

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Board Meeting

Fairway Rec Center, Room 133

January 11, 2023

Call to order – Steve Oberg

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Steve Oberg, Tim Heenan, Ken Coplan, Tim Davis, Ron Coppess (by phone) – Absent were Mike Campbell and Rickie Toland

Guests – Dan Braddock, Mark Kisala, Tim Burke, Julie McGlynn, Ron Wiebold, Jim Alexander, Keith Zelhofer, Jim Sundberg

Minutes – Dec 14, 2022 Motion by T Davis, Second by K. Coplan

Approved

Angels – Kudos to Dan Braddock, Keith Zelhofer, Jim Alexander for visiting 32 sponsors with popcorn tins to acknowledge their contributions to our softball club.

Financials – Tim Davis – loss of \$1000 due to RCSC (\$500) and Angels (\$250) contributions. Ed Jones CD down to \$25,667 (down from \$3000) - Cash on hand \$28K - net loss for 2022 was approx \$3000. 2023 dues 134 of 234 have already paid.

American League – Ron Wiebold = 10 teams with new rankings 1a 1b, 2a 2b,3a 3b – hosting the March Spring classic March 3,4,5 – Jim Montgomery assigning umpires, Dwight Nichols doing stats – **Three experiments** 1- all batters start with 0/0 count 2- foul ball caught by catcher is an out even if ball is not over batter's head 3- One HR by team member allowed; second HR is a walk. Motion to approve changes by T Davis, second by T Heenan

Approved

Players not drafted go to CL or sub list. There was some discussion about not tucking in shirts because jerseys too short for larger players – no consensus but most not favorably inclined.

Central League – Tim Heenan – 13 teams with a bye for Spring session – starting time 9 AM – those not drafted have 2 choices – go to NL or be re-rated by Green team – in the future rainouts if some teams play will not be counted in stats- CL review of substitute coordinator program positively received by overwhelming number of managers and players.

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer – 16 sponsors – in good shape

Field report – new dirt for infield delayed because of rain, likely to be installed by 3rd week of January – Dan Braddock noted that dirt is being dispersed randomly so that surface becomes too hard – A Tarp has been proposed -cost \$3-4000 and should be sun-resistant and plans for storage or field location when not in use was discussed.

Park Remodel – Ron Coppess – final drawings close to being approved, including slider windows. For batting cage Tim Davis suggested a card similar to Dbats instead of tokens. Cultured bock suggested instead of stucco. Anticipating Second quarter start with completion by end of 3rd quarter

SCWest vote – Jan 13 at 9 AM – if SCW Board votes to end co-mingling we will finish Spring session. Nick Missos will advocate for 3-5 year waiver to continue co-mingling. If we separate the Veterans tournament and Hall of Fame banquet will remain. Julie McGlynn reminded us of the difference between co-mingling and reciprocity.

Golf Tournament – Jim Sundberg – Feb 26, 2023 at SC South Course – committee members are Rickie and Mary Toland, Mike Pruden, Frank Faciano. Target number of foursomes is 36 (9 as of today) Mary Delopoulos has a list of sponsors and we need volunteers!! Suggestion of contacting all managers to seek \$10 contributions from each player in order to sponsor a hole for \$100 – Tim Burke and Jack McCormick to make flyer

Discover Sun City – Julie McGlynn has been promoting our club at the annual Discover sun city expose at Sundial on January 18 – Rickie Toland will rep the Club at the morning session – Mark Kisala phoned Derek Sobzyk who agreed to attend the evening session in uniform!

Veterans Tournament – Ron Wiebold and Rickie Toland to coordinate – looking at a possible fly-over!

