

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

Thursday January 11, 2018 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Core, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Leckner, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe (Treasurer). Members in attendance were Ken Brenden, Ron Carmichael, Evan Hansen, Randy Rothenbuehler, Bob Montileone, and Tom Erpelding.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of December revenue was \$2059 as the Iron/Oaks Board of Directors paid back field maintenance fees. Also dues from women softball players were paid. Expenses were at \$470 leading to a surplus of \$1351. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Leckner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe reported on pricing for the banquet. Oakwood is charging \$24.94 per meal. The cost per person will remain at \$27 as the Association pays for guest meals, desserts, and decorations. There will be no live entertainment as very few members in the past few years have stayed to enjoy the music. Start time is 5:00 for happy hour with the meal to be served at 6:00. The banquet is scheduled for Wednesday March 28 in the Oakwood Ballroom.

Mr. Hilby reported current membership at one hundred-twenty-six; three members play recreational only and one hundred-twenty-three are full members. Sixteen women are included in the full membership number.

The Spring Session sign-up period will be held starting February 1. The draft will be held during the final week of the Winter Session.

Chuck Hamby has been placed on State Farm Insurance to replace an unavailable drafted player.

Mr. Giordano provided updates on the change of use proposal of the softball field. An Iron/Oaks HOA Board Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday January 17. The regular monthly HOA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 24 at 9:00 in the Oakwood Ballroom. We will need to have strong membership attendance at this meeting as they will be reviewing the Amenities Task Force recommendation to place pickle ball on where the Field of Dreams now stands.

SLSSA basic rules are the Senior Softball rulebook with limited local rules. Senior Softball has changed the courtesy running and glove type rules. Courtesy runners must be put in before the first pitch to any batter. First basemen's mitts can be used at any position on the field. These changes are now reflected in our Association rules. Changes will be made in the SLSSA rules concern the pitching screen. The wording, "if using the pitching screen..." will be added as clarification. If a batter bats out of order the hope is the official scorer realizes the situation before the next batter bats. If the batting out of order is not caught before one pitch is thrown the games continues from that point with no changes or penalty.

- Mr. Corso motioned teams playing with eleven players and playing shorthanded (ten players) will use the current Senior Softball rule. The motioned was seconded by Mr. Leckner. The short-handed team will absorb an out the first time through the batting order; following that out all players after that spot in the batting order then move up one spot. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Core motioned and seconded by Mr. Washington that teams playing with a twelve man roster playing short-handed use the current Senior Softball rule (see above explanation). The motion passed 4-3 with Mr. Giordano, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Leckner opposing.
- Mr. Corso motioned twelve player roster teams playing with ten players will receive a player from the opposing team. The lowest rated player is the player replaced. The opposing manager decides which of his players will be loaned. No out will be awarded in any game in which both teams are playing with equal numbers. At this point in a game no substitutes may be picked up. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hillabolt coordinates field scheduling and use. Please funnel all requests through him.

Mr. Leckner is the liaison to the women's program.

Mr. Hillabolt reported the third base dugout sprinkler is not rotating. The I/O HOA has been contacted to repair. The women's team sends a big THANK YOU to Ken Brenden for working to get the field ready for Wednesday's games following the rains Tuesday evening.

Mr. Washington has been supplying caps to new players but we only have five left. Senior Softball is changing softballs that handle the heat better. These softballs will have same core and compression.

Mr. Core is asking for names for the Spirit Award for the February meeting.

The Election Committee has been formed. Cyndy Hilby (Women), Doug Warwick (Lakes Division), and Kim Whitney (Sun Division) make up that Committee.

Mr. Giordano asked Mr. Core to form the Grievance Committee and act as the liaison to the Board.

The next board meeting has been set for Thursday, February 8 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 4:46.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

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Thursday February 8, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors, with the exception of Mr. Hilby, were present for the meeting. Others in attendance included Ron Carmichael, Tom Kasunic, Ken Brenden, Doug Friesen, John Seigla, and Randy Rothenbuehler.

It was moved by Mr. Hillabolt and seconded by Mr. Leckner to approve the January meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Giordano reported there were 105 men with memberships, 3 of those being Recreational only members. In addition there are 14 women members.

Mr. Giordano reminded the Board of the Annual Banquet scheduled for Wednesday, March 28 in the Oakwood Ballroom. There will be a Happy Hour from 5 to 6 pm to be followed by a meal. Following the meal brief reports will be presented along with the Spirit of Sun Lakes Softball to be awarded to a person who has donated significant time and effort with the SLSSA. A geezer report accompanied with photos will also be presented.

Board members were reminded that the upcoming double elimination tournament for the winter session will be held the week of Feb. 19 with games on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be four games on each day, beginning at 9 am. Also, on Thursday, Feb. 22 will be our annual cookout. Mr. Corso told the Board that his son is donating a large Weber Grill to the organization which should help in the cooking of hamburgers and hotdogs. Mr. Core and Ken Brenden will purchase the food for the tournament cookout and seek volunteers to assist in the cooking and serving of food.

Discussion was held on rules for tournament substitutes. After much discussion it was decided to leave the substitution process as it is. Discussion was also held on the issue of tie games in the tournament. It was moved by Mr. Leckner and seconded by Mr. Washington to use the one-half run rule for the visitors for all tournament games except the championship games which would start the extra innings with a runner on second and one out. The motion carried.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Spring session. Mr. Hillabolt reported that as of the meeting date there were 44 players in each of the Sun and Lakes divisions.

The draft for Sun Division is scheduled for Feb. 12 and the Lakes for Feb. 19. The Board discussed the starting times for the Spring session and it was the Board's consensus that the starting time for those dates would be 8 am. The Board also held a discussion on a Home run rules. After much discussion it was moved by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Core that teams be limited to three home runs until the opponent hits 3 home runs. Any home run in excess of three would be a single until such time as the opponent equals or exceeds the 3 home run tie. The motion carried.

Mr. Washington reported that he is purchasing 10 dozen balls which should carry us into summer play.

Mr. Giordano reminded the Board and those present that SLSSA needs to remain vigilant in the attempt by anyone to take over the Softball Field for purposes other than softball.

