

SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Rec Center # 133

BOARD MEETING

Jan. 10, 2024

Call to Order - President Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call - Bob Strawser, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Paul Dickerson, Cenia Huber - 32 guests

Minutes Approval - Dec. 12, 2023 Motion by Toland, 2nd by Campbell

Approved

Park Remodel - Ron Coppess - we will incur expenses for change orders - batting cage gate, split face blocks, fans in stands, GFI under stainless steel table, mail slot in door, camera system on field, internet, night lights?, pitching warm-up areas on 1st and 3rd base sides?

Financial Report - Tim Davis & Cenia Huber - year end income \$49,000 - profit \$9050 - cash on hand \$49K + Ed Jones acct \$28K - deferred income 12K player dues - **Motion to approve** report by Heenan 2nd by Strawser

Approved Motion to

approve expenses for change orders by Huber, 2nd by Dickerson **Approved**

Angels in Outfield - Steve Oberg - Food drive in Feb to benefit Valley View Center. 13K from Toy drive raised and donated to 5 orgs. Remaining with SC West still unresolved.

American League - All in order after draft - 5 teams - interest in obtaining permission from CL players to sub in AL - will contact CL chair.

CL League - Tim Heenan - successful draft - 5 teams with 6 subs - one returned to NL - Larry Chapman reported on effort to have Friday afternoon pickup games with SC West players who will be required to sign waivers and pay a minimal amount to play. **Motion to approve** waiver requirement - motion by Heenan 2nd by Dickerson **Approved**

National League - Mary Toland - will have 6 teams - using AL & CL pitchers and umpires.

Co-ed League - Pauline Robinson - we only played 5 games due to rain, tournaments, etc. In future we would like Saturdays kept open from Jan to April - we have 21 women but need to recruit more - we now have a Co-ed committee.

Golf Tournament - Jim Sundberg - March 17 at South Course, dinner following at Fairway. Need volunteers - Mary Dellopoulos requested all managers to plead with their players to have volunteers to sponsor a hole, assist with sign-ups at the course, sell mulligans, help with gimmick holes, etc

Hall of Fame - Dan Braddock, Dennis Robins, Tom Dellopoulos - selected Jim Alexander, Dennis Johnson, Chuck Witterich. Banquets at Palm Ridge Rec Ctr in SC West March 4 at 5 PM. Mary Toland to provide tickets to managers to sell. In the future SC will have to develop its own rules for the HOF.

Green Team - Rickie Toland - have added 4 new players recently - transition to Mark Merkley as the new Green Team manager underway.

Field Report - Roger Beckes - trying to set up a time for Clay from Stabilizer Solutions to remove the "coffee grounds", laser level the field, direct the drainage away from the parking and toward the area behind right field - will take 5 days and may have to interrupt a week in the season. Water pressure will be increased to 150 psi. SC members are allowed to bid on work if they are licensed contractors and have liability insurance.

New - Shirts - Tom Reynolds advocated for allowing shirts to be untucked - after brief

discussion of pros and cons, Paul Dickerson moved, seconded by Rickie Toland to have a vote at the General Membership Meeting in March to decide the issue **Approved**

Donations for Clubhouse - Steve Oberg urged managers and players NOT to accept gifts until a master plan has been developed - suggestions were made for having champion team plaques and/or HOF inductees.

New Suggestions - (1) Mark Kisala offered that we should have at least one tournament per session to showcase our new field by inviting out of town teams (2) Discussion about sending to winning team sponsors a framed picture of their team as a thank you - no volunteers! (3) Steve Oberg asked for suggestions for a time capsule for the new park (4) Jim Smith suggested we take out for a full year block ad informing readers of the existence of our park and seeking players

Next meeting - February 13, 2024 Fairway #133 - 6 PM

Adjourned 7:30 PM

Sun City Softball Club
Board Meeting
February 13, 2024 Minutes

Call to Order: 5:59 PM

Jan 10 Meeting Minutes Approved

January Month-End Financials Report Approved

Angels in the Outfield – Full report presented by Donna

1. Ministered to 5 families during the last month.
2. Continued to work with SCW to develop AO for both communities
3. March 25 – “Golden Oldies Game and The Memorial” at Liberty Field (3-6 PM) for both communities.

