

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Ballroom

January 12, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Core was absent. Members in attendance were Mike Gloyd and Gary Alexander.

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

Mr. Wolfe reported that there was little financial activity in December other than the collection of team sponsorship fees from Core Photography and the purchase of the Core Photography team shirts. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, we have net income of \$3500 compared to budgeted income of \$1667. The positive variance is primarily related to banner revenue exceeding budget. This was due to more sponsors paying for three years in advance than was anticipated. Mr. Washington moved the report be accepted. Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 104 members with five opting for Open Play and ninety-nine full members. The Women's program has thirteen members. Registration forms and fees are still being collected from the women.

The current schedule appears to be working well although there are some longer gaps between play dates for some teams. These are necessary to avoid the same team playing back to back on a Thursday and Friday. The pattern has teams playing once during one week and twice the following week or vice versa. Mr. Hilby presented a schedule for a four team double elimination tournament for each division. He asked for Board feedback over the next few weeks.

Mr. Washington made a motion that beginning Monday January 30 a new format for Mondays will include batting practice and a skills session with the possibility of a game to follow if time and participants allow. On Saturdays the Open Play game will start at 9:00 with no pregame batting practice, this change will begin Saturday January 28. Mr. Hillabolt seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso reported on some of the new rules for each division. The Board discussed the length of games particularly in the Sun Division. In an effort to shorten the length of games, starting Tuesday January 17 batters in the Sun Division will have a count of one ball and one strike with no foul to waste. The Board does not want to go to time limits so it's asking the players to be more purposeful when entering and leaving the field following an inning. There was discussion on runner interference at second base; it was agreed it needs to be called more often. Umpires should be notified of the situation. If runner interference would take place the umpire should warn both teams the next occurrence will result in the runner to first being ruled out. The Association needs to obtain an approved mask for pitchers. Some substitute players are balking at paying the full membership IronOaks HOA price as the resulting playing time would be minimal compared to the cost.

Mr. Corso shared the garage has been cleaned out. Items behind the garage are there for the taking. The landscaping supervisor says there is a problem with one of the timers causing the field to be too wet. Mr. Corso is working with them to rectify the problem.

Pat Wolfe has met with both Cottonwood and IronOaks regarding the annual banquet; the prices are similar at both venues. The Board is leaning toward IronOaks. Mr. Wolfe will reserve Tuesday March 28 as the banquet date. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

Due to Mr. Core's very busy schedule the Board is searching for a web-competent member to maintain the Association's web site.

Changes to the by-laws will be posted at the Field of Dreams fourteen days before the scheduled vote.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is Thursday February 9 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 5:20.

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 Ballroom

February 9, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Core. Board members in attendance were Mr. Core, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Giordano was absent. Members in attendance were Mike Gloyd, Randy Rothenbuehler, Bob Hutchins, Ed Sowney, Ken Brenden, Bob Zawidski, Denny Davidson, and John Seigla.

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

During the Treasurer's report Mr. Wolfe stated on a fiscal year-to-date basis we have a net income of \$5250 compared to budgeted income of \$1300 again due to prepayment of billboard sales. Mr. Washington moved to accept the report; Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 107 members with six opting for Open Play and 101 full members. The Women's program has twelve members bringing the Association total to 119 members.

The tournament brackets have been set and are posted on the chalkboard at the field. They have also been added to the minutes below.

Mr. Washington motioned and Mr. Hillabolt seconded that if Young Realty and Brenden Financial split Friday's games a coin toss will be used to determine the number one seed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hillabolt reported the numbers for the spring session. At this point there are 88 members requesting to play in the league but this number may fluctuate. The draft will be held Saturday February 18 at 10:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse. The starting time of spring games will be 8:00 and 10:30. If there are only 84 players the Sun division will play with 10 men on the field.

Mr. Hilby shared the results of the Follow-up Split League Survey with the Board. Following discussion and input Mr. Washington motioned the Association continue the two division league for the spring session. Mr. Hilby seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso reported there would be no rule changes to start the spring session but intentional walk numbers in the Sun Division will be examined at the next meeting to see if there is a problem and if so, determine a solution.

During his field update report Mr. Corso praised the job Kenny Brenden and Dave Rinaldo have been doing with field preparations. He also met with I/O HOA General Manager Trish Huff. She plans reintroduce the turf project at a spring Board of Directors meeting. The hope is the HOA will provide some support for the project. The HOA Board wants a ten year warranty; the turf company will do eight.

The annual banquet has been set for Monday March 27. Invitations will be sent out later in February. Pat Wolfe and to some degree Larry are deep into organization of the event.

Mr. Core reported the master roster has been added to the web site with password protection. TJ Tjernlund has been doing a great job with the league statistics.

The vote on altering the By-laws will begin Thursday February 16. Only Sun Lakes residents are eligible to vote. Mr. Core and Mr. Hilby will oversee the voting process.