Next Meeting Feb 8, 2023 6pm Fairway Rec Ctr – Rm 133

Adjourned 7:18 PM

Field – Roger Beckes -bringing in 25 tons of earth+ - field has been leveled and needs lots of water before being playable. Down the road we might consider a polymer product that requires no water – probably cost \$40,000 +/- and last for 5 years – field has to be nail-dragged and swept once a week

Remodel— Ron Coppess – bidding process done by 1st of April with construction to begin near June 1 and completion by the end of the calendar year. Since clubhouse and storage will be levelled early on, a suggestion is to rent a pod for temporary storage – question about bleachers being disability fitted – discuss later.

Golf Tournament – Jim Sundberg – 24 groups to date – 22 hole sponsors – dinners 70 signups – very few from SCWest – 40 gift certs & items for raffle, including a silent raffle. Mike Pruden suggested 4 gimmick holes (long Putt, long drive, etc). We need to acknowledge the contributors in The Independent.

Sun Dial Expo – Julie McGlynn – got 9 signups with more evening attendees – for future reference we can create an event at the field and have it reported in Sun News.

Marketing Team – Ron Coppess – Tina Prosnik to head team – we now have a writer for each league – submit pictures and articles to Rusty Bradshaw – we should pursue putting digital notices on RCSC sites in game days - other suggestions include leaving cards/flyers at Rec centers, flyers for real estate open-houses

New Business

Tarp – Steve Oberg – will likely be too costly (estimate \$6000 for 150x150) and long term will not be needed especially if we go to the polymer solution

Membership Chair – Tim Davis reported that he has been compiling a membership list, work that is out of his duties as Club Treasurer – Julie Mc Glynn agreed to take the job.

Auxiliary member – suggestion to allow individuals to become auxiliary non-playing, non-voting club members for \$5 – recognition in HOF available to all members, not just players.

One Pitch – Mark Kisala – all set with music, food drinks for Saturday Feb 11

Event coordinator – Mark Kisala created a committee with additions of Tom Reynolds, Ted Johnson, and Jack McCormack – future events could include tournaments at our field, once the field work is completed – Spring Fling for AL players March 4-5, at SC - for CL players March 25-26 at SCW – should we keep 16” ball tournament for March 18?

Adjourn 7:50 PM

Next Meeting March 8, 2023

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL

Fairway Rec Ctr Room 133

Board Meeting

March 8, 2023

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess 5:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Tim Heenan, Tim Davis, Steve Oberg , Rickie Toland– Absent Mike Campbell, Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Dan Braddock, Jim Sundberg, Tim Burke, Tom & Mary Dellopoulos, Donna Laufer, Ron Wiebold, Keith Zelhofer, Mary Toland, Pauline for Co-eds

Minutes – from Feb 8, 2023 – motion by Oberg, 2nd by Davis **Approved**

Financial report – Tim Davis – Feb income \$22,150 (dues, golf tournament, sale of apparel, sponsors, concessions). Feb expenses \$12, 600 (uniforms, golf expenses, 1 pitch) Overall gain \$9,500 Motion to approve by Heenan, second by Toland **Approved**

Angels in Outfield – Donna Laufer reported income of \$1660 (food contributions \$1860 & cash/checks of \$4740) Upcoming Golden Oldie game March 20 3 pm at Liberty field – in future we are planning on scheduling our events and putting them on the websites.

American League – Ron Wiebold – thanks to Dennis Robins for recent articles in newspaper – on cold days we urge players to wear their game shirt outside jackets or sweatshirts – we need to develop a plan for ensuring that subs get top priority for playing

Central League – Tim Heenan – we have added 7 players to our sub list and our managers generally go the sub list first to replace absent players – 2 new committee members are Tom Tripp and Noland Hess. 36 players signed up for Spring Fling on last weekend in March – we will co-mingle with 4 SC players on each team with umpires managers and announcers from both clubs

National League – Tom Dellopoulos reports all is good with cooperation from all players – an umpire clinic resulted in good communication – NL has 9 umpires. Will have a 1 pitch tournament at Liberty field on April 11.