The next Board meeting will be March 8.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

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Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

Thursday March 8, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors and officers were present for the meeting except for Mr. Leckner. Others in attendance included Randy Rothenbuehler and Kim Whitney.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano.

It was moved by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Hillbolt to approve the January meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report. Banner sponsors have been paying in advance causing the banner revenue to be much higher than expected. There has been no independent tournament at the Field of Dreams resulting in a \$300 deficit in that area. Food for the winter league tournament cost less than expected resulting in enough carry over to hold a cookout during the spring tournament. Net income to date is \$3015. Mr. Core motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Hillbolt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Spring session tournament will run April 10 thru April 13. A cookout will be held on Thursday the 12th. Discussion on substitutes for the tournament covered several options. One plan would be to tier the ratings by dividing each ratings groups in half. A manager could not pick up a player in the upper tier if he is missing a player in the lower tier. A second plan would have the managers only picking up a player from the rating group below the missing player. If you are missing a one you must pick up a two, missing a two pick up a three. The threes and fours rating groups would not be tiered. The plan will be finalized at the next meeting.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 108 men with memberships, 3 of those being Recreational only members. In addition there are 15 women members. Total membership in SLSSA is 123.

The clay court conversion plan is moving along with the Iron/Oaks HOA. Candidates Paula Ferguson and Suzy Steinmann support the clay court plan. Members will be advised via email of these candidates support.

The election of the Board of Directors will be held March 13, 15, and 16 of March. Doug Warwick, Kim Whitney, Cyndy Hilby comprised the Nominating Committee. Candidates are Ron Carmichael, Gary Hatch, Chris Jensen, and Randy Rothenbuehler. There are two open positions.

Mr. Corso has no rule changes. When a team has eleven players and the other team has nine, one player from the team with eleven sends a player to the nine man team. Kim Whitney asked why hitting the screen results in a strike. This issue will be discussed at future meetings regarding next year's sessions. A recap of the discussion to drop the unlimited home run rule and institute a three home run limit with homers after the limit is reached resulting in singles. When the opposing team hits a home run the other team is then allowed another homer. The home run/single hitters will be credited in the scorebook and statistics sheet as hitting singles, not home runs. The recap centered on two points:

1. 12.5% of the games (4/32) would have had the opposite team winning which would have changed the final standings.
2. An unlimited home run rule would attract more home run hitters to our league.

Mr. Hillabolt reported field maintenance has been running smoothly except for the sprinklers going off during a game. HOA Maintenance has been notified of the problem. The field seems to be getting harder. Dave and Ken are trying to soften the dirt with the nail drag.

Mr. Washington sent bereavement cards to Floyd Mullen and Gary Hatch as both of their wives passed recently. A large card will be passed during ballgames next week for Gary Hatch. Ten dozen balls have been ordered for the remainder of the Spring session.

The banquet invitations have been sent and returns are coming in. Everything is planned and ready to go.

Agendas and meeting minutes should be posted at the field with much more consistency.

Mr. Hillabolt is interested in running a summer league. He has put together a draft of rules as well as a schedule. Players will be queried regarding interest. Mr. Hillabolt motioned we have a summer league starting Tuesday May 1 and ending in September. Mr. Core seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Core has formed a Grievance Committee. Members include Mr. Core, Jeff Jay, Bill Maxwell, and Ron Carmichael. They will create a charter which will state their duties responsibilities as well as the process.

The next Board meeting will be April 5 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room

Thursday April 5, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors and officers were present for the meeting except for Mr. Hatch. Association members in attendance included Gary Hillabolt, Tom Erpelding, Tom Kasunic, Larry Kaufmann, John Siegla, Ed Sowney, Evan Hansen, and Mike Core.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano.

Ron Carmichael and Gary Hatch were seated on the Board. The Board thanked Mike Core and Gary Hillabolt for their years of service to the Association.

It was moved by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Carmichael to approve the March meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report. Again last month two banner sponsors paid three in advance causing the banner revenue to be much higher than expected. Revenues to date have exceeded \$5900, \$2500 over the budgeted amount. Expenses are about as expected leaving SLSSA with \$8875, \$3575 in excess of the budgeted amount this year. Banquet expenses were higher than budgeted due to supplies purchased which can also be used for future banquets. Mr. Leckner motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Washington seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 110 men with memberships, 3 of those being Recreational only members. In addition there are 15 women members. Total membership in SLSSA is 125.

The election of officers had Mr. Corso nominating Mr. Giordano for President. There were no other Board members nominated. Mr. Giordano was elected unanimously. Mr. Leckner nominated Mr. Corso for Vice-President and he was elected unanimously. Mr. Hilby was elected Secretary following his nomination by Mr. Corso. Larry Wolfe was appointed Treasurer for a one year term by Mr. Giordano.

End of the season awards will be decided either on Friday, April 6 or in Executive session following today's meeting. Mr. Corso motioned the number of at bats needed to qualify for an award is lowered to 125. Mr. Washington seconded. Motion passed 5–1 with Mr. Leckner opposing.

Mr. Core and Mr. Carmichael will be purchasing food for the Spring session tournament. The Association is looking for volunteers to cook and serve. Mr. Hilby distributed a draft of the tournament schedule. Tiebreakers are head to head records. If that fails to settle matters a flip of a coin will be utilized.

Mr. Leckner motioned during the tournament the Sun Division use a more restrictive softball (52 core/300 compression) and also allow unlimited home runs. Mr. Corso seconded. The motion passed 4-2 with Mr. Hilby and Mr. Carmichael opposing. Mr. Corso motioned the Pick-up Rule for the Sun Division has both the One's and Two's divided in half according to their draft order. A team may pick up a player in the missing player's tier or lower. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Corso motioned the Lakes Division

Pick-up Rule has the Two's being divided into three tiers according to draft order. Teams may pick up a player from the same tier or lower. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The year-end survey will include questions regarding the more restricted ball, the unlimited courtesy running rule, the half run rule, and the number of players per team. Mr. Carmichael will prepare the questions and Mr. Hilby will send out the survey via the online system, Survey Monkey.