Mr. Washington reported the Association has no issues with sponsorship of teams; all are in place and have paid their fee. He reminded managers to please record who jerseys are assigned to in order to better recover them following each session. A new supply of softballs is needed as we'll run out mid March. To avoid paying for shipping 10 dozen balls will be ordered.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is Thursday March 9 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Core at 4:21.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

SLSSA
Split League Double Elimination Tournament Brackets
February 14, 16, &
17

Sun Division

1 Brenden
Financial



Loser Gm 3

Lakes Division
1 Wolfe & Assoc.

Game 1
2/14/2017 11:30
#4 A-1 Golf Carts

Win Gm 1

#2 Farmers
Insurance

Game 3
2/16/2017
9:00

Win Gm 3

Game 2
2/14/2017 12:45
#3 Core Photography

Win Gm 2

Game 6
2/17/2017 11:30

Champion

Loser Gm 1

Game 4
2/16/2017 10:15
Loser Gm 2

Win Gm 4

Game 5
2/17/2017
9:00

Win Gm 5

Loser Gm 3

SLSSA
Split League Follow-Up
Survey
2/9/2017

Sun Division

	#	%
1 - Poor	1	2.7
2	0	0
3 - No Opinion	1	2.7
4	13	35.13
5 - Outstanding	22	59.45
Total	37	99.98
	50	
	surveyed	

Lakes Division

	#	%
1 - Poor	5	13.15
2	3	7.89
3 - No Opinion	6	15.79
4	10	26.31
5 - Outstanding	14	36.84
Total	38	99.98
	54	
	surveyed	

Divisions
Combined

%

Divisions
Combined

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1 - Poor	6	8	1 & 2's	9	12
2	3	4	3	7	9.33
3 - No Opinion	7	9.33	4's & 5's	59	78.66
4	23	30.66		75	99.99
5 -				104	
Outstanding	36	48		104	surveyed
Total	75	99.99			
	104				
	surveyed				

Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

Split League Survey

Survey Comments and Suggested Changes

February 9, 2017

(Comments and changes have been categorized)

Sun Division

Comments:

- The same guys seem to used as subs – 1
- The parity is great – 1
- Like unlimited home runs – 1
- Games are close – 1
- Working well, more positive comments than negative – 1
- Better competition – 5
- Miss mixing with other players – 1
- Safer in the Lakes Division – 1
- Great move – 1
- Guys seem to enjoy the game more at their level of competition – 1
- Skilled players in their late 60's or early 70's don't have great fit – 1

Suggested Changes:

- None – 18
- Home run limit – 10
- Two balls, one strike – 1
- More players per team – 1
- Better system for substitutes – 1

- 10 players per team – 1
- Players under 65 use an ASA bat – 1
- Out on the second strike if a foul ball – 1

Lakes Division

Comments:

- I get to play more positions – 1
- Too many errors – 1
- Lack of skills – 1
- Prefer being in the Lakes rather than the “Sun Home Run Derby” – 1
- Keep two divisions, it’s safer – 1
- Not enough players when injuries strike – 1
- Terrible – 1
- Continue to use the rover in the Lakes as it keeps the game from being too long – 1
- Good, competitive, and balanced – 4
- Some weeks you only play one double header – 2
- Don’t get to mix with all of the players – 2
- Working great as both divisions have players with comparable skills – 1
- Got to show my talents on the field – 2
- Length of games concerning – 1
- Good crowds – 1
- Better batting results – 1

Suggested Changes:

- None – 19
- More subs available in one league – 1
- Balance the talent – 1
- Restore to one league – 10
- Limit home runs in Sun – 3
- 1:15 time limit – 1
- Formalize Monday fundamental sessions – 1
- Pitcher’s screen in the Sun
- Play the two divisions on separate days (T-Th & W-F) – 1
- More games per week – 1
- No rover in the Lakes – 1
- More teams - 1

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Library

March 9, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Core, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, and Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Washington was absent. No other SLSSA members were in attendance.

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

During the Treasurer's report Mr. Wolfe stated on a fiscal year-to-date basis we have a net income of \$5776 compared to budgeted income of \$1150 again due to prepayment in full of two more bill boards. Mr. Core moved to accept the report; Mr. Corso seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 122 members with six opting for Open Play and 104 full members. The Women's program has twelve members which accounts for the total of 122.

The Spring tournament format will mirror the Winter tournament with two double elimination tournaments, one for each division.

Rules for the Spring League Tournament

- The half run rule will **not** be used.
- Tiebreaker/seeding for league play
 - The first criteria is based on head to head record
 - The second is winning percentage
 - The third is run differential between those two teams
 - The fourth is a coin flip.
- The International Tie Breaker will be utilized in extra inning games
 - The last person to bat in the previous inning starts on second base
 - There will be one out to start the each extra inning.
- Substitution runners
 - In an extra inning game all runners are once again eligible
 - Whether a player runs for an injured player or an uninjured player, he may not run again in the game as a courtesy runner.
- Substitutes for injured or missing players
 - Each ratings category will be split in half with only players from the second or lower half of each category eligible to substitute.
- There will only be one umpire per game.