Co-ed League – Pauline reports that we are off to a good start – 4 teams, men ranked 5-9 and 19 women, many of whom are outshining the men!! Working on finalizing the rules.

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer says we got 16 renewals, 15 of them paid up – will investigate SC shirts with logo and “Ask me about Sun City Softball” on the back

Equipment – Robert Black – 2 dozen white hats on order – need to order more blue hats – suggestion made to change logo to say “Sun City” instead of “Sun Cities”.

Green Team – Rickie Toland – 20 new players with 4 rerates and 18 who need to sign waiver and be rated.

Field Report – Roger Beckes – brought in extra dirt after recent rains – still working on soft spots – field is nail-dragged every Wednesday – need to work with Scotty for improvements – Steve Oberg in process of examining the feasibility of bringing in a polymer product that does not require water – Spring Training facilities have the product if you want to see it.

General Meeting

6:00PM

Field Remodel – Ron Coppess

- 1- Remodel is likely to start at the end of April with a target completion date in the 4th quarter
- 2- Lights have been delayed because of the 6-9 month delay for permits to change the electrical power required – likely to have lights within 3 years.
- 3- In April there will be a temporary storage unit with good security installed
- 4- The Iron Mike pitching machine originally was to be coin operated, but will be changed to a card reader when price details are finalized.
- 5- Upon completion we will have internet at the field for viewing games.

Scoreboard – Steve Oberg – we got a price for removing old scoreboard and installing new from Daktronics at \$58,000 – reviewing other options – we are exploring options such as ads and sponsors to help defray costs – need to work with RCSC on project.

Peoria Diamond Club – Rickie Toland encourages players to volunteer at Mariner and Padre games to get our presence felt with the long-term goal of having Sun City Softball on the main scoreboard.

Summer sign-up data – Tim Burke – so far 53% responding with 73 for Summer 1, 40 for Summer 2, 44 for Summer 3

Golf Tournament – Jim Sundberg – we had 150 golfers, 145 for dinner, with 15% from SCWest – most income (\$12,000 profit) from sponsors, especially \$3500 from Arvid Peterson Realty. Suggestions were to delay starting by a week or 2 for better weather – and to take out an ¼ ad in the Independent to formally thank all the sponsors.

Equipment – Robert Black can get the New Era white logo hats for 21.95 – issue was raised about men being able to wear visors with club logo– MOTION by Toland, second by Milts – voice vote was unanimous in approval

Suggestions – issue raised about purchasing ads – ½= \$250, ½ \$500, full page \$900 – Tina Prosnik has a connection to the paper and may be able to facilitate getting more articles printed. We should pursue using the Sun Bowl sign on game days.

Proposal – Vickie Norris Day April 6 – Vickie attends all the AL, CL, and NL games, cheering for everyone regardless of Club affiliation or bad weather – she is our \$ 1 FAN!

Adjourned

6:55 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Rec Center Rm 133

BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2023

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Steve Oberg, Tim Heenan, Mike Campbell, Rickie Toland – Absent Tim Davis & Ken Coplan

Guests – Dennis Robins, Julie McGlynn, Tim Burke, Tom Dellopoulos, Jack McCormack, Kathryn McCormack, Keith Zelhofer, Steve Glaviano, Mark Merkley, Roger Beckes, Chuck Witterich, Dale Smith, Dave Rachau, Pat Moran, Mary Toland, Derek Sobzyk, Frank Faciano, Larry Chapman, Randy Benson, Jim Slager

Minutes March 8, 23 – Motion by Oberg, 2nd by Campbell to approve

Approved

Financial Report – Ron Coppess – net income for March -\$723 – cash on hand \$51, 521 – Jones Acct \$ 26, 569 – total assets \$78,091 – **Motion** by Toland, 2nd by Oberg