A discussion evolved regarding the lack of Lakes players on the Board of Directors. The perception may develop that the Lakes is being slighted due to their lack of representation. The Board is determined to prevent this from happening by providing more exposure to the candidates, continuing to consult Lakes managers for input, and persisting in seeking out quality candidates for the Board from the Lakes division.

Mr. Leckner reported the women would like new uniforms which will be accommodated.

Mr. Hillabolt reported all of the kick boards along the base of the backstop and the fencing has been replaced. He also added springs to the entry doors so they remain closed during games and can only be opened inward from the field of play. The Board approved the purchase a new batting mat and a new home plate.

Mr. Hillabolt provided information regarding the Summer League. There are 33 players with Rick Oien, Doug Friesen, and Kim Whitney managing. A team from Robson Ranch will be joining the league also. Four games will be played each day. **Rules and schedule are listed below.**

Mr. Washington reported six dozen balls have been delivered in order to fill out the remainder of the season and tournament. He will work with Mr. Leckner regarding the women's uniforms.

In new business Larry Kaufmann suggested we change the color of the umpire's shirts for safety's sake as defensive players sometimes lose the ball in the umpires yellow shirt. Also John Seigla would like the schedule to be checked as some teams seem to be visitors too often during the first game of a doubleheader.

The next Board meeting will be May 10 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

2018 Tuesday Summer League Rules

Use all current SLSSA playing rules except:

- Games will be six innings with the sixth inning being the open inning
- Pitch count is 1 & 1 with **none** to waste
- The pitching screen will be used
 - **Any** batted ball hitting the pitcher's screen will be ruled a **dead ball**
- There will be 11 players only in the field, if there are 12 or more on a team players will rotate into defensive positions

- When substitutes are need non-roster players will have first priority followed by rostered players. Non-roster players will be selected through the use of a playing card system.

Schedule

Teams will be identified through their Manager following the draft.

Teams listed second are home team.

DATE	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00
5/1	1@2	2@3	4@1	3@4
5/8	3@2	1@3	2@4	4@1
5/15	3@1	1@2	4@3	2@4
5/22	2@1	3@2	1@4	4@3
5/29	2@3	3@1	4@2	1@4
	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
6/5	1@3	2@1	3@4	4@2
6/12	1@2	2@3	4@1	3@4
6/19	3@2	1@3	2@4	4@1
6/26	3@1	1@2	4@3	2@4
7/3	2@1	3@2	1@4	4@3
7/10	2@3	3@1	4@2	1@4
7/17	1@3	2@1	3@4	4@2
7/24	1@2	2@3	4@1	3@4
7/31	3@2	1@3	2@4	4@1
8/7	3@1	1@2	4@3	2@4
8/14	2@1	3@2	1@4	4@3
8/21	2@3	3@1	4@2	1@4
8/28	1@3	2@1	3@4	4@2
9/4	1@2	2@3	4@1	3@4
9/11	3@2	1@3	2@4	4@1
9/18	3@1	1@2	4@3	2@4

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Thursday May 10, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors and officers were present for the meeting. Association members in attendance included Gary Hillbolt, John Whitman, and Mike Core.

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 by Mr. Giordano.

It was moved by Mr. Hatch and seconded by Mr. Leckner to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe presented the financial report. Revenues for April were \$2109 with \$1237 of that from banner sales. April was another month in which revenues were larger than budget expectations, \$1100 better. Expenses incurred were well below the budgeted amount of \$1135 at \$691. Mr. Washington motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Carmichael seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 117 men with memberships, 3 of those being Recreational only members. In addition there are 15 women members. Total membership in SLSSA is 132.

President Giordano announced the duties and committee assignments for each Board member. A full listing has been attached to these minutes. In order to demonstrate full Board support, voting on new rule proposals from committees will require a super majority vote count to be approved. The super majority consists of five yea votes.

The results of the end of year 2017-18 survey have been listed below along with member comments for each question. It provides some guidance and information for committee work this summer.

Gary Hillbolt reported on the Summer League start up. He thanked Dennis LePore for arranging the umpire schedule and the umps for volunteering their time. Gary had two concerns: players not being available after committing to play and administration of the mercy rule. In regards to filling in for players who have dropped, the players on the substitute list will be approached to see if they would like to play permanently on a team. The Board agreed if the home team is ahead by twelve runs after 5 innings the game is ended. Due to our six inning games the visiting team will not have an opportunity to “mercy” the home team as the home team is entitled to their last two at bats in order to come back. The Flip/Flop rule will be instituted if the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs after the 4th inning.

Mr. Leckner reported Suzy Steinmann’s realty business will sponsor the women’s team.

Mr. Corso’s report on field maintenance stated the home plate carpet has been received and is in storage to be installed before the fall session. The water fountain has been repaired. An EPA agent visited with Ken Brenden regarding a complaint about dust coming off the field while field preparation was taking place. After Ken explained the procedures used, including watering down the field, the agent indicated she was dropping the complaint. The Iron/Oaks HOA is aware of the complaint and its result. Also a piece of the old batter’s

box mat will be staked in front of the pitchers rubber to prevent the digging up of the dirt in that area. The Association needs to find the box that controls the sprinklers outside the fence down the first base and right field line as our warning track gets muddied when the wind blows from the south when the sprinklers are irrigating. The Association would like to be able turn the system off while games are in progress.

Mr. Washington stated we are set for softballs throughout the summer. He is beginning the process of purchasing new caps and jerseys. He was asked to look into purchasing a fan for the first base dugout during summer play.

Mr. Washington raised some concerns about league scheduling around outside tournaments. Most missing players come from the Sun Division. Some Lakes players wanted to be playing during that down time. The point was well taken but it was pointed out recreational games are scheduled for Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays during those down weeks much like what happens during Thanksgiving week.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for June 14 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

2018 Board Duties

President – Sam Giordano

- Preside over all Board meetings and responsible for the administration of all association meetings.
- HOA liaison.
- Board assignments.
- Appoint committees.
- Chairman League Planning committee.

