

Sun City Senior Softball Club

Bell Lawn Bowling Bldg

Jan 12, 2022

MINUTES

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

4 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Mark Kisala, Tim Davis, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Dan Braddock, Tim Burke, Dennis Horvath, Donna Laufer

Minutes from Dec 8, 2021 Motion – Tim Davis Second Mike Campbell

Approved

Financial Report – Tim Davis – Combined Accounts \$62,000 – 2020 income was 12,500 while 2021 income was 11,000. 2021 assets increased because of sponsorships and donations. As of today 143 members have paid their 2022 dues, paid by credit card, cash, and check. Estimate is that we will have approx 200 members signed up – 8 players may have overpaid – Rickie Toland will see what they wish to do. **Golf** tournament has brought in \$14,500 with more expected. Tim noted that something should be done about mailbox security at SC ballpark.

Motion – Campbell Second Heenan

Report Approved

Green Team – Rickie Toland Green team is reverting to pre-COVID plan of all tryouts at Sun City – Fridays after last game . Rickie acknowledged his great team – Laufer, Mary Toland, Derek Sobzak. Should we sponsor our club with the Peoria Diamond Club affiliated with The Mariner and Padres cactus league games? If we donate \$500, the Club must donate \$500 to the RCSC – Julie suggested that we may still benefit from the RCSC donation.

American League Report – Dennis Robins AL has 11 teams of 10 with Spring session to start Jan 21 – after draft 8 players sent to CL. Because of COVID this week's games were cancelled.

Central League Report – Tim Heenan CL has 14 teams of 11 – session starts Jan 17 – league decided to go to the 2 umpire system and use 70 ft bases instead of 65 ft in the past. 13 players not drafted were offered sub list or NL

National League Report – Dennis Horvath - we are in the process of rewriting committee rules (Mary Toland Ken Coplan, Jack Fisher) 13 managers will also have a committee vote – anticipate 127 players with 10 on sub only list.

Angels in Outfield – Donna Laufer will chair replacing Barb McFarland and cover both SCW & SC. We need a liaison from each league – Rick Hilton is doing the AL, so we need a rep from the CL and NL - Dennis Robins suggested an identifying shirt for Donna – Rickie Toland will look into it. Motion to accept - Toland, Second Zelhofer **Approved**

Field Report – Ron Coppess – 5 tons of materials worked into field will be an annual event. Park usage will be compiled in future – Suggestion of having open practice on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday after all games. Batting Cage and Storage building specs are being drawn up hoping work will begin in Spring – Clubhouse renovation likely in Fall

Hall of Fame – Ron Wiebold will be an assistant. Date for HOF suggested for Sunday March 27

Banners – Mike Campbell asked if we should bill in Sept/Oct to avoid double billing. Big Daddy auction interested so Keith will be contacted re invoices.

Jerseys – Keith Zelhofer we have 13 current sponsors with Troy Granucci being added this next session – invoices to be sent out mid January. For equipment Matt Schatt is working with Robert Black to order items together to get better prices.

New Business – Kark Kisala stated that working with the Knights of Pythias, we can collect used equipment to donate to youth groups in the area. **Motion** to create a collection spot at the SC park by Tim Davis, seconded by Len Coplan **Approved**

Meeting adjourned 5:30 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board met with Julie McGlynn concerning an event that occurred on January 6 at the Sun City field. The national league chairman, Dennis Horvath and the chief of umpires, Bev Burger sent a letter to Sun City President Ron Coppess outlining their position that Ms McGlynn was unprofessional with the field manager, Tony Willett and that she is relieved of her umpire duties for the 2022 Spring session.

Ms MGLynn presented the Board with a letter stating her version of events and that, in essence, she was dismissed without due process and that she had apologized for her actions to all, including Tony Willett.

After Board discussion it was decided that the Board has no authority to overturn the National League decision and that the matter is between Ms McGlynn and the National League.