Approved

Auditor Report – Kathryn McCormack & Tim Davis agreed to leave the financials as is and suggest these changes (1) Move Ed Jones money to an interest bearing acct (2) review merchant fees to have them effective in Dec and Jan to save fees of \$45/month (3) a system to track inventory of balls and uniforms and other items purchased each month, including the new \$7000 iron mike (4) Checks should be taken to the bank twice a month - a volunteer could do that (5) re-imburse Club members for expenses twice a month (6) receipts from Club members to be turned in no later than 30 days from the event .**Motion to accept report** by Oberg, 2nd by Campbell **Approved**

Angels in Ourfield – Ron Coppess for Donna Laufer – Annual budget attached to report asking for a 60/40 split – SCW issue a check to Angels for \$990, SC \$660 to cover admin and memorials for the fiscal year April 2023 – March 2024 – **Motion to approve \$ 660** check to Angels by Oberg, 2nd by Heenan **Approved**

American League – Dennis Robins – best session ever – competitive with “good vibes” – kudos to Dave Rachau as HR leader and for displaying softball signs

Central League – Tim Heenan – great session with Toland’ team winning the championship – player meeting after last game resulted in many suggested changes, including no double headers! **Larry Chapman** reported on a reciprocal arrangement with SCWest – 2 teams from each club will play each other on Mondays at SCW and Thursdays at SC – SC players will have the option to play an extra game or two per week. On a similar note Ron Coppess introduced the idea of a Saturday League with players from Festival, Grand, West and SC – others suggested

a woman's league for Saturday, another a league on Sundays for SC members who work during the week . Ron added that Reciprocity agreements have been signed for both SC and SCW.

National League – Tom Dellopoulos -good working arrangement for last session. Some not happy with Summer Session 1 playing on Friday - successful one pitch tournament at SCW – umpiring has improved – big ball tournament cost \$700, brought in \$146.

CO-ED – Pauline Robinson reported on a great opening season – need scorekeeping training and umpire training in future.

Banners – Mike Campbell – winding down and need to take down banners for the summer – Mike to give date for that to Jack McCormack to send out request volunteers.

Uniforms/shirts – 215 SC shirts sold – need for summer uniforms – we have 6 sets of Larry Ott uniforms and 6 sets from Knights of Pythias – no need to order new uniforms – Rickie Toland to bring uniforms to ballpark.

Equipment – Ron Coppess reported on shipment of hats and shirts with SC logo – recommend (2) 4 x 4 banners with logo to install at park – Cleats has logo also – Dale Smith asked for a different size added (med – large)

Green Team – Rickie Toland – there is a black box in the storeroom with waivers for tryout players – make sure waiver is signed before they practice – still have 24 signed waivers and trying to get them to the tryout. To date we have had 25 new greenies, 5 re-rates, one not allowed due to safety reasons – we now have 1000 Green Team business cards.

Field report – Roger Beckes – after Tempe visit we are happy with our field – need to push back dirt and re-level the base and water consistently (will likely take 2 days) – goal is for the Club to take charge of all maintenance of the infield – Eliut suggested getting a sump pump to soak up water. Julie McGlynn suggested a screen be placed on backside of dugouts to block sun. Roger gave a price list for base plugs (\$65), bags (175) and pitching board

Park Remodel – Ron Coppess reported on reason for the delay in a groundbreaking ceremony and for choosing a ribbon cutting rite for the Fall – new shovel will have a bat as a handle for the ceremony. Remodel plans are completed and bids will be put out to contractors – still anticipating a June start.

Golf Tournament – kudos to Jim Sundberg – 60 donations – next year will be March 3, 2024 at 10 AM at South Course.

Publicity – Ron for Tina Prosnick – flyers have been made for realtors to distribute to new home owners – Green Team cards to be placed in the Business Center – Julie Mc Glynn working on putting flyers for Summer Session at Business Center and noted that on the RCSC website in the Clubs section there is a Softball Club summary. Dennis Robins good job on getting pictures to the Independent resulting in better publicity.. Rickie Toland suggested we organize players to volunteer at Mariner/Padre games to spread the word about our club.