Vice President – Bill Corso

- Perform the duties of the President when the President is absent.
- HOA Liaison
- Kitchen management/drinks.
- Food purchasing and operations.
- Playing rules.
- Chairman of the Rules committee.
- Umpire selection, training, and scheduling.

Secretary – Steve Hilby

- Write and update SLSSA policies.
- Maintain all records and minutes of the meetings of the membership and the Board.
- Conduct all Correspondence relating to the SLSSA using group emails and send notification to Web Master.
- Issue notice of meetings email to Board directors and WEB master for publication.
- Provide and coordinate all SLSSA information for publication and media entities.

- Official membership roster.
- Corporation Commission Agent.
- Prepare & file annual report.
- Pay annual fee.
- Maintain history of awards.
- Ensure that the Secretary's records are retained for a minimum of (7) seven years.

Treasurer – Larry Wolfe

- Receive all dues and other money paid to the SLSSA.
- Disperse funds in a timely manner for all expenses incurred.
- Maintain appropriate books, ledgers, and other accounting records reflecting the financial transactions of the SLSSA and its financial condition.
- Report to the membership on the financial condition of the SLSSA at the annual meeting and as such other times as the President may direct.
- Fiscal Budget preparation.
- Advertisizing Banners.
- New sales and renewals.
- Billings and collections.
- Coordinating design and manufacturing of banners.
- Banquet organizer.
- Ensure the Treasurer's records are retained for a minimum of (7) seven years.
- Purchase & maintain liability insurance. Obtain additional insured statements for HOA, SLSSA, and City of Chandler.
- Banquet organizer.

Jesse Washington

- Team Sponsors
- Team sponsor fees.
- Procurement
- Chairman of the Jersey and Cap committee.
- Purchase of Jersey and Caps.
- Equipment Purchasing.
- Update Deceased Former SLSSA player's plaque.
- Send out sympathy and get well cards.

Jim Leckner

- Field Operations
- Liaison with HOA maintenance supervisor.
- Field set-up and maintenance criteria.
- Field maintenance supervisor.
- Capital Budget for the field.
- Field crew scheduling.
- Field use scheduling.
- Replacement of Banners and Boards.
- Chairman of the Field Maintenance committee.

Ron Carmichael

- Player Ratings and Draft.
- Chairman of Player Ratings and Draft committee.
- ☑ Development of Ratings Criteria and Rating Categories.
- ☑ Rate all existing/new players.
- ☑ Drafting and player pick-up rules.
- Team Managers
- Selection/Training

Gary Hatch

- Player Membership and league sign-ups.
- Stats/Scoreboard Operators
- Selection/Training/Scheduling
- Web insertion of statistics.
- SLSSA Tournament operations.
- Bracketing for league tournaments.
- Recreational Play supervisor.
- WEB Master
- Prime contact on WEB site.

Committees:

SLSSA 2018 – 2019 League Year Planning Complete by Aug. meeting

- Chairman Sam Giordano
- Bill Corso
- Steve Hilby

Player Ratings and Draft Complete by Sept. meeting

- Chairman Ron Carmichael
- Jesse Washington
- Jim Leckner

Rules Committee: Complete by Sept. meeting

- Chairman Bill Corso
- Steve Hilby
- Jesse Washington

New Jerseys and Caps: Complete by Sept. meeting

- Chairman Jesse Washington
- Gary Hatch
- Sam Giordano

Field Management: Complete by Aug. meeting

- Chairman Jim Leckner
- Ron Carmichael
- Gary Hatch

2017-18 SLSSA Survey Results

Lakes Division

What type of ball would you prefer to be used?

- The ball used during the Winter session (.44 COR., 375 Compression).
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16 (57.41%)
 - The ball used during the Sun Division Spring tournament (.52 COR., 300 compression).
6 (21.43%)
 - The Association should look for another alternative.
6 (21.43%)
- Should the number of courtesy runners allowed be modified?
 - One time each inning per player (current rule).
21 (75%)
 - One time each game per player.
7 (25%)
 - Unlimited, a player may run multiple times per inning.
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- How should a game be decided when tied after 7 innings?
 - Current 1/2 Run rule.
13 (46.43%)
 - International Tiebreaker Rule which places a runner at 2nd base with one out. The runner is the last player to bat in the previous inning. The runner may be substituted for once he reaches 3rd base.
15 (53.57%)
- What is your preference for the number of players per team?
 - Eleven (11), everyone plays every inning.
18 (60%)
 - Twelve (12) plus, no players sits more than one inning.
10 (33.33%)
 - Twelve (12) plus, no player sits more than two (2) innings.
2 (6.67%)

Lakes Comments:

1. What type of ball would you prefer to be used?

- only in the Lakes Division
- No preference
- One travels farther because it has a higher COR and the other travels farther because it has a higher compression. (?) This is supposed to be a senior recreational league. Longer distance should not be as important as safety.
- I do not play the Sun division and this seems to be a question for that division
- Combo or two choices above. Smaller COR and Lower Compression - safety is paramount
- Lakes Division
- I'd like to see a more responsive ball for the Lakes League.
- Both sun and lakes, same ball
- Possibly should have different balls for each division.

2. Should the number of courtesy runners allowed be modified?

- limit subs to two per inning.
- None. One courtesy runner per inning.
- The current rule seems to be OK
- No pinch runner for speed (or lack of it), only for injury
- Prefer 1 time per 2 at bat - 2 inning except 7th
- Remain the same in sun, but increase for lakes league

3. How should a game be decided when tied after 7 innings?

- like current rule, home team must have tiebreaker to win
- PLEASE
- Neither. Make the 6th inning unlimited runs. Place a runner at 2nd base if tied after 6 innings. Games are too long now.
- Games are still too long and are not kept on schedule. Suggest 6 inning games.
- Issue: length of play and schedule integrity. Int'l rule in 7th inning vs open inning
- Actually do not care but whatever is decided use all the time - go not change got tournaments
- tourney play no 1/2 run rule

