition of a legal bat for league play
- \*Scheduling conflicts (travel team tournaments impact upon league play)
- \*Revision of the Player Application form to define player commitments (Mr. Wolfe will prepare a draft for Board review prior to the next meeting.)

A resolution was passed by the Board thanking all those who helped make the season-ending tournament a success. Dr. Spark will call or write to all those who helped and thank them on behalf of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary



**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 4, 2008**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Field of Dreams by President Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members were present: Denny Davidson, Hal Kime, Tom Lorgan, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Board member Henry Ellis was absent.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 30, 2008 was made by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved.

Mr. Lorgan then led the Board in discussing ways to improve communications with the general membership. Mr. Lorgan volunteered to provide verbal updates to members before games on an as needed basis. He will also solicit input from various members at these sessions. Mr. Wolfe will begin providing Notice of Meetings to all members via e-mail and will also send the Minutes of each meeting to all members who have provided e-mail addresses. The Notices and Minutes will also continue to be posted at the Field.

The Board then discussed revisions to the Legal Bat Policy. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Spark, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved as follows:

Players 70 years old and older, based upon their actual birth dates, may use the Miken Ultra II and the Worth Launch 510. The remainder of the current Bat Policy will remain unchanged. The

Board commits to not revising this provision during the 2008-2009 seasons.

The Board then discussed player dues for new players joining the Association during the summer. It was determined that the dues shall be \$50 for summer play for players joining prior to September 1. No fee will be charged if a player joins after September 1; however, such player will be required to pay dues prior to the sign-up deadline in October.

Dr. Kime then led the Board in discussing the need for more scorekeepers. It was determined that volunteers be solicited and that a short training session be conducted. In addition, Mr. Wolfe will solicit volunteers in a future edition of the *Sun Lakes Splash*.

The Board then discussed a new draft of the Player Application and Waiver Form presented by Mr. Wolfe. After agreeing to two minor additions, a motion was made to adopt the new form effective immediately. The motion was made by Dr. Spark, seconded by Dr. Kime and unanimously approved. A copy of the new form is attached hereto and will be available at the Field in the scorer's booth for use for new sign-ups.

The Board then discussed the Treasurer position. At the March 30 Board meeting the Board elected Bob Deken to continue as Treasurer through September. Given that Mr. Deken has performed admirably in the position, the Board agreed to ask him to continue as Treasurer through the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Certain "non-Treasury" functions that were performed by Mr. Deken as a part of his duties as a Board member will be reassigned to current Board members.

Duties were assigned among the Board members as follows:

1. Obtaining team sponsors: Mr. Davidson

2. Equipment manager (in charge of uniforms, game and practice balls, scores sheets and other equipment and supplies as required): Mr. Washington with assistance from Mr. Lorgan
3. Field use and Tuesday-Thursday League game scheduling: Dr. Kime
4. Player Applications and Waivers: Dr. Spark
5. Social Director (in charge of any cookouts and the annual meeting): Dr. Spark
6. Banner sales, billing and collections and banner maintenance: Mr. Wolfe
7. Maintaining rosters, mailing addresses and e-mail addresses: Mr. Wolfe
8. Recruiting and scheduling of umpires for the Tuesday-Thursday League: Mr. Lorgan

Board member Ellis will be assigned duties to assist other members with certain duties upon his return in the fall.

The Board then unanimously agreed that a letter of appreciation and commendation be sent to outgoing Board members Bernaiche, Deken and VanBlargan thanking them for their considerable dedication and accomplishments.

Under new business, Dr. Kime asked that the Board members consider whether a ranking system should be used for player selection and assignment to various teams. The purpose of the system would be to attempt to equalize the talent among the teams. He recommended that the players be ranked in four areas: Offense (batting); defense (fielding skills); base running (speed and game knowledge); and, throwing (arm strength and accuracy). He also suggested that age might be considered as another factor. He recommended that a ratings committee be formed, that a ratings form be devised and that each player also rate themselves. No action was taken; however, the Board will consider the

recommendations prior to selecting teams in the fall. The Board will also informally discuss this topic with the general membership during the summer and obtain additional input from them.

The Board then discussed the dates, procedures and eligibility for signing up for the 2008-2009 seasons. Sign-ups will be initiated in early October. A deadline of October 28 was set for signing up for Tuesday-Thursday League play. The season will start on Tuesday, November 4. Players who do not sign up prior to that date will be considered substitutes and may play on Mondays until an opening occurs. The opening may be temporary or permanent dependent upon the circumstances thereof. An exception will be made for part time resident players who have not returned to Arizona prior to October 28. However, those players must contact Mr. Davidson via phone, e-mail or letter prior to October 28 requesting that they be selected for a team and providing a specific start date. They must then pay the full dues and complete the Player Application and Waiver form prior to participating. The Board will address the issue of Tuesday or Thursday only players at the next Board meeting.