Special Recognition – A suggestion for a Vickie Norris day led to the idea to develop criteria for recognizing individuals for an award in order to create consistency. Larry Chapman volunteered to head a committee to develop criteria

Volunteers Needed – Ron Coppess mentioned several areas for volunteers (1) Committee to head up food distribution at events – Rickie Toland suggested a Food Handler Card for all involved – available on line (2) IT techs needed to supplement Jack Mac and Tim Burke – Alan Knaiger suggested as possible and Dennis Robins offered his expertise (3) Bob Strawser suggested as a replacement for Tim Davis (4) Crew needed to support Roger Beckes and Eliut Gonzales in Field preparation and maintenance and to make a committee to maintain and oversee the Iron Mike.

Adjourn

8:00 PM

Next Meeting October 18, 2023

6 PM or TBA

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB

Fairway Rec Center

OPEN BOARD MEETING

Oct. 4, 2023

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess (by phone)

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Steve Oberg, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Ron Coppess (by phone) Absent Tim Davis and Mike Campbell

Vernell King led a prayer in honor of Gerry Hess, Ron Coplan, and Ron Coppess

Announcements – Steve Oberg – Attend the Oct 9 RCSC meeting 6 PM wearing Sun City shirt and hat – we need a nominating committee to replace 2 Board members by Oct 13 – Oct 21 there will be a welcome back BBQ at the ball park – play will start on Monday Oct 23 – next Board meeting Oct 25 6 PM at Fairway Rec Center, room 133.

League Play Options – Tim Heenan presented three choices to be voted on tonight

Option 1 – 3 leagues AL, CL and NL just as we did in the Spring **Pro** arguments (1) it would keep the integrity of each league (2) people would be playing with players of similar ability **Con** arguments (1) with only 4 or 5 teams in each league we would be playing the same teams over and over (2) with a two league system of 1-4 and 5-9 safety concerns would be minimal and would create more variety

Option 2 – 2 leagues – Ron Wiebol suggested an AL of 6 teams composed of 1-4 ranked players and a CL-NL of 8 teams **Pro** arguments (1) diversity of playing in a 6 or 8 team league (2) safety of players would be enhanced because of players of similar rating **Con** arguments (1) it would destroy the integrity of the CL and NL and benefit the AL (2) Not enough CL players would be willing to play in the AL

Option 3 – 3 leagues – Rickie Toland proposed each league keeps their members and the AL and CL play in the same league with the CL getting an agreed upon handicap (e.g. – one extra run per inning or an extra defensive player) **Pro** arguments (1) it would create an 8 team league so you wouldn't have to play the same teams over and over (2) 4s and 5s have played before successfully against AL players **Con** arguments (1) the level of play is out of balance and the CL would not be competitive (2) too many 5 rated players have expressed their opposition to playing against AL players

Discussion – monitored by Steve Oberg – many diverse opinions were expressed by members of all leagues summarized in the options listed above – **Ron Coppess** suggested that as a Club player safety must remain a top priority and the onus is on managers to play their team players in positions that would optimize their safety

The Vote – Round 1 – Option 1 – 32 votes Option 2 – 32 votes Option 3 – 14 votes

The Vote – Round 2 – Option 1 -38 votes Option 2 – 31 votes

We will play the Fall semester with 3 separate leagues

Co-ed League – Pauline Robinson – we will have 4 teams with 16 women playing – games on Saturday morning

Open League – Saturday afternoon – no formal league – game one 1-6 rated players and game 2 with 5-9 rated players – final decision to be made by the Board

Veterans Tournament – Nov 11 – reciprocity, no comingling with West players

Fire Department will hold a class on how to use a de-fibulator – time and place TBA

Next Meeting October 25, 6PM Room 133 Fairway Rec Center

Adjourned 7:40 PM

SUN CITY SENIOR SOFTBALL CLUB
Fairway Rec Center
BOARD MEETING
Oct 25, 2023

Call to order – President Ron Coppess

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Steve Oberg, Mike Campbell, Tim Davis, Rickie Toland, Tim Heenan