Mr. Hillabolt reported a learning situation occurred at the draft as two players requesting to play in the Sun Division were not drafted and thus were placed in the Lakes Division draft causing more players than needed. Adjustments were made to accommodate all players. There is still continual drifting in and out of commitments from players in the days before the draft.

Mr. Corso led the discussion regarding rule changes and updates. Duplication of Senior Softball Rules and SLSSA rules as well as some outdated and unnecessary rules will be cleaned up during Rules Committee meetings this summer. Mr. Corso would like the Association's rules to be as close to the Senior Softball Rules as possible. The committee will also create a "Local Rules" document.

During his field update report Mr. Corso once again thanked Ken Brenden and Dave Rinaldo for doing such a great job of maintaining the field. The maintenance crew is planning on installing the proper pegs for 65' bases so the ladies team is compliant with their league regulations. This length could also be an option for the Lakes Division.

The Chandler Stars youth team will be using the Field of Dreams twice a week for practice. They will be on the field Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30.

Food will be served on the second day of the Spring Tournament (Thursday April 13). The menu consists of hamburgers, chips, hotdogs, cookies, water, and soda. Awards and recognition will take place also.

The annual banquet has been set for Monday March 27 in the Oakwood Ballroom. Mr. Wolfe showed the Board a draft of the program. Check in and Happy Hour begins at 5:30 with dinner at 6:40. The program will begin at 8:00, music and dancing to follow until 10:00. Mr. Core will once again have a slide show of our members.

The new softballs for both men and women have been delivered.

The Board acted on the Spirit of Sun Lakes award and will complete the rest of the awards slate at the next meeting.

Due to the fact there was only one person interested in running for the Board there will be no election to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Wolfe. Jim Leckner will be seated at the April Board meeting. Congratulations Jim!

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association is Thursday April 6 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Library. This meeting has been moved up one week so Board members may properly address tournament needs.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association

Executive Session

Awards for both divisions:

Spirit of Sun Lakes – Dave Rinaldo

Most Improved – 4/6

Rookie of the Year – 4/6

Sportsmanship – 4/6

Top Ten Hitting Percentages – 4/6 (Top 5 in each division)

SUN LAKES SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Oakwood Clubhouse Library

April 6, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 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. Members in attendance were Randy Rothenbuehler and Doug Friesen.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated that on a fiscal year-to-date basis we have net income of \$6332 compared to a budgeted net income of \$1201. The positive variance is primarily due to banner advertising exceeding the budget by \$3478 and the unbudgeted payment of \$1975 from the HOA for infield maintenance. In addition, the cost of caps was \$591 less than the budgeted expense.

Mr. Jim Leckner was seated as a member of the Board. Mr. Hilby and Mr. Giordano were returned to the Board for another term. The SLSSA sends a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Wolfe for his service as a Board member. We also are grateful for his continued involvement with the SLSSA Board of Directors.

Officer elections determined Mr. Sam Giordano will remain as president, Mr. Corso will serve as vice-president, and Mr. Hilby will continue to carry out the duties of the secretary. Mr. Wolfe was elected as an outside, non-voting member of the Board in which he will complete the duties of the treasurer.

Mr. Hilby reported the Association currently has 123 members with seven opting for Open Play and 104 full members. The Women's program has twelve members which accounts for the total of 123.

The Spring tournament format will mirror the Winter tournament with two double elimination tournaments, one for each division.

Rules for the Spring League Tournament

- The half run rule will **not** be used.
- Tiebreaker/seeding for league play
 - The first criteria is based on head to head record
 - The second is winning percentage
 - The third is run differential between those two teams
 - The fourth is a coin flip.
- The International Tie Breaker will be utilized in extra inning games
 - The last person to **bat** in the previous inning starts on second base
 - There will be one out to start each extra inning.
 - A courtesy runner may only be used after the runner on second base reaches third base.
- Substitution runners
 - Whether a player runs for an injured player or an uninjured player, he may **not** run again in the game as a courtesy runner.

- In an extra inning game all runners are once again eligible
- There will only be one umpire per game.
- Pick-up rules for missing and injured players
 - These rules apply to both divisions
 - In the Sun Division the “one’s” and “two’s” categories are split in half
 - If a team is missing a high one, they **may** pick up anyone including a high “one”
 - If a team is missing a low “one”, they **must** pick a low “one” or a lower rated player
 - This concept also applies to the “two’s”
 - The “three’s” category has been left intact
 - The rule is the same for the Lakes Division only it designates high “three’s” and low “three’s” as well as high “four’s” and low “four’s”.

Mr. Hilby will create an online survey asking for the following feedback:

- Are you planning on playing next year, if so how many sessions, and in what division would like to play?
- Would you be interested in playing in a summer league at the Field of Dreams?
- What is your support level for adding a fourth play date (Monday) to the week for league play? This would assure everyone plays four games (2 doubleheaders) a week.