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Bell Lawn Bowling Bldg

Feb 23, 2022

Minutes

Call to order – President Ron Coppess

4:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Davis, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Robert Black, Julie McGlynn, Dan Braddock, Dennis Horvath, Steve Oberg, Pat Moran, Ron Wiebold, Tim Burke, Jack McCormick, Mark Kisala

Minutes from Jan 12 - Motion RBlack,

2nd mCampbell

Approved

Financial Report – Tim Davis presented the balance sheet – net income for Jan was \$11,500 – Golf tournament netted \$7,400. **Ed Jones acct** at \$28,800 (down from \$30,432) Discussion ensued re “is this the best investment for our \$” – Board voted to keep money in Ed Jones acct for the present, subject to future discussion about alternative investments. Motion to accept report by RToland, 2nd by Theenan

Approved

American League report – Dennis Robins said 2 new rules approved (1) clarified what it means to resign – all activities barred after resignation (2) pitcher shortage will allow them to play 4 games per week. Four members not paid up.

Central League report – Tim Heenan – Larry Reed retired as chair and has been succeeded by Jim Kreidler. Committee decided to have 14 teams of 11 players and it has presented problems with injuries and sub players – 3 teams have been without a full team. 70 foot bases have been well received after initial skepticism.

National League report – Dennis Horvath – 121 players with a current shortage of 9-rated players - Kevin Schuck taking over assigning announcers and scoreboard operators. Rule change – if batted ball passes through infield untouched, batter not thrown out at 1st base. Dues SNAFU – some not registered because after Jot, some info was incorrect under authorize.net & dues not acknowledged – problem fixed.

Banners – Mike Campbell reported new clients Ace Hardware, Hole-in-One, Rtans TD Sports, NWvalley Eyecare, Zipadee Plumbind. There is a disconnect between Mike Campbell and others who receive \$ for banners so that all banner business should be run through Mike C. Mike to meet with Jim Alexander to resolve differences.

Equipment – Robert Black passed out an inventory page indicated that we are up-to-date. Items kept in 4 Totes in Robt's home. Discussion of going to Gray pants as they are cheaper – a committee will have to decide that in the Fall. Safari hats are \$25 and are being handled by Matt Schatt. Julie McGlynn suggested that we need a new printer for the clubhouse – Mark Kisala said he has an extra one and would donate it.

Umpire training – Tim Heenan – no recent formal training – League umpire-in-chiefs working with individuals to improve. Bev Burger in Natl League, D Johnson in Central and Jim Montgomery in AL.

Green Team – Rickie Toland – 15 players this year (SC-11 and SCW-4) Five re-rates – Tryouts Friday after AL games is working out well. New shirts for Field managers.

Hall of Fame – Ron Wiebold – March 20 at Mountain View Rec Ctr from 4:30 on. Seating, food, and volunteers lined up. If anybody has knowledge of HOF history, please give it to Ron W.

Veterans Day tournament – Co-chairs are Ron Wiebold and Rickie Toland.

Website – Jack McCormick noted that he is managing it for both SC and SCW but is ready to drop SCW as cooperation is not working out well for him. There is a disconnect regarding sponsors on website – some are outdated and some are not being reported to me. Tim Burke reported 206 active players for SC, 339 for SCW.

Field report – Ron Coppess – Ron Winthrop, the contractor of field projects has plans that have been approved, but permits not drawn yet – hoping for the beginning of storage bldg. and batting cage by sometime in May? Ron is putting a list together of wishes for the new Clubhouse (drawing of clubhouse passed out) – such as camera 24/7, wifi, computer/printer, PA system, etc)

Membership meeting – March 20 6 PM at Lakeview Social Hall #1 - Board meeting prior to membership mtg at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Lakeside Social Hall #1

March 8, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

5:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Dan Braddock, Steve Oberg, Mary Toland, Tim Burke, Debbie Campbell, Tony Willett

Minutes from Feb 23 – Motion Toland, 2nd Zelhofer

Approved

Financials – to be presented at General Meeting

American report – Dennis Robins reported on a Players' (30+) meeting that morning – a couple issues emerged –(1) a re-look at the flip rule – keep it the same or go to 7 or 9 runs (2) Glare from the sun interferes with vision of infielders – short-term solution is to “cone off “ several rows of parking – Tony Willett will handle (3) AL Spring tournament Sat/Sun Mar 12-13 at Liberty field in SCW (4) Thursday evening Mar10 a game at Bicentennial Field under lights to evaluate their feasibility for Liberty field – Dennis also made an impassioned plea for more volunteers in all operations of the Sun City Club!