Guests – Dan Braddock, Tim Burke, Tom and Mary Dellopolous, Donna Laufer, Jim Sundberg, Kack McCormack, Ron Wiebold, Keith Zelhofer, Tina Prosenick, Pauline Robinson, Mark Kisala, Mark Merkley, Jim Smith, Bob Strawser, Murray Hobert, Jim Granucci, Larry Chapman, Jim Alexander, Jim Keinath, Jay Kint, Scott Stiles, Ron Pasik, Dave Burton, John Millage, Randy Searcy, Dave Rachau, Tom Tripp

Financials – Tim Davis reported net gain of \$28 – Ed Jones acct \$25,945 – cash on hand \$43,000
Motion to approve by Oberg, second by Toland

Approved

April Minutes – Motion by Toland Second by Oberg

Approved

Angels in Outfield – Donna Laufer sent out the annual report – working with a great committee there were 67 injuries/illnesses and 14 deaths. Food drive Oct 30 – Nov3

American League – Ron Wiebold reports a great start – Dave Burton has been a great help with grounds crew – special kudos to the webmasters – umpires have some controversy.

Central League – Draft can best be described as chaotic due to the actions of the American League Committee – we did not know our draftees until 4:30 PM on the day before the draft – we started with 58 players and ended up with 47 – there was no coordination between the two drafts – that cannot be repeated! 5 teams with 10 players (3 teams with only 9) – decided to play with byes and obtain subs to fill teams with 11 players – good to be back playing – no problems – Dennis Johnson doing a good job with umpires

National League Tom Dellopoulos – reported losing some players to the Central League – ended up with 5 teams – playing with byes – pitcher shortage means getting help from central league.

Co-ed League – Pauline Robinson – 15 women with 3 on each team, keeping 2 4-rated players – no rover – 130 ft arc in outfield – creating a select team – generally going well.

Banners – Mike Campbell – decided to repair Del Webb banner ourselves as fixing it would cost \$727 – have 3 or 4 banners to follow-up on – Rickie Toland got a deal on donuts in exchange for a 4x8 banner for NY West Pastry Shop.

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer – adequate number for now but will need sponsors for Spring – Desert Golf needs to be pursued – Uniforms for a sponsor \$600 – will waive sponsor fee in first year.

Equipment – a \$2,126 bill needs to be paid – need Board approval for expense over \$2000
Motion by Oberg, second by Heenan

Passed

Green Team – Rickie Toland 38 new players, 9 rerates – question raised about where non players are after going through the Green Team – Toland following up on that. Fire Dept will hold first-aid classes but we need 32 sign-ups, so go on website. We need 50 players to sign up for the Peoria Diamond Club starting in Feb of 2024

Field – Roger Beckes – we put in new bases and anchors much to the dismay of the RCSC as we were supposed to get approval because of liability – also put in markers to make it easy to line the field. Maintenance OK for us but for structural items we need Chris Herrings OK. We also installed a new batters box that is covered except when in play. When remodel happens, we expect to have increased water pressure. When will field be levelled? Over Xmas break??

Park remodel – Ron Coppess – 9am tomorrow (Oct 26) there is an RCSC vote on increasing the remodel budget by \$385,000

Marketing Expo – Julie McGlynn resigned – Elizabeth Kather volunteered to assume job

Publicity – Tina Prosenik asked for more pics and info

Veterans Tournament – Toland and Wiebold – 6 teams with 8:30 start **Motion** to allow co-mingling with SCWest players by Toland, second by Heenan **Passed**

Golf Tournament – Jim Sundberg offered options for course and venue – Board decided on Sunday March 17 at the South Course and dinner at Fairway following to play. Ron Coppess to pursue Arvid Peterson donation.