During his field update report Mr. Corso once again thanked Ken Brenden and Dave Rinaldo for doing such a great job of maintaining the field; the Board also sends along its thanks and appreciation for their efforts. A new infield drag has been purchased. Mr. Corso will once again approach the Iron/Oaks HOA Board regarding the artificial turf project.

Food will be served on the second day of the Spring Tournament (Thursday April 13). The menu consists of hamburgers, chips, hotdogs, cookies, water, and soda. Awards and recognition will take place after the 10:30 game that day. Mr. Core and Mr. Brenden will purchase the food.

The annual banquet ended with a \$17 profit due to the raffle which netted \$249.

Rather than holding full meetings this summer the Board plans to hold a series of workshops which are open to all members. These workshops will center on a different issue each meeting in order to bring about change, clarification, or improvement of the organization. Each workshop will have an agenda which will be posted on the web site and at the field. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday May 16 at 1:00 in the Oakwood Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 4:28.

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

May 16, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 Tom Kasunic, Mike Gloyd, and Randy Rothenbuehler.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of April revenue was \$571 with expenses at \$416 (food for the tournament). Expenses were \$80 less than budgeted for. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Hilby. It passed unanimously.

President Giordano assigned the Board duties for 2017-18. They are listed below:

2017 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.
- Player Ratings and Draft.
 - Development of Ratings Criteria and Rating Categories.
 - Appoint Committee Chair.
 - Committee to rate all existing/new players.
 - Drafting and player pick-up rules.

Vice President – Bill Corso

- Perform the duties of the President when the President is absent.
- HOA Liaison
- Artificial Turf Purchase
- Game Management
- Game rules.
- Umpire selection and training.
- Umpire scheduling.

Secretary – Steve Hilby

- 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.
- Purchase & maintain liability insurance.
- Obtain additional insured statements for HOA, SLSSA, and City of Chandler.
- 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.
- Advertising 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.

Jesse Washington

- Procurement/Team Sponsors
 - Recommend jersey and cap designs to Board for approval.
 - Jersey and caps purchasing.
- Equipment
 - Equipment purchasing.
- Sponsor Recruitment and Liaison.
 - Team sponsor fees.
- Update Deceased Former SLSSA player's plaque.
 - Send out sympathy and get well cards.

Mike Core

- Banquet organizer.
- Photographer.
- New player recruitment.
- Web Master
 - Prime contact on Web site.

- Write and update SLSSA policies.
- Food purchasing and operations.

Gary Hillabolt

- Field Operations
 - Liaison with HOA maintenance supervisor.
 - Field set-up and maintenance criteria.
 - Field maintenance supervisor.
 - Capital Budget for the field.
 - Field crew scheduling.
 - Replacement of Banners and Boards.
 - Kitchen management/drinks.
 - Field use scheduling.
- Team Managers
 - Selection/Training

Jim Leckner

- 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.

The end of the year survey was sent to all members but was differentiated between the Sun and Lakes Divisions. An identical survey was taken by all members.

The questions asked were:

1. Are you planning to play next year?
2. Which sessions do you plan to play?
3. In which division would you prefer to play?
4. Are you interested in playing in a summer league?
5. Add a fourth play date next year?

The responses were as follows:

Sun Division (36 respondents)

1. Play next year? Yes – 32, No – 1, Undecided – 3
2. Which sessions? All – 26, Winter/Spring – 5, Don't know – 4
3. Which division? Sun – 32, No Preference – 4
4. Summer league? Yes – 19, No – 14, Undecided – 3
5. Add a fourth day? Yes – 18, Leaning toward yes, need more info – 11, Don't care – 5, Leaning toward no, need more info – 1

Lakes Division (36 respondents)

1. Play next year? Yes – 29, No – 1, Undecided – 6
2. Which sessions? All – 26, Winter/Spring – 2, Don't know – 6
3. Which division? Sun – 4, Lakes – 25, No preference – 6
4. Summer league? Yes – 18, No – 12, Undecided – 5
5. Add a fourth day? Yes – 10. Leaning toward yes, need more info – 12, Don't care – 2, Leaning toward no, need more info – 6, No – 5

Combined (72 respondents)

1. Play next year? 61, No – 2, Undecided – 9
2. Which sessions? All – 52, Winter/Spring – 7, Don't know – 10
3. Which division? Sun – 36, Lakes – 25, No preference – 10
4. Summer league? Yes – 37, No – 26, Undecided – 8
5. Add a fourth day? Yes – 28, Leaning yes, need more info – 23, Don't care – 7, Leaning no, need more info – 7, No - 5

Mr. Leckner motioned we start a summer league beginning in July. Mr. Corso seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Mr. Hillbolt and Mr. Leckner will organize.

Beginning Thursday June 1 summer open play will begin at 7:00. Mr. Hilby will send a notice out via email and Mr. Core will post on the web site.

Mr. Corso updated the status of the field turf. The issue will go before the HOA Board during their June workshop. The prices and costs remain the same for the product and installation.