4. What is your preference for the number of players per team?

- eleven
- 12 or 13 if the numbers permit, and a team should not be able to pick up a sub unless he falls below a specified number
- Sitting at any time is not fun. It is always the same players who sit. It is not a fair system to have players sit. Sitting players are not players.
- RECREATIONAL softball. # of total players is a consideration
- My personal comment is that I prefer to sit out versus rotate so if 12 I like option to do that
- If 12 players, no penalty if only 11 show up

Sun Division

1. What type of ball would you prefer to be used?
 - a. The ball used during the Winter session (.44 COR., 375 Compression).
17 (56.67%)
 - b. The ball used during the Sun Division Spring tournament (.52 COR., 300 compression).
13 (43.33%)
 - c. The Association should look for another alternative.
0

2. Should the number of courtesy runners allowed be modified?
 - a. One time each inning per player (current rule).
7 (23.33%)
 - b. One time each game per player.
20 (66.67%)
 - c. Unlimited, a player may run multiple times per inning.
3 (10%)

3. How should a game be decided when tied after 7 innings?
 - a. Current 1/2 Run rule.
15 (48.39%)
 - b. International Tiebreaker Rule which places a runner at 2nd base with one out. The runner is the last player to bat in the previous inning. The runner may be substituted for once he reaches 3rd base.
16 (51.61%)

4. What is your preference for the number of players per team?
 - a. Eleven (11), everyone plays every inning.
17 (58.62%)
 - b. Twelve (12) plus, no players sits more than one inning.
5 (17.24%)
 - c. Twelve (12) plus, no player sits more than two (2) innings.
7 (24.14%)

Sun Comments:

1. What type of ball would you prefer to be used?
 - I am good with either compression, it really only affects the HR hitters.
 - Keep homeruns unlimited
 - The 2nd ball used in spring tourney
 - Ball used on Thursday and Friday.
 - Using a different ball fundamentally changes the game. The .44 core ball makes the game more challenging in the field and exciting when hitting.
 - use the Champo ball
 - Works good except in high heat.
 - Use this ball with a limit on home runs

- I asked for opinions and very few liked any ball change

2. Should the number of courtesy runners allowed be modified?

- Limiting the pinch runners forces managers to manage. With unlimited runners it is virtually impossible for the team in the field to keep track of who is due up and when.
- I think the rule should allow a runner for those who cannot run, not for those who are just slow but otherwise healthy.
- Most healthy players want to run the bases. It's part of the game. Plus it's not fair to expose speedy guys to injuries by running them over and over.
- If a #1 player runs for a #4 or #3 it is a great advantage for that team
- Unlimited of unlimited home runs.
- It works well during games.
- Courtesy runner for pitchers only!
- Puts more pressure on managing a team, good thing
- Let each player's strength and weakness come out

3. How should a game be decided when tied after 7 innings?

- 1/2 run rule is fine during the season but I think the international rule should be used for the tournament
- If it does not significantly negatively impact the length of games, why not?
- We have the time.
- Some games last too long already.
- Never saw this rule before and love it
- 1/2 run rule is fine during the season but I think the international rule should be used for the tournament

4. What is your preference for the number of players per team?

- However whatever is easier for the managers to manage.
- If there are more players than for 11 on a team then sit no more than 2 innings.
- Play 11 players in field and allow the manager to substitute or alternate players off the bench as he/she feels to get everyone playing
- This is a fair rule to me.
- It all depends on the number of players we have in the league. With 12+ no player should sit more than 1 inning per double header.
- Ten for Sun, eleven for Lakes unless change in ball
- Ideally an 11 man team is best but 12 man teams can happen. I'd defer to the managers as what is the best solution with 12 men.
- 11 or 12 is okay. Just no one sits more than 2 innings

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room A

Thursday June 14, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors were present with the exception of Mr. Corso and Treasurer Wolfe. Association members in attendance included Evan Hansen and Gary Hillabolt.

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 by Mr. Giordano.

It was moved by Mr. Hatch and seconded by Mr. Washington to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe informed us via email of the Association receiving \$725 from the HOA for field maintenance. Year-to-date we've received \$4375, \$1225 over budget, due mainly to prepping the field for the little league team. Our major expenses included \$190 paid to Go Daddy for the annual website renewal fees and \$157 for two new fans. The bottom line is a positive \$10,129 vs. a budgeted \$4570. We are more than \$5500 "to the good." The positive variance is primarily the result of banner revenue exceeding the budget by \$3100 and the aforementioned HOA reimbursement. Mr. Washington motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Leckner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 118 men with memberships, 3 of those being Recreational only members. In addition there are 15 women members. Total membership in SLSSA is 133.

Committee Reports:

Ratings – Mr. Carmichael

- The ratings formula will be sent to the Board and reported at the August meeting

Planning – Mr. Giordano

- Tuesday October 2, 2018 – Begin play at Snedigar Park while the Field of Dreams is reseeded
- Tuesday October 2, 2018 – SLSSA sign-up begins
- Thursday October 18, 2018 – SLSSA sign-up ends
- Tuesday October 30, 2018 – SLSSA Fall Session begins
- Friday December 21, 2018 – SLSSA Fall Session ends
- Thursday January 3, 2019 – SLSSA Winter Session begins
- Tuesday February 12, 2019 – SLSSA Winter Session ends
- Tuesday February 19 thru Friday February 22, 2019 – SLSSA Winter Session Tournament
- Tuesday February 26, 2019 – SLSSA Spring Session begins
- Friday April 5, 2019 – SLSSA Spring Session ends
- Tuesday April 9 thru Friday April 12, 2019 SLSSA Spring Tournament

Rules – Mr. Corso

- The Rule Committee has not yet met

Uniforms – Mr. Washington

- Have not been able to contact ladies yet, thinking pants, shirt, and visor (\$40 per uniform).
- Possibility of the same four colors in each division
 - Only four sets of uniforms to deal with

- Easier to match a hat
- Continue to use the heavier weight microfiber polyester shirt
- Place logos on the shoulders and a player number on the back of the shirt
- SLSSA logo on the front
- V neck vs. round neck

Mr. Leckner visited with Mike from the HOA Maintenance Department about adding a sprinkler head behind the pitching area which would allow a water line to be installed near the shortstop area in order to bring back the dormant grass. Mowing has been taking place on Mondays resulting in ideal outfield conditions. The refrigerator water line has been repaired.