Central report – Tim Heenan – we have our first meeting with our new Chair Jim Kreidler on Tuesday March 22 – issues include (1) review of several rules (2) evaluate the 70' bases (3) discuss sub and placement policies. Our league has experienced more than normal injuries and some teams at some times have been short of players - Two teams seem to be running away with the title chase – Cooler Tymes and Canyon State.

National Report – Mary Toland reports games have been competitive and running smoothly. Since our league ends one week shy of others, we will have a one pitch tournament at that time.

Banners – Mike Campbell is working on a SC banner, Zippety Plumbing, and a possibility with Larry Miller Hyundai, and is planning on a meeting with Jim Alexander as Mike's list is incomplete.

Jerseys – Keith Zelhofer said of the 13 sponsors, 10 have paid, one is selling the business, and working on 2 others. Tom Reynolds indicated he would create a sponsor with a uniform like the Arizona flag.

Equipment – Ron Coppess suggested that the Club investigate the possibility of going to gray pants and shorts and that it be run through the League Committees to test interest – gray pants and shorts are less expensive and manufacturers are increasingly not producing the blue pants. Robert Black reported that inventory is fine and a little short on the adjustable hats and pants in the 34-38 sizes. As of now old uniforms are exchangeable.

Umpire Training – Tim Heenan said there is no formal training scheduled, but that leagues are handling their own issues in concert with umpire-in-chief Dan Burke.

Green Team – Rickie Toland – we’ve had 6 re-rates (5 in SC, 1 in SCW), 5 new SCW players and 14 new SC players – New players are encouraged to go to practices in either SC or SCW as there is no longer a 2 day tryout.

Suggestions for future discussions – (1) Why is the 70’s League not using “one to waste” rule since time is not an issue (2) Should we re-visit the infield fly rule? (3) Is anybody overseeing the “incident reports?”

Adjournment

5:50 PM

General meeting 6:00 PM

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

Welcome – Ron Coppess reviewed the highlights of the previous Board Meeting and discussed the agenda

Minutes from Feb 23 meeting – Motion Dudzik, Second Toland

Approved

Financial Report – Tim Davis – profit from 2021 was \$10,000 compared to \$12,500 in 2020. As of February 2021 our net assets were \$74,000 +/- with a \$30,000 CD with Edward Jones. We have 209 active dues paying members with 40% using credit cards for payment, the preferred method. Largest source of income include banners, signs and sponsors. Largest expenditures include equipment, apparel, and maintenance.

Motion to approve financials by Dudzik, second by Kienath

Approved

League, Banner, Jersey, Umpire, and Green Team Reports – Dennis Robins from AL, Tim Heenan from CL Mary Toland from NL , Mike Campbell on Banners, Keith Zelhofer on Jerseys, and Rickie Toland on Green Team – see previous summaries from minutes of March 8 Board Meeting.

Website – Jack McCormick spoke of the disconnect between the website and banners and sponsors – Ron Coppess suggested a committee of McCormick, Campbell, and Heenan to sort out the issues.

Field Report – Tony Willett is working with Scotty to balance the need for water with the consistency of firmness for optimal play – Scotty will water early in the day – there was some discussion about putting in a turf field down the road. Mark Kisala urged people to bring old equipment the SC field to be donated to disadvantaged youth.

Special Recognition – Ron Coppess brought several people up front to acknowledge their good work – Tony Willett and Tom Delloupolos for managing the SC field (field manager shirts issued) – Mary Delloupolos, Mary Toland, Debbie Campbell, Jim and Rita Sanders for special events. Tom Reynolds acknowledged for his outstanding work on the golf tournament.

RCSC improvements – Ron Coppess reported on progress with Storage unit, Batting Cage and Clubhouse – Storage unit and Cage could be started as soon as May – Clubhouse with fast track permits may start as early November as the contractor, Winthrop, has said construction will be roped off so games can be played. Ron urged members to view the plans for the clubhouse located on a table at the front of the room.