Workshop #1 Thoughts from Board and Members

- How many teams expected for Fall 2017?
 - We expect 8 teams for the Fall 2017 session.
 - Need a minimum of 80 players to continue with a split league.
 - Some feel 10 member teams in the Lakes Division could be problematic.
 - Estimate of 88 players for the fall session.
- How many teams needed to split the league?
 - 3 teams in the Sun and 4 teams in the Lakes minimum?
 - Ideally have 4 in each division.
- How many players per team?
 - 11 players per team would be ideal for both divisions.
 - Maximum 12 or 13 players per team?
 - Rewrite rules regarding the number of innings a player must sit so no one sits more than 2 innings per doubleheader.
 - Once the maximum number of players needed is met a waiting list would be developed.
 - Some feel 10 member teams in the Lakes Division could be problematic.
- How many games played per session?
 - If all teams are to play two doubleheaders per week there would be 24 games per session along with a session ending tournament.
- Should we play more than 3 days a week? If so, what day should be added?
 - Would like all players playing twice every week.

- One doubleheader on Monday and Wednesday, two doubleheaders on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday?
- How many managers will be needed for next year?
 - We have enough at this time.
- Other considerations
 - None

The June board meeting is set for June 22 at 1:00 at the Oakwood Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 2:40.

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 June 22, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Core, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, and Mr. Wolfe (Treasurer). Members in attendance were Dennis McCarthy, Ken Brenden, Denny Davidson, Randy Rothenbuehler, and Dave Rinaldo. Iron/Oaks HOA Board member Dick Eslick was also present.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of May revenue was \$675 mainly from the HOA payment for field maintenance. Expenses were minimal at \$73. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Core. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Corso updated the status of the field turf. He and Mr. Giordano attended the HOA Workshop on Wednesday June 21. Following the presentation it was decided the matter will come before the Board at their monthly Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday June 28. SLSSA will again present the proposal as well as answer Board members' questions. HOA Board member Dick Eslick attended and explained the Board will still discuss and vote on the turf project as our representatives came away from the Workshop feeling the project had been scuttled. He gave us some talking points for the Board presentation. A variety of talking points were discussed including reducing costs for the HOA.

Dave Rinaldo shared his research on pitching machines. Electric powered or manual are available. Electric machines run as low as \$600, the cheapest manual can cost \$120-\$150. A protective screen could also be purchased. After discussion Mr. Core motioned the Board purchase a manual pitching machine not costing more than \$300. Mr. Hilby seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Washington had forwarded data regarding the purchase of new hats and jerseys. He feels the current jersey tops are still in very good condition. A decision regarding both hats and jerseys will be finalized at the July meeting.

Mr. Hillabolt reported on the summer league. The draft has been held, the schedule is set, and the rules are in place.

Summer Tuesday League Rules

All current Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association rules apply except for those listed below.

1. There are three teams in the league
2. Every team plays two games a day (times are 7:00, 8:15, 9:30)
3. Home run rule: one up with the next homer counting as a single
4. Pinch running: only one runner per inning but a player may run more than once a game
5. Batters enter the batter's box with a one and one count with **none** to waste.
6. Substitutes will be picked up through a blind selection system, not according to ratings

7. There will be 12 players per team.
8. No player can sit out for more than two innings
9. The team not playing will provide umpires and substitutes

Summer Tuesday League Schedule

Team 1 Manager: Ron Carmichael

Team 2 Manager: Tom Kasunic

Team 3 Manager: Rick Oien

July 4 7:00 1 v 2

8:15 2 v 3

9:00 3 v 1

July 11 7:00 3 v 2

8:15 1 v 3

9:00 2 v 1

July 18 7:00 3 v 1

8:15 1 v 2

9:00 2 v 3

July 25 7:00 2 v 1

8:15 3 v 2

9:30 1 v 3

Workshop #2: Ratings and the Draft

The Ratings Committee met to solidify the ratings procedures. The committee is comprised of Ken Brenden, Tom Kasunic, Dennis LePore, Gary Hillabolt, Randy Rothenbuehler, and Mike Gloyd. The players will be divided into four categories with 8 ones, 8 twos, 12 threes, and 15 fours. A manager, if missing a player, may pick a player from the missing player's rating or lower.

The July board meeting is set for Tuesday July 11 at 2:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library. The August meeting is tentatively set for Thursday August 10.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 2:36.

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 A

Tuesday August 10, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Mr. Corso. Board members in attendance were Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Leckner, and Mr. Wolfe (Treasurer). Members in attendance were Tom Kasunic, Gary Alexander, Randy Rothenbuehler, Dave Rinaldo, and Doug Friesen.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the months of June and July revenue was \$475. Expenses were minimal at \$98. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Core and seconded by Mr. Hilby. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2017/18 budget focuses mainly on paying for the turf. Discussion centered on a onetime club membership fee of \$75 to replenish the coffers as the turf will deplete our current funds. No official action was taken; the budget will be discussed and approved in September.

Mr. Corso updated the status of the field turf. Greenfield (the sellers), the installers, and the turf expert have been communicating. The current soil on the field is an adequate base for laying down the turf. A minimal layer of sand will be needed to keep the field from contracting and expanding from temperature changes. A meeting with the installers will be scheduled for next week at the field.