All of the above procedures and provisions were discussed in detail. A motion to approve all such procedures and provisions was then made by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mr. Lorgan and unanimously approved.

The final item for discussion was a revision of the substitute runner rule. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lorgan, seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved to adopt the following rule for the fall season:

A team may have a maximum of one substitute runner per inning. The substitute runner shall be the player who made the last out in that inning. If there are no outs, then the player who made the last out in the previous inning shall be the substitute runner. Exception:

An additional runner may be used if a player is injured in an inning after a substitute runner has already been used.

It was noted that Mr. Wolfe will publish revised Playing Rules prior to the commencement of league play. The Board reserves the right to consider other changes prior to that time.

The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting is Friday, September 12; however, special meetings may be held during the summer if required.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Kime to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Prepared by and attested to by:

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Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

**SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 22, 2008**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Field of Dreams by President Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Denny Davidson, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Other participating Association members were Larry Delaney, Jim Kilmartin, Harry Roehl and Bob Yaryan.

The meeting was held to discuss options to repair or replace the utility golf cart used for field maintenance. Mr. Delaney stated that he obtained an estimate exceeding \$1400 to rebuild the engine of our existing cart. He also advised the Board that replacement parts for the existing golf cart are difficult, if not impossible, to find. Mr. Kilmartin noted that he had contacted A-1 Golf Carts, one of the Association's sponsors, and determined that a much newer refurbished cart could be purchased for approximately \$2000. After discussion, including input from the attending members, Mr. Washington moved that Messrs. Delaney and Kilmartin be authorized to spend up to \$2100 plus tax for a refurbished cart. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davidson and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Recorded by and attested to by:

Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

# **SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

### **September 12, 2008**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Vice President Hal Kime, who chaired the meeting in the absence of President Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Hal Kime, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Board members Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis and Tom Lorgan were absent. Other participating Association members included Ron Brown, Evan Hansen, Bob Hutchins, Gene Metcalf, Ed Sowney and Bob Yaryan. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

#### Old Business:

1. A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2008 and July 22, 2008 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mr. Wolfe discussed the draft Fiscal Policy. Mr. Washington recommended that Paragraph 7 be amended to read as follows: In accordance with Article IX, Section G, of the Bylaws of the Association, only the President, Treasurer and Secretary are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the Association. Checks in excess of \$500 require the signatures of two of the aforementioned authorized signatories. After further discussion, Mr. Washington moved that the policy as amended be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Spark and unanimously approved. A copy of the fiscal policy is attached herewith.
3. Mr. Deken noted that financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 will be provided at the next Board meeting. In addition, a draft budget for the 2009 fiscal year will be provided for the Board's consideration at the October 10 meeting. The Board will determine the level of the dues for the coming year based upon that budget. Mr. Wolfe noted that revenues from advertising banners will be considerably lower in the coming year because all spaces are now sold. Revenues for the upcoming fiscal year will primarily consist of

installment payments and some renewals. Banner revenues in fiscal 2008 were over \$7,000 and expected banner revenues for the 2009 fiscal year are approximately \$4,400. This may impact dues levels dependent upon total budgeted expenditures.

#### New Business:

1. The Board then discussed potential rules changes for the fall season. Via email, Mr. Davidson questioned whether all players in attendance should be required to bat during each game of the scheduled doubleheaders or whether the number of batters be limited to a certain number. After considerable discussion, including commentary from several attending Association members, no change in the current rule was made. The current rule provides that all team members reporting to a game shall be in the batting order. The Board reserved the right to readdress this rule and others at the next meeting. It was agreed by the Board members present that every attempt should be made to not amend any rules after the start of a season.
2. Dr. Spark then discussed a proposal to allow an area Little League team to use the Field of Dreams for practice. After spirited discussion, the Board voted 3-1 not to allow any outside teams to use the field at this time. This issue may be readdressed when the full Board is available.
3. Dr. Spark then discussed the need for additional topsoil in certain places in the outfield. He noted that Field Maintenance Supervisor Larry Delaney did not recommend that we add any topsoil at this time.
4. Mr. Washington then made a recommendation regarding team shirts and hats for the coming season. He presented a chart showing quotes for shirts from three companies and quotes for hats from five companies. After discussion, it was decided that shirts will be purchased from the Screen Art Company and hats will be purchased from American Art Design, with Screen Art approved as a back-up. During this discussion, Mr. Yaryan recommended that a consistent policy be adopted for Championship T-shirts. The Board agreed to include his suggestion as an agenda item for the October meeting. Ms. Kenyon noted that the Ladies' Team will also need new shirts for their upcoming season. The Board supported her request. The new budget will appropriate monies for that purchase.