Gary Hillabolt reported the Summer League is working well. Substitutes have been checking in regularly so all teams are filled resulting in no forfeits thus far. The standings are very close: 8-6, 8-6, 8-6, 6-8, and 7-7.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for August 2 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

8-2-2018

SUN LAKES SOFTBALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3:00 P. M.

Sun lakes Softball Board meeting called to order by president Sam Giordano.

Board members present: Sam, Jesse Washington Ron Carmichael and Jim Leckner.

Others present were Larry Wolfe, Treasurer, and Gary Alexander.

Minutes of the previous Board meeting were read. Ron Carmichael moved to approve the minutes, Second by Jesse Washington. Motion passed with all approving.

Treasurer report: Received two payments from the HOA. There was a \$54.00 negative expense For the month. Received approximately \$8000.00 from field maintenance and banners.

Jesse Washington moved to approve the treasurers report, second by Jim Leckner. Motion passed With all approving.

Board discussed ways to give back to the league, financially, eg. Free banquet, league fees, etc.

Budget: Men's league fees to be the same.

Women's league fees. None.

Tournament. None

Banquet. None

Team uniforms. \$450.00 + or -.

We will have two league tournaments.

Sam Giordano made an Executive decision for a moratorium that the league accept no new members Until the next Board meeting. There was a second by Jesse Washington. Approved by the board.

Ron Carmichael discussed member numbers. We appear to have the numbers for five (5) Sun teams and four (4) Lakes teams.

Jesse Washington gave a report on new uniforms and changes the committee wants.

Rules committee needs to decide any changes from the 2018 softball rule book

The next board meeting is to be held September 13, 2018 at 2:00 P. M.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.. Motion by Ron Carmichael, second by Jesse Washington.

Approved by all.

Minutes recorded by Jim Leckner, Board member.

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room A

Thursday September 18, 2018 2:00 P.M.

All directors were present with the exception of Mr. Carmichael. Association members in attendance included Dennis LePore, Jeff Jay, Randy Rothenbuehler, Gary Alexander, Reggie Reese, Mike Levine, Rick Oien, Bob Wicks, Mike Otman, Dan Melosi, Jerry Smith, Mike Gloyd, Tom Schneider, Gary Hillabolt, Ken Brenden, Bill McCoy, Ed Sowney, Tom Kasunic, and Evan Hansen.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Mr. Giordano.

Minutes from the August meeting will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Mr. Wolfe reported revenues for August were \$500 due to HOA payments for field maintenance as well as soda and water sales. Banner sales and HOA payments pushed total revenues for the year to \$6700. Expenses came in below budget giving the Association an excess of \$8600 to date. Mr. Leckner motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Hatch seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 119 men with memberships, 4 of those being Recreational members. In addition there are 15 women members. Total membership in SLSSA is 134.

A discussion was held regarding limiting the number of outside players in the league. Mr. Hatch motioned new players from outside Sun Lakes will be admitted on a case by case basis; these players must be 60 years old. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dennis LePore distributed data of the projected number of players for the Fall Session. It was understood these numbers are fluid with many changes likely to occur. There were 55 players projected for the Sun Division and 44 players in the Lakes.

The number of teams needed in league play will be decided following the sign-up period. Mr. Leckner motioned the players per team will be no more than at 12. Mr. Corso seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Board members were in favor of having five teams in a division if play takes place on three days only. Doubleheaders in the Fall Session will begin at 8:00 and 10:15 for the Fall Session. The starting date will be either October 23 or 30 depending on the number of teams fielded. A decision will be made following the end of the sign-up period on October 18.

Players will again be given the opportunity to indicate which division they prefer to play. As in past years if a player wanting to play in the Sun Division is not drafted into the Sun he will be drafted into the Lakes Division.

The Board prefers not to have a substitute list. Players need to commit to the league or play recreation.

Uniforms – Mr. Washington received a bid from Team Sports for two jerseys of microfiber material. Both had the Sun Lakes logo on the front along with a small team sponsor logo. The back has a large number with the team sponsor's name over and under the number. The ball cap will be blue with red and white SL script lettering. Uniforms will be four colors in both divisions: red, white, blue, yellow. The Association will continue to use the .44 Core 375 Compression softballs. Sponsors will remain the same.

Lakes Division Sponsors

Core Photography
Wolfe and Associates
Farmers Insurance
A-1 Golf Carts

Sun Division Sponsors

Rustlers
Brenden Financial
State Farm Insurance
Young Realty

Rules – Mr. Corso presented several rule adaptations for SLSSA league play. The Association attempts to follow the USSA Senior Softball rule book. The Board reviewed and voted on each of the following. A supermajority vote was needed to pass (at least 4 – 2).

1. The Half Run Rule will continue to be used.
2. Hitting the screen results in a dead ball, no strike.
3. Both divisions will start with a 1 – 1 count with NONE to waste.
4. The Mercy/Run Rule will remain 12 runs after six innings.
5. If the visiting team is behind by eight runs after six innings the teams will flip-flop.
6. All substitute players will bat at the end of the batting order.
7. A courtesy runner may run only once per game. Voted down 3-3. The current USSA rule will be used; unlimited running.
8. Each team will be allowed five home runs per game; each home run beyond five will be recorded as an out.
9. If a batter is walked without a strike being thrown he does not need to accept a walk in his next at bats. If the pitcher throws him a strike during those at-bats he may be walked.
10. Lakes Division pitchers must start on the rubber. The screen will be positioned eleven feet six inches in front of the rubber.

League and recreation sign-up – Mr. Hatch Sign-up begins Tuesday September 25 and will end on Thurs. October 18. Members will need to also register and pay the Iron/Oaks HOA fee at the Oakwood Fitness Center. Those fees remain at \$70 for IronOaks residents, \$100 for Sun Lakes residents and \$130 for those outside of Sun Lakes. SLSSA league fee is \$25. An email will be sent to all members on Monday October 25 with details regarding the sign-up procedures.