Coming Events – Ron Coppess reported (1) Veterans Tournament has new directors – Ron Wiebold, Peter Laufer, and Rickie Toland (2) April 11 3 PM Liberty Field Memorial conducted by Steve Starr – the service will be followed by a games featuring 75+ players from SCW and SC

Hall of Fame – Ron spoke of the value of all the contributions made by those who have come before us – we acknowledge them at the HOF banquet to be held this year at the Mountain View Rec Center in Sun City from 4:30 to 8 PM. Tickets are available from team managers or you can purchase tickets tonight from Mary Toland

Adjournment

7:05 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Bell Lawn Bowling Bldg.

April 13, 2022

Minutes

Call to order – President Ron Coppess

4:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan, Tim Davis

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Dan Braddock, Steve Oberg, Mark Kisala, Pete Laufer, Craig Hone, Donna Laufer, Tim Burke

Minutes Approval – March 8, 2022 Motion by Campbell 2nd by Toland

Approved

Financial – Tim Davis report – HOF dinner 330 attendees \$3000 loss – special recognition for all the work of Mary Toland. For March a \$13,000 loss (HOF & Iron Mike pitching machine) Will have a profit in April. Ed Jones reports a \$2000 loss – will monitor and look at long-term.

Audit performed showed good work by Mark Kisala who was authorized to sign checks in Davis' absence over the summer – Motion by Toland, 2nd by Zelhofer was approved. Overall assets are \$63,000+.

Motion to accept financial report by Heenan, 2nd by Campbell

Approved

Angels In Outfield - \$2000 budget with SCW giving \$1200, SC giving \$800 – Mark Kisala's wife can make memorial cards (3 for \$5). Resolution to accept \$ 862 donation to Angels in Outfield – motion by Davis, 2nd by Coplan

Approved

American League – Dennis Robins reported that in spite of COVID and Break-ins, it's been a good year. At a March 1 meeting all players were challenged to get more involved – new AL Committee member is Pete Laufer who is already participating. Spring session first place team was 18-2! Nick Missos in charge of 1st Summer Session.

Central League – Tim Heenan reported that Cooler Times won title with a 16-5-2 record. CL had open meetings on April 4 at Liberty Field – players opined about 70-foot bases, one to waste and the # 1 issue was equity in the substitution process. In Spring session there were 380 subs and only 56 came from sub list. CL Committee decided to create a Substitute Coordinator whose job is to ensure that players on the sub and placement list receive top priority when a sub is needed and to also balance sub assignments among subs and regular player subs.

Also, several rules were changed – courtesy runner can run 3 times per game – 1st baseman must touch only white bag on an errant throw – clarified when a runner becomes courtesy.

Tabled idea of requiring a player to leave the game if hit on the head.

National League – Ron read letter from Dennis Horvath – there was an end-of-session celebration for all players at a cost of \$309.14. Summer session has 6 teams of 12/13 each with 22 subs. Julie McGlynn also said subs are a similar problem in the NL.

Banners – Mike Campbell – Desert Rose banner process completed. Fall revenues were \$3375, Spring \$3085. The number of banners up does not match income as many banner sponsors have not paid consistently (40 banner at park, but only 13 paid) Julie McGlynn said that banners historically were a fund raiser with \$50 added to cost for the club. Mike will iron out non-paying banner sponsor issue.

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer reported that 11 of 13 paid up with 2 new team sponsors. Craig Hone suggested contacting Matt Schutt of SCW who has been able to find a vendor who will make uniforms for less money and with good quality.

Equipment – Ron Coppess – Safari hats must be navy blue for all leagues – resolution by Toland, 2nd by Campbell – approved. Discussion about going to gray pants and shorts because it is difficult to acquire blue and gray is half the price – tabled till Fall. SCW also looking at gray.

Should limit the use of new balls to 1 for 2 games? Expensive and becoming harder to get.

Green Team – Rickie Toland – suggested changing new player fee to \$150 and will work with Tim Burke to combine 2 forms into one for fall session.

Donations – Mark Kisala reported many equipment donations to be given to the Az Sports Angels for disadvantaged youth – suggested a donation for further discussion. Rickie Toland posed the idea of a \$500 donation to Peoria Diamond Club for publicity – tabled till Fall

Softball eligibility – Ron Coppess read letters send to Mike Martin and Jerry Feldman who did not live in Sun City or Sun City West. Motion to refund their fees by Toland, 2nd by Coplan - approved

Field – Ron Coppess stated that the Iron Mike pitching machine and Token machine for batting cage has been ordered – work on batting cage to begin later this month.