Mr. Washington, in absentia, submitted information regarding softballs and uniforms. We currently have four dozen softballs, enough to get through until October when we will order ten dozen. He feels the league's uniforms are in good shape and recommends we not purchase jersey's this year. Mr. Giordano motioned we use the existing uniforms for the 2017/18 season. Mr. Leckner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hillabolt updated the Board regarding the summer league. Players have been very happy with league so it has been extended through September. Non-roster substitutes have shown an interest in joining a team. There are some openings on the horizon so those members will be accommodated.

Fall session sign-ups will start Monday September 25 and end Saturday October 14. These deadlines as well as other sign-up information will be published on the web site and through an email blast.

Mr. Hillabolt and Mr. Corso will arrange rental of Snedigar fields while the Field of Dreams (FOD) is being over seeded.

Workshop #3: Safety Review

- Interference – the runner cannot interfere with a defender making a play. The base runner must avoid the defender. This applies to a defender fielding a ball or a defender attempting a throw to a base during a double play attempt. Runners are to veer out of the base path to avoid being struck by a thrown ball. Umpires have the discretion to call the batter automatically out if a runner interferes with the completion of a play.

- Obstruction – this happens at all bases but most frequently at first base. On a base hit, the first basemen should move in toward home plate to stay out of the runner's path while making the turn at first. Fielder must yield to the runner.
- Aggressive outfield play – An outfielder should call for a ball in play. Other outfielders should verbally acknowledge the call and peel off or back up the play. Communication is the key to avoiding collisions. Centerfielders have priority over all other fielders with left-center having priority over right-center. No one should be running full speed into fences in an attempt to catch a ball.

New Business

- Right field needs to be rolled. Due to over watering, ruts and holes have developed from mowing and being played on while the ground is soft. Mr. Martinez of the HOA groundskeepers will be contacted to rectify the problem.
- Members would like to see a recycling program put in place at FOD. The bin on the patio will now be used for aluminum, plastic, and paper. Current garbage cans in the dugouts will be used for recycling and smaller containers will be added for garbage.

The September board meeting has been set for Tuesday September 12 at 1:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 2:30.

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 A

Tuesday September 12, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by Mr. Corso. Board members in attendance were Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillbolt, Mr. Leckner, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe (Treasurer). Members in attendance were Tom Kasunic, Evan Hansen, Gary Alexander, and Randy Rothenbuehler.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of August revenue was \$41. Expenses were minimal at \$73. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Washington and seconded by Mr. Hillbolt. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wolfe took all turf project expenses out of the budget the 2017/18 budget. Dues and HOA player fees will remain the same; \$25 SLSSA fee for recreational program only, for full membership and \$15, \$130 non-resident HOA fee, \$100 Sun Lake resident HOA fee, and \$70 Iron/Oaks resident HOA fee. We will continue selling banners for the outfield fence. Mr. Hillbolt motioned the budget be accepted with a second from Mr. Leckner. The motion carried unanimously. The budget has been posted at the Field of Dreams.

Mr. Corso updated the status of the field turf. He met with the installers and everything appeared to be ready to go but rumors regarding other possible uses for the softball field arose. In a meeting with General Manager Trish Huff it was confirmed the HOA's interest in removing the field for Pickleball courts and a park. She also indicated the HOA is looking at all amenities and a variety of options will be on the table. Due to this information the turf project is now on hold.

Mr. Washington reported we will have the same eight sponsors as last year and the current uniforms are in good shape. He recommends we stay with the same uniforms and buy new hats. Mr. Washington will look into hats with a dark gray bill and a lighter gray cap. Second choice would be red (bill) and gray (cap).

The HOA will be voting on a proposal to remove any memorials throughout the community. SLSSA will follow the HOA's lead but will communicate to them our support for keeping memorials throughout the community intact.

Mr. Hillbolt updated the Board regarding the summer league. The league has been running smoothly and finishes up on Tuesday September 19, 2017.

Fall session sign-ups will start Monday September 25 and end Saturday October 14. These deadlines as well as other sign-up information will be published on the web site and through an email blast.

Mr. Hillbolt and Mr. Corso have arranged rental of Snedigar fields while the Field of Dreams (FOD) is being over seeded. Snedigar play will start on Tuesday September 26 and continue through Thursday October 19. Two fields have been rented for two hours each starting at **8:00 a.m.**

The discussion then centered on non-resident age limits. Non-residents are now considered anyone living outside Iron/Oaks. With there being two leagues divided by talent levels it was felt lowering the age limit could help the club grow. Mr. Washington motioned that potential players living outside Iron/Oaks must be at least fifty-five years of age to play in the league. Mr. Corso seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Core has asked for help at the various community activity days. The event at Iron/Oaks takes place on Saturday October 7; Cottonwood/Palo Verde's is scheduled for Saturday October 14. Both run from 9:00 until 12:00. Mr. Leckner has volunteered to help.