Board Election – Nov 15 – candidates **AL** – Bob Strawser & Scott Cole **CL** – Paul Dickerson & Dennis Johnson **NL** Cenia Huber & Tom Dellopoulos

Dues – collection to be moved up to December 2023 from January 1 2024 Need new bylaw to grandfather in all green team newbies as of October 1 so their initial payment cover thte following year.

Non-player award – Larry Chapman drew up guidelines to acknowledge non players who make significant contributions to the Club

Iron Mike – we need a committee to take charge of tending the pitching machine when it finally gets into use.

By-law proposals – after considerable and heated conversations Steve Oberg will send out the proposals to add bylaws to clear up the controversy engendered by this past draft – to be voted on at the Nov 15 AGM

ADJOURNED 8:20 pm

NEXT Meeting Nov. 15 6PM Fairway Rec center – Large Room

Sun City Senior Softball Club
Sundial Rec Center
General Meeting & By-Law Meeting
Nov. 13, 2023

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

6:00 to 7:50 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Tim Heenan, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Tim Davis, Steve Oberg

Guests – Membership 80 members present

Minutes – Oct 25, 2023 Motion by Oberg Second by Toland

Approved

Financials – Tim Davis – loss of \$2800 last month – 40K on hand – Ed JoneCD \$25,400 Motion by Campbell Second by Oberg

Approved

Angels in Outfield – Ron Coppess - \$6000 raised for Jim Rowe family – food drive raised \$6000 – remember the value of Angels in fostering a sense of community.

Golf Tournament – Ron Coppess – Jim Sundberg has arranged for March 17 at the South Course with the dinner to follow at Fairway Rec Center – NEED VOLUNTEERS

Banners – Mike Campbell reported that with John Dewey helped as new eyelets were installed in the Del Webb Memorial Ball Park banner.

Dues – Please pay by credit card - \$50 being accepted starting November 20

RCSC Board Election – vote by Dec 12 online or in person – Ron is voting for Connie, Anita, Preston and James

By-Laws approval – Steve Oberg reviewed **UNANIMOUS APPROVAL by membership**

Hall of Fame discussion – Should we have our own HOF or join with SCW? Every year or every other year? While no decision was reached more info will come when decision is made by SCW.

Park Remodel – Ron Coppess – electricity off Nov. 15 – need generator for scoreboard to operate – bring your own water – Chris Herring and Mike Winthrop no longer with RCSC – will meet with new construction supervisor Tuesday AM. Jack McCormack will bring speakers so we can announce games. Clubhouse will be cleaned out. New clubhouse will have cameras.

First Aid Class – Rickie Toland needs more people to sign up – see Rickie
Election Results

American League – Bob Strawser **Central League** – Paul Dickerson -**Natl League** – Cenia Huber

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BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2023

Call to Order – President Ron Coppess

6:00 PM

Roll Call – Ron Coppess, Rickie Toland, Mike Campbell, Steve Oberg, Tim Heenan, Davis absent

Guests – Donna Laufer, Ron Wiebold, Tom & Mary Dellopoulos, Mary Toland, Cenie Huber, Bob Strawser, Paul Dickerson, Derek Sobsyk, Pauline Robinson, Keith Zelhofer, Robert Black, Elizabeth Kather, Mark Kisala, Jim Smith, Tom Tripp, Tim Burke, Dennis Robins, Dave Rachau

Minutes Nov. 13, 2023 – Motion by Oberg 2nd by Toland

Approved

Financial Report – Mark Kisala for Tim Davis - \$46,918 checking acct – 26,567 in Ed Jones acct – we are tracking credit card payments. We will need money to pay for expenses not planned – sound system, fans, pavers, etc – motion by Toland 2nd by Heenan

Approved

Board Election for 2024 – Steve Oberg, President Paul Dickerson, Vice President Tim Heenan, Secretary Cenie Huber, Treasurer Bob Strawser, At large

Angels – Donna Laufer – we will cover the cost of pavers for the remodel \$50 each – we have had 3 persons passing & 6 injuries – Liz Kather will be assistant – Toy drive raised over \$13,000 – kudos to Mark Kisala and 40 volunteers, Uncertainty over our continued connection with SC West.