Cleats & Clubs golf tournament to be Feb. 26, 2023 – committee members are Rickie and Mary Toland, Mike Pruden, Frank Faciano, and Jim Sundberg chairing the committee. We have a date **February 26th on Sun City South** course.

Craig Hone – SCW President said by-laws were clarified to spell out rotation of Committee chairs. Made clear that caregivers are not allowed to receive rec cards and a non-resident owner will receive a rec card only if their renter does not request a card. Your Primary Residency must be in Sun City or 75 miles away.

Next Meeting Oct. 19, 2022 4 pm Lawn Bowling Bldg

Meeting Adjourned 6:08 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Recreation Center

October 19, 2022

Minutes

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

4:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan, Tim Davis absent

Guests – Dan Braddock, Dennis Robins, Steve Oberg, Pete Laufer, Donna Laufer, Tim Burke, Mary Toland, Frank Faciano, Ron Wiebold, Tom Dellopoulos

Minutes approval Apr. 13, 2022 Motion Toland Second Campbell **Approved**

Financial report Sept. 2022 Motion Coplan Second Campbell **Approved**

Angels – Donna Laufer – New banner (thx to Mike Campbell) – “Pitch in” is name for food drives, toy collection and the Memorial. Recently 6 memorials, 2 spouse memorials, 5 pavers, 35 website postings. Financial report sent to Judy Grintjes at SCW

Amer League – Pete Laufer – 103 in draft = 10 teams, one player didn’t sign up and was left in limbo. Rule changes 1- flip flop from 5 to 7 2- 1/1 with one to waste 3-infield fly rule, game starts at 9 AM

Central League – Tim Heenan - 12 teams, 4 with new managers – New sub coordinator will handle subs after request from managers – top priority given to players on sub list. Rules 1- 70’ bases, 1/1 with none to waste, player hit on head without helmet must leave game.

National League – Mary Toland – 11 teams and 6 teams short one player each

Banners – Mike Campbell -12 paid \$3,300 – 9 unpaid – one is Desert Golf Carts Toland said we have a new player who works there, so will try to collect. Banners hung today – discussion about layering banners, but wind maybe an issue?

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer – need 4 more sponsors – Faciano has 2 – we keep , replace and store our uniforms. Matt Schatt reports a uniform vendor will produce uniforms for \$500\

Green Team – lots of new players – recently more from SC – once season starts green team will be Friday at Sun City after the last American League game.

Umpire report – Tim Heenan – clinic tomorrow 3 PM at Liberty field conducted by Dan Burke and Dwight Nichols.

Equipment – Robert Black – in good shape with ample long and short pants, hats, belts & socks

Field report – Ron Coppess – major misunderstanding between Softball Club and RCSC reps results in work at the field not being started in 2022, not to be completed for at least a year. Play on field originally set for Oct 17 - Field available for practice on Sundays and every other Wednesday afternoon.

Board election – Nomination committee established Rickie Toland as Chair, Keith Zelhofer from AL. Tim Heenan from CL, Mary Toland from NL will seek nominees – vote at park by Nov 15.

Veterans Tournament – Ron Wiebold and Rickie Toland A schedule was presented showing game times, planned presentations for all participants, including food team.

Element 3 Health proposal – Jake by phone – they are partnering with clubs and health care providers (to date only Medicare Advantage and United Health Care) Club members will be reimbursed \$1 for up to 10 activities each month retroactive for last 6 months – activities include softball, running ,gym activities, walking, and even social events. Members sign up online and funds will be sent to the SC Softball Club. Motion to approve by Zelhofer, second by Heenan **Approved.**

Welcome back – Tuesday Oct 25 for NL, Thursday Oct 17 for CL, Friday Oct. 28 – Rickie Toland purchased a hot dog machine and will provide dogs for all!

Adjourn 6 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Sun Dial Auditorium East

Nov. 15, 2022

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess 5:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Tim Burke, Dennis Horvath, Jack McCormick, Robert Black, Roger Beckes

Minutes of Oct 19 Motion – Zelhofer Second – Campbell **Approved**

Financial report – Tim Davis Motion – Campbell Second – Toland **Approved**

Davis reported net loss of \$353 – Vets tournament cost \$700 – Baseball purchase of 40 dozen cost \$5867 (MacGregors, not Rocks) Authorize.net needs to be set up to begin Jan1, 2023 Motion approved. Earl Jones CD has declined from 30K to 25K - Some discussion about Element 3 where players can earn up to \$10/month for physical activities. Davis said we do not have enough data and it could potentially be an accounting debacle – tabled for lack of information.