5. The Board then discussed whether Mr. Bob Deken would continue as Treasurer. It was noted that the Bylaws provide that the Treasurer need not be a Board member. This provision encourages the selection of a Treasurer with accounting and financial experience. All members of the Board and certain other Association members spoke highly of the job done by Mr. Deken, thanked him for his past service and formally requested that he consider acting as Treasurer for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Deken agreed to continue as Treasurer.
6. Mr. Washington noted that this year's team sponsors will be: A-1 Golf Carts, Brendan Financial Services, Grand Valley Golf Carts (formerly known as Classi Carts), State Farm Insurance (Mr. Ralph Vasquez's agency) and Wells Fargo Bank.
7. Dr. Kime then discussed his proposal for a player rating system to be used in selecting players for the league teams. The intended use of the rating system would be to help equalize the talent levels on the various teams. A copy of his proposed rating system is attached. It was noted that Mr. Davidson has overall responsibility for selecting teams and that he formed a committee consisting of Bill Corso, Evan Hansen and Bob Yaryan to assist him in player evaluation. No specific action was taken by the Board regarding Dr. Kime's proposal; however, the Board in general supported the use of a ratings system. This issue will be addressed more fully at the October meeting.
8. The Board and members present then discussed the need for a League Commissioner. No specific action was taken; however, in general, the Board members and a majority of the Association members present supported consideration of a League Commissioner.
9. Under other business, Mr. Hansen suggested that an outfield line be used during the upcoming season so that outfielders cannot play very shallow for certain players. Under his proposal, the fielders would be required to stay behind such line until the ball is hit. After discussion, the Board agreed not to adopt Mr. Hansen's suggested rule change.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Prepared by and attested to by:

\_\_\_\_\_ Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

# **SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

### **October 10, 2008**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Denny Davidson, Roger Spark, Jesse Washington and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Board members Henry Ellis, Hal Kime and Tom Lorgan were absent. Other participating Association members included Ken Brenden, Bill Corso, Evan Hansen, Gene "Doc" Metcalf, Bill Serdar and Ed Sowney. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the minutes of the September 12 minutes with two minor revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

4. Mr. Wolfe proposed a clarification to the Fiscal Policy adopted at the September meeting. The clarification involved the use of the Association's debit card. He suggested that the debit card may be used for any purchase formally approved in accordance with the approval matrix included in the Fiscal Policy. A motion was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Dr. Spark to revise the Fiscal Policy to include this clarification. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Wolfe will revise the policy to include this clarification.
5. The Board then discussed the substitute runner rule for the upcoming season. After considerable discussion, it was concluded that we will adopt the Senior Softball-USA (SS-USA) rule which allows one substitute runner per inning. (No other restrictions apply; however, if that substitute runner is still on base when his regular batting position comes up, the runner is out. If there are less than three outs, the substitute runner will then take his regular turn in the batting order.) A motion to adopt this rule change was made by Dr. Spark, seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved.

6. Mr. Deken reviewed the financial results for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2008. He noted that total income of \$17,553 exceeded the budget by over \$4,800. The prime reason for the surplus was that revenue from the sale of advertising banners exceeded the budget by over \$3,600. Expenses also exceeded the budget with the primary overage due to the unbudgeted purchase of a replacement cart for field maintenance and additional dirt for the infield. Overall, the Association had a surplus of nearly \$2,800 for the year. A motion to approve the financial statements was made by Dr. Spark, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved.
7. The Board then discussed the player rating system proposed by Dr. Kime at the September meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that there will be a player rating system utilizing five criteria: batting, defense, running, throwing and knowledge of the game. The ratings will be utilized by the Team Selection Committee and also for selecting substitute players. (See New Business, Item 4(a).) Players will be rated on a scale of 1 to 5, with a 1 being the top rating and a 5 being the lowest rating. The ratings will be open information, but will not be publicly posted. A player may obtain his own rating from Mr. Davidson, Chairman of the Team Selection Committee. A player may challenge his assigned level if there is a difference of two or more levels between the rating given and the rating the player thinks he should be assigned. A motion was made by Mr. Washington to adopt the above-outlined ratings system. The motion was seconded by Dr. Spark and unanimously approved.
8. The Board agreed that no championship t-shirts will be purchased this year.
9. The Board then discussed the need for selecting a League Commissioner. The duties of the position would be to assign substitute players to teams short of players; to assign new players to teams after the league has commenced play; and, to deal with disciplinary issues. After considerable discussion, it was decided that Mr. Davidson would ask Board Member Henry Ellis assume these duties and that a separate position of League Commissioner would not be named at this time. Mr. Davidson will assume these duties until Mr. Ellis returns to Sun Lakes from his summer home.