American League – Discussion on suggesting new style of ball pants. Once the IN/OUT jersey style is decided, we may consider the new uniform pants.

Central League – Pickup games involving Green Team members have been very successful and needed.

National League – Dedicated practice times for National League has resulted in improved batting averages over the full league.

Co-Ed League – Overall working OK, however there is still a great need for more women players. Concern that American League players pose a possible danger due to the skill gap versus other players. Due to this “Gap” some players have shied away from the Co-Ed play.

Golf Tournament – As normal, registrations are coming in slow, but no big worries at this time. No handicaps will be used in scoring. Rankings of the foursomes will be scored in “flights” only.

Park Remodel – Construction basically on schedule. Batting cage supporting poles are up as if Feb 13; The profile behind the “crow’s nest” will be a relatively flat roof due to ADA requirement for an elevator if building a second story addition. Discussion was heard about the new sound system that will be needed at the park.

RCSC will have a grand opening for the new buildings once construction is complete.

SC Softball Club will have their own grand opening celebration nearer to the start of the Fall Session so more of our own players can participate. Discussion on a tentative date of October 19th, 2024 or that whole weekend may be encompassed for our Club’s Grand Opening Celebration.

Next week – Feb 19-23, the DW Memorial Field will be unavailable due to the enhancement of the infield area which will allow better drainage and better playable conditions.

Hall of Fame Banquet – March 4, 2024 being held the Palm Ridge Rec Center in SCW at 5:00 PM.

Banners – Looking for new sponsors and discussion was made concerning refreshing some banners due to wear and tear over time.

Uniforms – Discussions made on summer uniforms. Possibly using the existing Sun City T-shirts with a number on the back of the jersey.

The membership vote on whether or not to allow the optional “Tuck/No Tuck” in regard to how players wear their jerseys will be held during the March 11, 2024 membership meeting. In order to get a sense of optics of this potential change, the time frame of Feb 26th – Mar 8th has been designated to be optional for either style.

Marketing Expo – Report given on the Marketing Expo. Suggestions given on improving the Club’s visibility and effectiveness in this outreach event.

Publicity – Weekly Cost for Classified ad in the Independent Newspaper:

2x2 - \$100

4x2 - \$150

1/8th Page - \$210

Discussion then centered around providing news articles about our club for this needed publicity.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A 2024/2025 Calendar of Events was presented for consideration. The representatives of all club leagues are invited to a March 6, 2024 meeting at 10:00 AM in the Fairway Rec Center, Room 213. Any other interested parties may also attend.
2. The Resignation of Rickie Toland from the Green Team Director was accepted by the Board in addition to the acceptance of the new director, Mark Merkley.

The Sun City Softball Board and All others within our membership applaud Rickie for the direction and the job “WELL-DONE” over these years! Thanks, Rickie!!

Our membership also gives Mark our support and cooperation as the new director of the Green Team which is an essential building block of our whole club!

DISMISSAL:

Not sure what time...didn’t look at the clock, but my cameras at my house showed that I pulled into my garage at 7:48 PM. I live around 15-20 min from Fairway depending on the lights.....so there you go.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob “Shorthand” Strawser

SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Rec Center - Large Meeting Room

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2024

Call to Order - President Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call - Bob Strawser, Tim Heenan, Mark Merkley, Mike Campbell, Paul Dickerson, Cenia Huber
69 club members

Minutes Feb 13, 2024 Motion by Campbell, 2nd by Heenan **Approved**

Financial Report - Cenia Huber - Cash \$55,650 - ED Jones acct 22,918 - Feb. Income 8750 -
Feb expenses 1384 Total assets \$83,566 **Approved**

Angels in Outfield - Food drive March 12 & 14 - bring donations to Ballpark

American League - Derek Sobzek - all is good

Central League - Larry Chapman - all is better

Natl League - Tom Dellopoulos - all is best!