Angels – Jack McCormick spoke for Donna Laufer 1- Successful food drive complete 2- New Toy drive on one day (Dec 1 at SC, Dec 2 at SCW) 3- Goals of Angels is to ensure that all their actions improve the Softball Clubs

American League – Dennis Robins reported a successful opening of the season – 10 teams – AL working with Dan Burke & Dwight Nichols to improve umpiring – need to elect 2 new committee members, including a new chairman.

Central League – Tim Heenan 12 teams, 2 rainouts, very competitive games – two major issues 1- player was hit on head and was removed from game – no serious issue 2- CL Committee will evaluate substitute assigning program at meeting on Dec. 2 – mostly positive comments so far. Dan Burke regularly working on umpire improvement.

National League – Dennis Horvath – 123 players/11teams – rule changes 1- if a batter hits a ball to the grass they are credited with a hit, even if the result is a fielders choice 2- Courtesy runner can sub for anyone at any time, but only once per inning.

Database – Dennis Horvath projects 1- mount a camera on the backstop, film games and make them available on phones and/or computers 2- revamp the Member Search on website to include picture, email, phone # with approval of individual member. Dave Baldwin project.

Banners – Mike Campbell reported prices (3x5=\$300, renewal \$225 – 4x8=\$425, renewal \$275 – 4x16=\$650, renewal \$400) Recently moved banners from left to right – still working on sponsors nor responding – confusion about Sidewinders involvement (Coppess to confirm)

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer – 4 new teams this year – New uniforms are \$500, renewal is \$250 Keith stresses that all uniform and banner dealings should go through him and Mike Campbell

Equipment – Robert Black – well stocked with most items – just ordered 4 dozed shorts – prices are the same this year as last.

Green Team – Rickie Toland – year-to-date 75 new people -30 SCW, 33 SC with several no shows and a few who haven't paid yet – kudos to evaluator volunteers.

SC field report – Roger Beckes has recently taken over and is learning fast thanks to Eliut Gonzales, his mentor.

Golf Tournament – Feb 26, 2023 at South Course – Jim Sundberg to manage after Thanksgiving – Arvid Peterson will again sponsor for \$3000. Jan 18 at “Discover SunCity” to promote golf and softball.

Vets Tournament – outstanding job by Rickie Toland and Ron Wiebold – team effort with help from Chuck Witterich who collected donations, the Dellopolouses, Glavianos, Sanders, Eliut Gonzales who scored all day, Tom Tripp for opening prayer, SC posse for the Colors, and Keith Pilar on trumpet with the military theme songs. Special presentation by the DAR with memorabilia for vets who served from 1945 to 1975 with emphasis on those who served in Vietnam.

Co-ed softball – needs a field after RCSC denied use on Wednesday afternoon – Ron Coppess expressed concern at inability to influence the RCSC. 59 players (26 SC, 33 SCW) We must be reciprocal so a solution needs to be found. Also SC Board will help with purchasing the 11” softballs.

Election of Board members – The following were voted in for a term of 2 years – Mike Campbell from the National League, Tim Heenan from the Central League, Steve Oberg from the American League

Building Projects – Ron Coppess reported there have been delays due to revisions in the plans which are with the architect followed by bids to the appropriate contractors. The storage Building will be first, followed by the batting cage, and then the clubhouse. Plans will include conduit to provide power to film the games.

Audience Questions

1. Can we have turf instead of lights? – Turf will cost approx. \$2 million and is out of the question. New light technology is much improved so player safety will be enhanced – the lights will be installed in due time.

2. Sanderson Ford – anybody have contact with their management as we would like to have them sponsor a new scoreboard?
3. What about rotating the field to avoid morning sun? No matter how we orient the field, it is impossible to avoid some players have difficulty fielding the ball because of the sun. It would cost upwards of \$600,000 – not worth it.
4. Solar Panels to block morning reflection from the parked cars? Excellent idea to pursue
5. Misters? A possibility with the new construction

Election of RCSC Board Members – The SC Softball Board does not endorse candidates, but encourages all members to vote in person or online.