Old Business

Recycling – Mr. Hilby and Hoot Gibson have agreed to put a plan into action where smaller containers are found for garbage in the dugout and the current garbage cans will be labeled and used for plastic bottles, cardboard, paper, and other recyclable materials. Also the current soda can receptacle on the patio will be marked for recyclables. Hoot will be responsible for proper disposal of materials collected.

New Business – Mr. Hilby will write a blurb for the Iron/Oaks website detailing the softball club and what it has to offer.

The October board meeting has been set for Thursday October 19 at 1:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Corso at 2:22.

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 19, 2017 1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 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 Tom Kasunic, Evan Hansen, John Seigla, Ron Carmichael, Doug Friesen, Dave Rinaldo, TJ Tjernlund, Mike Otman, Ken Brenden, Tom Vitolo, and Randy Rothenbuehler.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of September revenue was \$900. Expenses were minimal at \$74. September is the last month of the fiscal year. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Leckner and seconded by Mr. Hillabolt. The motion passed unanimously.

Four Board members attended the Iron/Oaks HOA workshop Wednesday afternoon. The committee on amenities presented their report. Pickleball and fitness center were the only issues. They are seeking to develop the current softball complex into pickleball courts, a dog park, sand volleyball courts, and a regular park. It will cost an estimated \$700,000 to make the changes and \$7100 for preliminary work. Mr. Giordano has volunteered to serve on the committee but has heard nothing from General Manager Trish Huff. SLSSA will develop strategies for combating this change.

Rule change proposals:

- Lakes Division:
 - Count rule: 1 ball & 1 strike with no fouls to waste; hitting the screen results in a dead ball but does not count as a strike. Mr. Core motioned to keep the count rule the same as last year (1 ball & 1 strike with one foul ball to waste). Mr. Leckner second. Passed unanimously.
 - Courtesy running: A player can run only once per inning rather than once per game. Mr. Core moved the courtesy running rule remain the same. Mr. Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Courtesy running: Mr. Core motioned we rescind the above courtesy running rule and implement there be no limits on courtesy runners. An individual may run only once per inning. Mr. Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sun Division:
 - Home run rule: Mr. Hillabolt motioned each team is allowed three home runs per game. After that, home runs are considered singles for that team. When the other team reaches its allowance of three home runs the rule is neither team may go more than one home run up on the other team. Mr. Washington seconded. Defeated 2-4 (Mr. Hillabolt and Mr. Washington for, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Leckner, Mr. Core, against).

- Walks: Mr. Leckner motioned that after a batter is walked once, in his next at-bats he cannot be walked unless he gets one strike. If he is walked he has the choice to accept the walk or bat until he gets a strike. Mr. Hilby seconded. Passed 4-1 (Hillabolt against, Washington, Core, Hilby, Leckner for).
- Courtesy running: Mr. Giordano motioned there be no limits on courtesy runners. An individual may run only once per inning. Mr. Core seconded. The motion passed 4-1. (Mr. Hillabolt against, Mr. Washington, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Core, Mr. Leckner for).

Mr. Washington reported all but one sponsor has paid, he's confident that payment will be made. We will wear the uniforms from last year as they are still in good shape. Caps will be scarlet and gray. He will order 10 dozen balls for session one. Mr. Giordano motioned the Association buy two batting tees and two nets for before and between games warm up. Mr. Washington seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

We currently have 46 players in the Sun Division draft and 42 in the Lakes Division draft. The two players not drafted in the Sun will be included in the Lakes Division draft. There will 44 players drafted in each league, 11 per team.

Ken Brenden discussed the draft and player pick up rules for 2017/18. In the Sun Division there are 8 number ones, 8 number twos, 12 number threes, and 12 number fours. There will be only three ratings categories in the Lakes Division. At the draft managers will pick a number to choose which draft slot they prefer. No pitcher or shortstop designations have been made.

Mr. Corso is working with umpire selection and training. Dennis LePore has been scheduling umpires with the non-playing umps working as often as possible.

Mr. Hillabolt has a schedule set up that addresses the concerns of last season.

Mr. Core reported there was a fair amount of interest in softball at both the Cottonwood and Iron/Oaks activity fairs. Thanks to Mr. Core and Mr. Leckner for taking the time to man the booth.

Mr. Wolfe will schedule the spring banquet during the last week in March.

The October board meeting has been set for Thursday November 9 at 1:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 2:45.

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 9, 2017 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 by Mr. Giordano. Board members in attendance were Mr. Giordano, Mr. Corso, Mr. Hilby, Mr. Hillabolt, Mr. Leckner, Mr. Washington, and Mr. Wolfe (Treasurer). Members in attendance were Mike Gloyd, Ed Sowney, Randy Rothenbuehler, Tom Kasunic, and Dave Rinaldo.

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

During the Treasurer's Report Mr. Wolfe stated for the month of October revenue was \$5059. Expenses were at \$1905 with a net income of \$2891 which was \$431 better than budgeted. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Corso and seconded by Mr. Washington. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported current membership at ninety-four; two playing recreational and ninety-two full members.