Ratings – Gary Hillbolt and Dennis LePore reported for Mr. Carmichael. The committee recommended the Sun Division be comprised of 8 ones, 8 two's, 12 three's, and 16 four's if 48 players. If 55 players have registered there will be 10 ones, 10 two's, 15 three's, 20 four's. In the Lakes Division there will be 8 ones, 8 twos 12 threes, and 16 four's. A players rating depends on when he is drafted.

Field Maintenance – Mr. Leckner Snedigar has been scheduled from Sept. 25 through Thursday October 18 8:00 – 10:00. A new drag will be ordered and billed to the HOA. A new batter's box mat has been purchased

and will be installed. Home plate will be replaced. A new irrigation head will be placed twelve feet behind the pitching rubber. It will be a pop up to cover more area. The roof to the scorer's booth will also be repaired as high winds caused several tiles to be dislodged. Weeds along the foul lines have been sprayed.

Mr. Leckner reported the women will be getting new uniforms. Suzy Steinman, a women's player, appears to be willing to sponsor the team. Sponsorship cost is \$295 over a three year period.

2018-19 budget approval was tabled until the October meeting.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday October 9** at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

Thursday October 18, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors were present. Association members in attendance included Mike Core, Ed Sowney, Bill Maxwell, Gene Granquist, Dennis LePore, Randy Rothenbuehler, Mike Gloyd, Gary Hillabolt, Ken Brenden, Randy Neumann, and Tom Vitolo.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano.

A motion to accept the September meeting minutes was forwarded by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Hatch. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe reported revenues for the 2017/18 fiscal year were \$7100 due mainly to HOA payments for field maintenance and banner sales. Expenses came in below budget by \$1700 giving the Association an excess of \$8800 for the year. Mr. Leckner motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Carmichael seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The 2018/19 budget was presented by Mr. Wolfe. There will be much lower banner revenues as many sponsors paid in full rather in yearly installments. The Association is assuming all banners will be sold next year. We are also planning on the HOA continuing to pay us for field maintenance. Mr. Corso motioned to accept the new budget, Mr. Hatch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Core asked for volunteers to work the Iron/Oaks Community day on Oct. 27.

Mr. Hilby reported there were 96 men with memberships, 2 of those being Recreational members. In addition there is 1 women member. Total membership in SLSSA is 97.

There will be two divisions of four teams each. Eleven players will be on each team.

The schedule was distributed by Mr. Hilby. The league starts on Tuesday October 30 and will end Friday December 21. Each team will play 18 games. The first double header will start at 8:00, the second at 10:15.

Mr. Carmichael and his team of Gary Hillabolt and Dennis LePore rated all the players but understand the managers, during the draft process, will determine a players rating. Each division will have four groups of rated individuals (1 through 4). Due to a lack of depth at the position in the Lakes Division four shortstops have been designated and must be drafted in the first two rounds. Also in the Lakes pitchers have also been designated and may not be drafted after the tenth round. The draft of Sun Division players will be held on Friday October 19 at 2:00 in the Oakwood Library. The Lakes draft will be held at Dennis LePore's house at 2:00 on Monday October 22.

Mr. Hatch reported registration ended today with 97 members signing up. Two registered as recreational players. One woman signed up for the Lady Sluggers.

Mr. Washington reported the ladies will only need new jerseys which will cost approximately \$400. The men's uniforms were delivered today. Each team's uniform was displayed. Ten powder blue umpire shirts will be ordered with SLSSA and umpire printed on the front.

A new door has been installed on the scorer's booth. The roof has also been replaced. We continue to work with HOA regarding the mowing schedule. The new home plate and batter's box mat will be installed on Saturday morning (10/20). The weeds and grass along the baselines need to be removed.

Mr. Leckner reported Suzy Steinman is not interested in sponsoring a team. Mr. Washington will meet with Terry Finley to select a uniform style.

Substitute players may only be picked up two weeks in advance.

Mr. Giordano is concerned the defibrillator is not in working condition. Mr. Corso will check into it.

Mr. Corso will order rule books and base plugs.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday November 8 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Library

Thursday November 8, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors were present. Association members in attendance included Tom Erpelding, Gary Alexander, Gary Hillabolt, Randy Rothenbuehler, Chris Jensen, Dennis LePore, Cyndy Hilby, Gene Granquist, Evan Hansen, Mike Otman, and Mike Gloyd.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 by Mr. Giordano.

A motion to accept the October meeting minutes was forwarded by Mr. Carmichael and seconded by Mr. Leckner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe reported revenue was lower than expected due to sponsor's fees not yet collected also expenses for banner materials were incurred this month while revenues from sponsors were paid to the Association in September. Also taxes on the new uniforms were not included in the budget. These factors resulted in a net income of minus \$800. Mr. Corso motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Carmichael seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were one hundred-one men with memberships, two of those being Recreational members. In addition there is one women member. Total membership in SLSSA is one hundred-two. A member asked to drop from the league and have his money refunded. Mr. Giordano and Mr. Washington will visit with the individual to address the causes of the situation.

Mr. Corso visited about new rules. A replacement player enters the line-up where the outgoing player batted. A team that loses a player mid-game with no substitute must take an out the first time the missing player bats in the order. After that there is no penalty. Mr. Corso motioned teams may use a mutually agreed upon player from the other team to catch when no substitute is available as a result of an injury or emergency. The same policy may be used in the case of no shows when starting a game. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leckner. The motioned carried unanimously. In regards to no-show players the Association does have a policy to suspend a player for the remainder of the fiscal if that player fails to notify his manager twice in such fiscal year. An email will be sent to all members outlining the expectations of a commitment to play in the league. Pitchers may throw pitches to the side of the screen but the ball must be at least six feet as it passes by the screen. Umpires may ask players or scorekeepers on plays he did not have the best view.

Mr. Carmichael announced sign up for the Winter Session will begin November 27. The current projection has nine Suns players being added as well as eleven players in the Lakes Division. The draft date will be determined after player commitments have been secured. Also all managers now have keys.