## New Business:

1. Mr. Deken presented a proposed budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year. The proposed budget showed a projected surplus of \$1821, based upon dues levels of \$90 for Tuesday/Thursday players and \$50 for Monday-only players.
2. The Board then discussed the impact of slightly reducing player dues. The Board expressed its desire to have a breakeven budget. It was concluded that dues could be reduced to the following levels: Tuesday/Thursday players (From \$90 to \$75); Monday-only players (From \$50 to \$40); summer-only players (From \$50 to \$40). Ladies league player dues will remain at \$35. In addition, it was agreed to increase the expense allowance for new uniform t-shirts from \$1590 to \$1775 and to change the field maintenance budget from \$5200 to \$5400. Based upon these changes, a motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved. Mr. Deken will make these changes and present the approved budget at the next meeting. Mr. Wolfe will send out an announcement of the new dues levels to all members via email.
3. Mr. Ken Brenden then discussed his desire to form a new Saturday league which would commence in January and run for approximately eight weeks. The Board asked Mr. Brenden to submit a formal proposal to the Board members prior to the next Board meeting. The item would then be put on the agenda for the November meeting.
4. The Board then addressed additional changes to the playing rules for the upcoming season. After considerable discussion, the following changes were approved: (a) Teams will be allowed to use up to three substitute players from other teams. If a team will have only eight of its own players, it may use three substitutes to bring the total to eleven. If a team will have only seven of its own players, it may use three substitutes to bring the total to ten players. If a team will have only six of its own players, the team must forfeit the games. Mr. Ellis will select the substitutes and will utilize the ratings system to select players with ratings less than or equal to the missing players. For example, if a team is missing only Level 3 players, no Levels 1 or 2 may be used as substitutes. An attempt will be made to use players from that day's Bye team. Team managers are responsible for notifying Mr. Ellis a minimum of twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled game if they will require substitutes. If appropriate substitutes as defined above cannot be found, a team must forfeit its games. A forfeit will ensue if the total number of players, including qualified substitutes, is less than ten; (b) the new larger home plate

mats will be used this season. This will effectively increase the size of the strike zone. In addition, an out at home will be recorded if the catcher (or other player) while holding the ball is in contact with the plate OR mat prior to the runner crossing the “home plate line;” (c) Players may play in the Tuesday/Thursday league if they can play only on Tuesday or Thursday, respectively. Attempts will be made to equalize these player assignments. For example, if a Level 2 player can play only on Tuesdays, an attempt will be made to assign a Thursday-only Level 2 to that same team. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of these types of situations. If appropriate assignments cannot be made, the player may be required to play as a substitute only (Note: This item is not a Playing Rule, per se, and is not included as a rule, but rather is an operating procedure.); and, (d) if a specific rule is not covered by the Association’s Playing Rules, the rules of the SS-USA shall be used. (Previously, the Association used ASA rules as the “default rules.”) A motion to adopt these changes was made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved. Mr. Wolfe will make changes to the official rules and distribute them to all members via email. In addition, the rules will be available for review in the scorer’s booth at the Field of Dreams.

5. The Board then addressed several other matters brought up by members in attendance. (a) Mr. Kilmartin was authorized to purchase new line-up boards; (b) Mr. Serdar requested that the Board consider a social dance to be held in January. He noted that the Sun Lakes Country Club has some available dates in January. Mr. Deken stated that an IronOaks venue should also be considered, especially since that HOA has just agreed to pay for the over-seeding of the outfield grass and is paying utility bills at the field. It was noted that our Bylaws require an annual meeting be held in January. The Board will put the matters of a social dance and/or annual meeting on November’s agenda; (c) Mr. Serdar recommended that team managers be given keys to the field. He also recommended that team managers be provided with a listing of duties. These proposals were discussed, but no specific action was taken; and, (d) Mr. Corso asked that the Board reconsider the use of an outfield line whereby outfielders would have to stay behind such line when certain hitters are batting (basically players with little power and/or slow running speed). There was spirited discussion regarding the proposal, but no specific action was taken.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Wolfe to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved. Mr. Davidson then adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Recorded by and attested to by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Larry E. Wolfe, Secretary

# **SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

### **December 12, 2008**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association (SLSSA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Denny Davidson.