Co-ed League - Pauline Robinson - we've had several games with West, Grand, Festival - we need help in setting up field on Saturday mornings - showed off new uniforms - still working on recruiting more women - signup for co-ed in next session.

Golf Tournament - Jim Sundberg - we have 28 foursomes, expecting several more - fewer dinner reservations than before - need big sponsor as Arvid Peterson won't donate as much as before - may be able to get better rates if we play in the afternoon

Park Remodel - Ron Coppess - we have been getting weekly and bi-weekly reports and we are close to the original schedule (best guess is completion by 1st week in June) - doors hung, electrical trench dug, drywall hung, plumbing and electrical roughed in, windows in 2 weeks, bldg. will be stained olive green with upstairs tan. **Batting Cage** - will be coin operated with options to select # of balls for each batter, floor to be carpeted, bin holds 250 balls, storage for Iron Mike.

Infield - Roger Beckes - positive report from all, stay off sodded grass - field is nail dragged on Wednesday, heavily watered on Tuesday, and drag instructions have been communicated to each league.

Shirt proposal - 69 members voted on the tucked shirt proposal - result was 37 for tucked shirts, 32 for player choice.

Softball Club Field expenses - added expenses for park remodel to be picked by by the Club include the PA and speaker system, additional plumbing and electrical work. Items for the clubhouse (fridge, chairs tables etc), cost of summer softball shirts, turf for batting cage. - Total cost \$39,112.60 - approved unanimously by all present.

Questions/Comments

- 1 Dave Burton suggested that we encourage realtors to bring their clients to tour the field suggesting that we must be on our best behavior and the field needs to be in good shape.
- 2 Rickie Toland has tickets for the Spring Training game at Peoria on Mar 21 at 6:40PM - looking to get 100 players - \$40 includes game, meal and special seating where the SC Softball Club will be featured in the stadiums big screen - tickets at field on Thursday Mar 14. Rickie also need volunteers for the Sponsor Plaque project.
- 3 Steve Oberg asked for volunteers for Park Committees - Clubhouse, Memorial Bricks, and Storage and Batting Cage.
- 4 Jim Keinath asked the board to take up the idea that players should be allowed to play in multiple leagues in the same session.
- 5 Announcements - Tait Douglas acknowledged for his thank you letter to the membership for his 96th birthday celebration - Golden Oldies game March 25 at SCWest 3 PM - Tracy Buttars is Back!!

ADJOURNED 7:15 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday April 10, 2024 - Fairway 6 PM - Room 133

SUN CITY SOFTBALL CLUB
Fairway Rec Center - room 133
BOARD MEETING
April 10, 2024

Call to Order - President Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call - Bob Strawser, Tim Heenan, Mark Merkley, Mike Campbell, Paul Dickerson, Cenia Huber

Guests - 17

Minutes from March 11, 2024 Motion by Strawser, 2nd by Dickerson

Approved

Financial Report - Cenia Huber - current assets \$54,976 - Net income for March (\$29,021) Loss due to Ballpark expenses of 29,222. Mike Milts raised the idea that whoever hosts the HOF covers expenses - we may have paid too much. Motion by Dickerson, second by Campbell

Approved

Angels in Outfield - Donna Laufer - seasonal food drive raised \$6,240. Golden Oldies game in SC West combined with the memorial for past members - 40 players aged 77+ played - new committee members are Jan Mandell, Rickie Toland, Arnie Kvarnberg, Chuck Witterich - oldies game next year on March 24

American League - Steve Oberg - successful season ends Friday April 12

Central League - Tim Heenan - Rickie Toland's Cooks Tour won the title - league was plagued by rainouts and injuries - managers did not always use sub list - work on that.