Mr. Leckner reported the HOA has not honored their commitment for maintaining the field, mowing etc. Mr. Giordano and Mr. Leckner are asking to meet with HOA General Manager, Trish Huff, to address the problem. Equipment to be purchased includes a new golf cart, perhaps refurbished or one from the Ironwood or Oakwood golf courses, and a new drag. A clean-up committee is to be formed in order to keep the facilities clean. New base plugs have arrived.

Mr. Washington reported the umpire shirts have been delivered. They are light blue with an SLSS logo and "Umpire" printed on the front. Two extra game uniforms will be ordered for each team to accommodate substitutes.

Five of the eight sponsors have paid, Mr. Washington will follow-up with those in arrears.

Mr. Leckner is in the process of contacting Terry Finley regarding women's uniforms. Uniforms will cost close to \$400. Mr. Washington was authorized to purchase the women's uniforms once the style has been determined.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday December 13 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse – Bradford Room

Thursday December 13, 2018 3:00 P.M.

All directors were present. Association members in attendance included Ken Brenden, Dave Rinaldo, Doug Friesen, Tom Erpelding, Cyndy Hilby, Gary Hillabolt, Dennis LePore, Randy Rothenbuehler, and Evan Hansen.

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 by Mr. Giordano.

A motion to accept the November meeting minutes was forwarded by Mr. Carmichael and seconded by Mr. Corso. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe reported the Association was over budget due to a lag in players' fees as well as the added expenses of sales tax on the new jerseys and the purchase of umpire shirts which was unbudgeted. All sponsors fees have now been paid leaving a net income for the year at a minus twenty dollars. Mr. Corso motioned the financial report be accepted, Mr. Carmichael seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported there were one hundred-four men with memberships, two of those being Recreational members. In addition there is one women member. Total membership in SLSSA is one hundred-five.

Mr. Corso visited about rules. After speaking with the managers there were no major issues. The Lakes would like to establish a substitute list and have the subs fitting into the line-up rather than at the end of the batting order. Mr. Washington motioned the Lakes Division managers can insert subs into the batting order as they see fit. Mr. Carmichael seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Carmichael announced the draft for the Sun Division will be held Tuesday December 18 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library and the Lakes Division will hold their draft Friday December 21 approximately one-half hour after the final game of the day, location to be determined. Dave Rinaldo and Dennis LePore will co-manage a team in the Lakes Division. The league will begin the Winter Session on Thursday January 3 at 9:00 and ends Tuesday February 12. The Winter Session Tournament will run Tuesday (2/19), Thursday (2/21), and Friday (2/22). As we look forward to the Spring Session, it will begin Tuesday February 26 with the league schedule finishing on Friday April 5. The Spring Session Tournament will be held the week of April 9 running Tuesday (4/9), Thursday (4/11), and Friday (4/12).

Mr. Giordano met with the new head of facilities for the IronOaks HOA, Harold Wilson. The Association is still interested in meeting with him and GM Trish Huff to improve services. He also went to A-1 Golf Carts to obtain bids on a golf cart as the HOA has not been able to free one for our use. Ken Brenden recommends we purchase a new more powerful tractor with an industrial style drag. Mr. Hilby and Dave Rinaldo proposed the Board look into adding Turface to the dirt which keeps the field loose but firm. VDO in Mesa uses it with very good results. Dave has a contact who will work up an estimate for us. Doug Friesen reported on an artificial foul line which could replace the fire hose we now have. Mr. Leckner will investigate both proposals. Gary Hillabolt would like to purchase a leaf blower to keep the homeplate area clean. Gary will research and purchase a leaf blower for under \$250. The leaky hot water heater and leaky urinal will be fixed this week by the HOA facilities people.

Mr. Washington reported on the possibility of getting extra shirts. We would like to have fifteen uniforms per team which would cost \$700. Mr. Carmichael motioned the Association purchase two extra-large uniforms per team bringing the total to fifteen per team at a cost of \$704.60 plus delivery charge. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Lady Sluggers are still searching for the uniform they prefer. If unsuccessful they will pass on uniforms this year. Dave Rinaldo showed them a web site which offered a satisfactory uniform. The jersey would have the SLSSA logo on the front and a number on the back. To get an idea of the quality of the product an order for a medium, large, extra large jersey will be made. Sweatshirts are also a possibility and will be looked into. All sponsors are now paid in full. We presently have sixty new game balls so an order will need to be made for the spring session.

Mr. Leckner reported the Lady Sluggers season begins on Monday January 7 with the first home game on Wednesday January 9.

The annual banquet date has been set for Wednesday March 20 in the Oakwood Ballroom.

The next Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday January 10 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Special Session of the Board of Directors

Field of Dreams

Thursday December 27, 2018 3:00 P.M.

With 12 men on a team how do we handle substituting the 12th man into the game? The proposal is every player sits at least one inning per game. This ensures all players receive almost equal playing time. Or we go to 11 players per team and use the priority system of Iron/Oaks residents selected first, Sun Lakes residents second, and then the rest of the players would be selected based on seniority. Another idea would be to have managers sit a different player every two innings. The players who don't sit in one doubleheader would sit the next doubleheader. The Board needs a mechanism for accountability of the managers in order to assure all players are rotating equally.

Mr. Hilby motioned a player will sit no more than two innings every doubleheader except for the pitchers at the manager's discretion. Those players who don't sit in the doubleheader will sit two innings in the next scheduled doubleheader for their team. A substitute player will sit out for the player he is subbing for. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion passed 3 – 2. Mr. Corso and Mr. Carmichael opposed. Mr. Giordano abstained.

Mr. Washington motioned the Board of Directors go on record to support the managers. The Board may not always heed the advice of the managers as they (the Board) have final say in all decisions. Mr. Leckner seconded the motion. Mr. Giordano did not accept the motion stating the Board already supports the managers.

Mr. Leckner motioned if a team starts with 11 players when 12 are expected the shorthanded team will take an out each time the 12th spot in the order comes to bat. The rule does not apply in the 7th (open inning). Mr. Washington seconded. The motioned passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Carmichael dissenting.

If a team is missing two players the 11th and 12th spots in the batting order are automatic outs except in the 7th inning. The other team will supply a catcher.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35.