The intentional walk rule was amended. A batter must walk on three consecutive balls to be eligible to opt out of a walk later in the game. Previously the rule read the batter only needed to be walked.

Mr. Corso shared concerns regarding the draft. One Sun Division team has three pitchers and one team has only one. Should players be drafted as their rating indicates rather than when they are drafted? Should we designate four pitchers and during the draft have their names pulled out of the hat? The Board will monitor the next draft more closely in order to achieve better balance.

Mr. Hillabolt reported we still need to install 65' bases for the women's team. More discussions will be held with HOA about the outfield regarding mowing and watering. We may resort to mowing the outfield ourselves until the issue is resolved.

Mr. Hilby reported about his meeting with HOA Rules and Regulations Committee representative in order to have consistency between all amenities. It was decided the field would remain locked. Groups could use the field by contacting Pam Barker at the Fitness Center or General Manager Trish Huff.

Several Board members met with homeowners along the right field fence regarding the change of use of the softball field area. Using Snedigar Park would cost SLSSA \$15,000 a year.

- An article is being prepared for the Sun Lakes Splash to provide a history of softball in Sun Lakes as well as an outline of the move to end the program.
- SLSSA members are encouraged to visit with Iron/Oaks friends to gauge their feelings on the change of use.
 - Members should keep track names of supporters to approach if and when we need to circulate the change of use petition.
- We will find information on the number of people from Iron/Oaks involved in the various amenities (tennis, Pickleball, crafts, etc.)

- Mr. Corso will meet with Mr. Robson regarding details of the deeding of the field to the Iron/Oaks HOA.
- We should hire an acoustician to give us some feedback regarding the Pickleball sound/noise.
- A mass mailing of our taking points is planned.
- Meetings will continue with the group to develop more strategies.

Possible draft for the Winter session is Wednesday December 13.

The December board meeting has been set for Thursday December 14 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 3:18.

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 December 14, 2017 3:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 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 Gary Alexander, Tommy Vitolo, Mike Gloyd, Ron Carmichael, Ed Sowney, Doug Friesen, Al Grefsheim, Dennis Colbert, Chris Jensen, Ed Sowney, Randy Rothenbuehler, John Seigla, Chuck Swanson, and Tom Kasunic.

A motion to accept the November 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 November revenue was \$2505 as most banner sponsors are paying the entire three-year fee up front. Expenses were at \$499. It was noted the Iron/Oaks HOA is past due on payments for field work as well as expenses. When those payments are received the budget will be in line with budget expectations. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mr. Leckner and seconded by Mr. Washington. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hilby reported current membership at one hundred-sixteen; three members play recreational only and one hundred-one are full members. Twelve women have signed up.

Mr. Corso felt the rule changes for the Fall session worked well. He made a motion that the home run rule be changed to three up with ensuing homers counting as singles until the opposing team hits a home run. Mr. Giordano seconded. Following discussion the motion was withdrawn but home runs will be monitored to see if the proposed rule should come into effect. The Sun Division will be playing with twelve players on a team. If a team is missing a player to start a game that team will be assessed an out every time the missing player is to bat. Also no player will sit out more than two innings per doubleheader. Those two innings are recommended to be consecutive to save time.

The Sun Division draft for the Winter session was held today (Thursday 12/14) at 2:00 with the Lakes Division drafting on Friday 12/15 at 3:00. The Winter session begins Tuesday January 2. All SLSSA games and practices begin at 9:00 during the winter. Saturdays will be recreational games only with no batting practice. The Monday sessions are for batting and fielding practice.

The same schedule format used during the Fall session will be used in the Winter session with a week added for the end of the session tournament.

Mr. Giordano provided updates on the change of use proposal of the softball field. The *Sun Lakes Splash* ran a front page story about the start of the softball season. Another article will be published in the December edition presenting a history of softball in Sun Lakes along with the plans to remove the field. The SLSSA Board has a copy of the previous noise study regarding Pickleball and a sketch of the architect's layout of the park/Pickleball/bocce ball/putt putt course/horseshoe pits. A softball field was not included in the plans. Preparations are under way to garner signatures for a Change-Of-Use vote should the Iron/Oaks Board pursue the plan to remove the Field of Dreams.

Sixty-five foot bases have been installed for the women's games. Chalk will be ordered as we're running low. Also the pitching screen is broken and needs to be welded. The Board authorized the repair of the screen with a cost not to exceed \$200. Mr. Hillbolt will oversee this process.

Mr. Washington will order game softballs in January; we currently have enough for five weeks worth of play.

The Board reminds everyone of the SLSSA policy regarding harassment. If a member has a problem with another player there is a procedure to solving the problem through submitting a formal grievance to the Board.

The next board meeting has been set for Thursday, January 11 at 3:00 in the Oakwood Clubhouse Library.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Giordano at 4:27 to go into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hilby

Secretary, Sun Lakes Senior Softball Association