American League – Ron Wiebold – league going well – added new committee members – home team will occupy first base dugout – 9:30 start for Spring session – Manager meeting Jan 3, draft Jan 8 – Pete Laufer nice job with umpires – infield much better kudos to crew. Derek Sobsyk added that ASA has a new batter's box rule – it is illegal when the batter's back foot is ahead of the front edge of home plate when the ball is contacted

Central League – Tim Heenan – ditto on improved infield – we will play Jan 15-19 week – working on rewriting new rules – we started with 47 players & now have 5 full teams with some subs – Mick Conway's team way ahead in the standings – players positive about league – Managers meeting Jan 2 draft Jan 10

National League – Tom Dellopoulos All is well – using CL pitchers has been positive with better hitting, more runs scored & games on time – CL umpires working well also – Draft Jan 12

Co-ed League – Pauline Robinson – we need more women – we have 30 women but 15 of them are 9-rated. Some want 3-rated players in the league (now only 4-9 rated players allowed). The league process starts with having 5 women on each team with male members being added beginning with 9 rated players and ending with 4 rated players, so the chance of having 3 rated players relies on the number of women in the league.

Uniforms – Keith Zelhofer – in good shape – prepared to have 17 or 18 teams in the Spring – we

also have 3 new sponsors.

Equipment – Robert Black – we are good on pants, shorts, socks, belts – visors coming soon – we also have 15 shirts available

Green Team – Rickie Toland – we have had 46 new players, 10 rerates, 28 noshows, 9 waiting to pay – discussion about having green team on Saturday after Co-ed games. We have 263 paid members of the Softball Club. Rickie Toland to officially retire in January and pass the torch to Mark Merkley.

Field report – Ron Coppess – on Dec 20 Stabilizer Solutions will scrape off the loose “coffee grounds”, laser level the field and reconfigure the drainage down the right field line to empty at the drainage area beyond right field.

Marketing – Liz Kather – we are registered for the EXPO at Sundial on Wednesday January 17

Publicity – Send any article you have to Tina Prosenick

Hall of Fame – Dennis Robins – we have several candidates – the committee will meet Dec 13 to review the candidates – Banquet Sunday March 3 with SCWest!

Golf Tournament – Sunday March 17 – South Course – Dinner at Fairway – Mary Dellopoulos reports that we have a list of volunteers – Caterer is booked

Park Remodel – Ron Coppess – we are still figuring out what expenses the Club will take on – camera system – setup for pitching system – no coins, card operated – we need volunteers to monitor the sound system and the Batting Cage.

Draft Dates – AL Jan 8 CL Jan 10 NL Jan 12 Co-ed Jan 12 League play starts Jan 15, except for the American League starting on Jan 22 – all leagues will end on April 12, 2024.

Sun City Softball Club policies for Fall and Spring Sessions Motion seconded & **Approved** as follows: **(1)** There will be three leagues – American, Central & National. **(2)** Each league will evaluate its own players as follows: American 1-3, Central 4-6, National 7-9. **(3)** All players will indicate their league preference in the original sign-up in each session. **(4)** Recruitment from one league to another will only be accomplished within the first seven days after the end of the sign-up period. **(5)** There will be three drafts – American League first, Central League second, National League third. Co-ed League will be last and will choose their time. **(6)** Every attempt will be made to have a similar number of teams in each league by mutual collaboration among leagues. **(7)** Players are only allowed to play in their league. Any exceptions to this practice must have the approval of both league chairpersons involved.

KUDOS TO RON COPPESS FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SUN CIT SOFTBALL CLUB.

Next Meeting

January 10 2024

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