National League - Tom Dellopoulos - also many injuries - out-of-league pitchers works well and umpires had a good session.

Co-ed League - Pauline Robinson - kudos to Larry Thorsen for his field work - new rules (1) 1 to 9 rated players have to use aluminum bats (2) batted ball hitting the fence is a out. Still concerned with safety with mixed teams

Golf Tournament - Jim Sundberg - profit was \$9000 - next year we should play in the afternoon to lower green fees - after discussion will pursue either Lakes West or Riverview with the dinner at the Bell Rec Ctr - Mar 25, 2025

Park Update - Steve Oberg - update on various stage of several items like lights, doors, kitchen, alarm system and camera etc.

Uniforms - Keith Zelhofer - summer uniforms are is and being distributed

Equipment - Robert Black - good on most items - new long pants and shorts in next week - need larger storage containers.

Green Team - Mark Merkley - some discussion about recent ratings - Mark follows the numbers - it was suggested that running evaluation doesn't reflect actual ability.

Marketing Expo - Elizabeth Kather - we tell people about the Softball Club - flyers going to Lakeview Rec Cty & will be sent to each rec ctr.

Publicity - Tina Prosenick - we always need stories with pictures to publicize out club

New Business - Steve Oberg (1) End of year parties - let each league decide that (2) rotate league playing days - no interest (3) Play in multiple leagues as a sub or regular player - not well received (4) League choice for shirt issue - no (5) Banners and shirts for sponsors costs \$350.

Adjourned 7:25 PM

Next meeting Wed May 8 6 PM - Rm 133

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Rec Ctr - Room 133

BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2024

Call to Order - President Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call - Tim Heenan, Mike Campbell, Mark Merkley, Paul Dickerson, Cenia Huber, Bob Strawser (absent) 15 guests

Minutes from April 10 - Motion by Campbell, 2nd by Dickerson

Approved

Financial Report - Cenia Huber reported 13,000 expenses for April, 14,900 cash on hand, CD at 27, 670 Motion by Dickerson, 2nd by Campbell

Approved Dan

Braddock reported on final cost of HOF at about \$2,500 - 87 present - dinner \$33.00 - discussion about Sun City having own ceremony as we can cut expenses - revisit in Fall

Angels in Outfield - Donna Laufer - Memorials at SCW and SC well done - 3 deaths reported - nobody will be featured on Angels without their permission. Donna will no longer be supervisor for SCWest - **Motion** to approve Donna Laufer + committee as SC Angels' chairperson & to open bank account - by Dickerson, 2nd by Heenan

Approved Donna also reported on the

Angels **Diamond Garden** project at the Ballpark - people approved are John Millage (contractor), Bob Schweitzer (supervise construction), Ron Coppess (design ideas), Arnie Kvarnberg (pavers), Jan Mandell & Leonard DeJoy (landscaping), Chuck Witterich (maintenance & wordsmith), Donna Laufer (donations). Construction starts July 1 - completion by Sept 1

Park Remodel - Steve Oberg - repair of batting cage to cost \$5000 - RCSC will contribute \$7700 for extra costs - chairs purchased for meeting room - fridge cost \$2900 - other expenses will be carpet for batting cage \$1200 & electronics \$1000.

Building Committee - Tim Heenan - Storage room will house team uniforms and player equipment, banners, softballs, paint, etc. Meeting Room - 25 chairs purchased, tables already owned - committee (Mark Kisale, Pauline Robinson, Sue Skae) will decide on wall presentations - US & AZ flags to be purchased. Greg Griffith to make a proposal for a media room to watch games, etc. Upstairs Room - 3 chairs purchased - delayed decision on copier, computer, printer. Kitchen - Ice Maker & Microwave to be purchased.

Fall Events - Sept 23 Fall Registration opens - Grand Opening - Saturday Oct. 19 and First games will start October 23.

Clubhouse Key List - To be determined after discussion with RCSC.