Meeting AdJourned 6:55 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Sun Dial Auditorium

Dec. 14, 2022

Call to Order – Ron Coppess 4:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Keith Zelhofer, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Ken Coplan, Mike Campbell

Guests – approximately 80 members of Sun City Softball Club

Minutes Nov 15 – Heenan motion Toland second **Approved**

Financials – Tim Davis reported net loss of \$1800 due to purchase of softballs and expenses from Veterans' tournament – Cash on hand \$29,000 – ED Jones CD \$26,000. Motion to approve from Campbell, second by Zelhofer **Approved**

Election of Board members – Ron Coppess, President Steve Oberg, Vice-president
Treasurer, Tim Davis Secretary, Tim Heenan **All approved**

Angels in the Outfield – Ron Coppess referred to Donna Laufer's December report, citing highlights from their food drive and toy drive – kudos to the Angels

American League – two board positions to be filled by Steve Glaviano and Derek Sobczyk.

Central League – managers and players reported satisfaction with the new Substitute program giving first priority to new players and substitute players – Chuck McFarland assigns all subs needed based upon player ranking and position

National League – Mary Toland reports all is well

Banners/uniforms/Equipment – Robert Black stated that he is working on visors with SC logo – cost of \$13 each after initial payment of \$25 – no change to gray pants as there is an abundance of blue long and short pants.

Green Team – Rickie Toland indicated 78 players have been rated – 40 from SC 38 from SCW – also acknowledged assistance from about a dozen current players.

Field – Roger Beckes said we will be getting new dirt to even out some spots in January – Ron Coppess will check into Wednesday availability for practice times.

Park Remodel – Ron Coppess – plans moving forward, architects should be finished by Jan then bids are collected, permits obtained with the likelihood of a March 1 start – projects will probably take 6 months, during which time game will be played as usual. Scoreboard to be fixed.

Golf Tournament – Jim Sundberg – needs more volunteers and sponsors from local businesses – members encouraged to sponsor a hole for \$100 and spread the word! Jim Alexander and Dan Braddock have been visiting sponsors to thank them – we could all follow their lead.

Jackets – Rickie Toland will be sending in an order for the heavy-duty SC jackets – you can still get in on the order – cost is \$118 each.

RCSC donation – Motion by Davis, second by Heenan to send our annual \$500 donation to the RCSC
Approved

CO-MINGLING STATUS

Ron Coppess – two SCW members have been pushing the issue of SC and SCW players not playing together and the SCW Softball Board recently voted 5-4 to discontinue co-mingling. Several SCW members are asking the Governing Board of SCW to reconsider that decision – there will be a presentation by opposing sides tomorrow, Dec 15 at 9AM – Each person will be given 3 minutes to make the case – The pro co-mingle case will be made by Lloyd Strywoll, Tony Perillo, and Nick Missos. We would prefer a 5 year commitment to co-mingle in order to avoid what has become an annual drama.

Plan B – No comingle -Tim Burke and Jack McCormick have analyzed the numbers and show some trends 1- we are 6% behind the numbers of players we had before covid 19, but those numbers are on the rise as the split between SC and SCW is at 40-60 (up from 35-65) 2- if there is no co-mingle our numbers would be as follows AL-52, CL-55, NL-75 – that would mean two leagues of probably 8 teams each with 1-5 in one league and 6-9 in another league.

Suggestions for future:

- 1- Change 70's league to open or lower age to 60 or 65 for a Saturday league
- 2- Create more events in SC – tournaments with other leagues, except Grand, Festival and Traditions
- 3- Invite guests to play – probably not
- 4- Pay to play is unlikely
- 5- Park remodel will offer new opportunities – more presence and more advertising of our program
- 6- Black Friday tournament after Thanksgiving – do more of that
- 7- Lighted field will allow working SC residents more chances
- 8- Turf infield? Too expensive especially in light of recent changes coming
- 9- Play SCW teams at a neutral site – reciprocity instead of co-mingle

Update Dec 15 – SCW Governing Board is scheduled to meet to vote on Co-mingling at 9 AM

Adjourned at 5:30 PM