The following Board Members, representing a quorum, were present: Denny Davidson, Henry Ellis, Hal Kime, Tom Lorgan, Roger Spark and Larry Wolfe. Mr. Bob Deken attended as Treasurer. Board member Jesse Washington was absent. Other participating Association members included Ken Brenden, Bill Corso, Jim Dunn, Evan Hansen, Dennis LePore and Tim Stock. Karen Kenyon represented the Ladies' Team.

A motion was made by Dr. Spark and seconded by Mr. Lorgan to approve the minutes of the October 10 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Deken then presented the Treasurer's Report. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Spark to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kime and passed unanimously.

The Board and participating Association members then discussed the Winter League Schedule and rules in great detail. After various proposals and discussion, the following was unanimously approved, based upon a motion made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Dr. Kime:

- The Winter League will consist of six teams.
- Four games will be played on each of Tuesday and Thursday. No other regularly-scheduled play dates were authorized. Start times will be 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Two teams will have a Bye on each play date.
- Substitute players, if required, will be selected from the Bye teams, if possible. Substitute players will be selected using the player rating system which attempts to select substitute(s) with playing ability similar to, or less than, the replaced player(s).
- No other rule changes were adopted.

**The Board then discussed various substitute player issues. Based upon a motion by Mr. Lorgan, which was seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved, the following substitute player rules were approved.**

- A substitute player can enter a game after the game has started only if the entire batting order has not batted. A player on the team's roster may be inserted in the lineup at any time. If the entire lineup has batted, the player will be inserted as the last batter in the lineup.**
- A player cannot leave a game and then re-enter later if he has missed his turn at bat.**

**All other substitution rules shall remain as they were during the Fall League.**

**The Board then discussed the issue of "No Shows." During the Fall League, several players missed games without advising their managers that they would be absent. In some instances, this resulted in their team playing short-handed. The Board believes this action is inconsiderate to the player's manager and teammates and should not go unpunished. Based upon further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lorgan, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, and unanimously approved as follows: The first time that a player misses a game without advising his manager in advance, he shall be counseled. If a player misses a second date without advising his manager in advance, he shall be subject to suspension. Players who will miss a game or games should attempt to advise their managers a minimum of 24 hours in advance, in order that substitutes, if required, can be selected.**

**Mr. Davidson then proposed that a higher age limit be set for future outside players. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lorgan, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and unanimously approved as follows: Any future outside players, defined as anyone who does not reside in Sun Lakes or Sunbird, must be at least 60 years old. Resident players must be 50 or older.**

**The Board then discussed the prohibition of beer, liquor and/or drugs at the Field of Dreams. Mr. Deken presented a letter to Mr. Davidson, as Association president, from the General Manager of Sun Lakes Homeowners' Association #3, the owner of the field and surrounding area. It had come to the attention of the General Manager that beer was found recently at the field. The letter reiterated that per HOA rules, the HOA's liquor license and its insurance policy, the sale or distribution of beer, liquor and drugs at the field is strictly prohibited. A copy of the letter will be posted at the field.**



**The Board then discussed the annual meeting and a dance or social event. Last year, the Annual Meeting was combined with a social event and was held at the Ironwood Country club. It was determined that the Annual Meeting, as required by the By-laws of the Association, will be held at 10 a.m. on January 9, immediately preceding the Board meeting on that date. It was also decided that a separate social event will be held in early March. A budget not to exceed \$1000 was established for the event. Board member, Dr. Spark, will coordinate the social event.**

**Mr. Ken Brenden then discussed a proposed Saturday League which would be held at the Field of Dreams. The League would start in mid-January and run for eight weeks. The League would include a minimum of four teams, with both Sun Lakes teams and outside teams participating. Outside teams would pay \$200 to participate. Sun Lakes players, who are members of the Association, would not have to pay additional fees to participate. Association members Brenden and Bernaiche would be responsible for preparing the field for play and locking up after the games. Team and individual waivers of liability would be obtained. The board authorized Mr. Brenden to pursue formation of the League and to report back to the Board at the January meeting to request final approval of the project.**

**Ms. Karen Kenyon then presented a report regarding the Ladies' League. She noted that league play begins on January 5 and continues through March 9 and will include nine home dates at the Field of Dreams. She expects to have 16 or 17 players on the roster. She also noted that new shirts are being purchased for the team members this year and that the cost will be within the established budget.**

**The board then discussed other general matters, but no additional action was taken. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m.**

**Minutes written and attested to by:**

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**Larry Wolfe, Secretary**