Player Participation Discussion - Ideas exchanged on how to ensure that all players who are registered and have paid their dues are placed on a team. Some opined that green team recruits be immediately placed on a team - others suggested that they be placed on a sub list and placed on a team when a place becomes available. Some managers are resistant to having extra players on their roster. Some thought that each league should make their own decisions on player placement. No decision made - defer to the Fall meeting.

ADJOURNED 7:35 PM

Visit to Park - Steve Oberg led a review of the Ballpark for all members.

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
Board Meeting
Softball Club House Sept 9, 2024

Call to Order – President Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Steve Oberg, Tim Heenan, Paul Dickerson, Cenis Huber, Mark Merkley – absent Bob Strawser, Mike Campbell
23 guests

Minutes from May 8, 2024 – Motion by Heenan, 2nd by Dickerson **Approved**

Financial Report – Cenia Huber – net income as of Aug 31, 2024, \$1,180; total assets as of August \$27,669; Edward Jones account as of August, 2024, \$19,216 Motion by Dickerson, 2nd by Heenan **Approved**

Angels – Donna Laufer – met with 5 families, 1 illness, 1 death Kudos to Tom Tripp and Vernell King for their support. Committee decided to stay with SC West through Mar 31, 2025. Angels is looking to recruit 3 new committee members to replace resignations – Request for funds from the SC Club – need \$1,370 – Motion by Merkley, 2nd by Heenan – unanimously **Approved**.

Landscape – Donna Laufer – working with Paver committee (600-700) – Project to be called Diamond Garden – estimated cost \$10,000 (donation commitments already +\$7000) – Steve Oberg said RCSC has given formal approval to create an LLC to allow us to do our own work but we need insurance, etc. Chuck Witterich suggested getting sponsors involved for donations.

Building Committee – Tim Heenan – thanks to all the club members who moved all of the items from Oakmont to our fieldhouse – kitchen committee cleaned and organized; storeroom contains softballs, all uniforms and banners and equipment. Meeting room now has an American and an Arizona flag, a TV, white board, and pictures of current Board members. Mark Kisala suggested a plaque to honor past presidents and HOF members. Chuck Witterich suggested to plaque to honor non-players who have made significant contributions to our club. Motion to approve by Merkely, 2nd by Dickerson **Approved**

Building committee to meet later this month to consider an indoor and an outdoor clock, a laptop computer in the announcing room, and more tables for fans to comfortably watch the games.

Batting Cage – all is working and is free for all club members.

Fall season – opens Monday October 21 – registration started today – Grand Opening October 19 agenda discussed at length – from National Anthem to Softball games (including an RCSC team!) to ribbon cutting ceremony to lunch and tours for guests. The field will be closed from Sept 26 to October 19, but players can use the batting cage which will be open Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM for all leagues – Pauline Robinson to organize monitors for supervising the cage activities.

Board Election – will be held at the General Membership meeting on November 11 – nominations by each league, Dan Braddock for the AL, Tim Heenan for the CL, and Chuck Witterich for the NL, will be submitted by Oct. 11. The names will be posted on the Sun Bowl Field Bulletin Board 10 days prior to the election. The Board must have 2 members from each league but because Paul Dickerson has switched leagues (from CL to AL), we will have to waive the by-laws at the General Meeting to have Paul Dickerson still represent the CL. HOF dinner to be on March 10??

Practice time – Will be at Centennial Friendship Park (The Pit) in Surprise and will be available

Tuesdays and Wednesdays (tentative) from 7-10 AM. The Club's batting cage should be available 3 days a week.

Tournaments – Mark Kisala noted an invitational scheduled for Dec 7-8 (8:30-3:00) with 4 outside teams coming to our facility. Larry Chapman mentioned the upcoming Spring Fling now called the Mick Conway Tournament will be on Feb 8-9, 2025

Adjourned 7:40 PM

Next Meeting October 9, 2024 at the Softball fieldhouse