

## SCC Softball Minutes 10/02/17

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Those present: Doug Seipelt, Gary Bratt, Kim Roush, Lou Klusty, Ed Maslyk, Tom Mackar, Ken Johnson, Jim Blackstone, Terry LeGrand, Tom Edge

Absent: Mary LeGrand,

Meeting started at 6:05p.m.

Motion to allow the web site bill to be paid to Jody Lamb by Terry LeGrand and second by Ed Maslyk. Unanimously passed.

News articles were put in both the Observer and the News of Sun City Center about the club and opening day.

Volunteer positions that are on the application will be assigned to an board member at our next board meeting.

Annual meeting – Tom Edge needs to bring a budget and the Financial report to the meeting.

Motion to go into executive session by Gary Bratt and second by Ed Maslyk At 6:22. unanimously passed

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:10 by Gary Bratt and second by Ed Maslyk. Unanimously passed.

The advanced league will start a week later which will be October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Blackstone went over opening day agenda which will be October 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. The CA will set up the sound system. Doug will invite the CA board and maintenance staff and Jim will invite the sheriff. They will be invited to lunch.

Doug Seipelt stated that the CA is raising the dues by \$9.00 because of a \$200,000 shortage. Hi Neighbor has been taken care of by Gary Bratt.

At the Annual meeting the nominating committee will count the votes. Kenny will announce the new board members. Add a proxy vote to amend the date of the annual meeting to be during the second week of October in the bylaws.

Motion to buy a new drag by Tom Mackar and second by Terry Legrand. Unanimously passed

Motion to have the top dress added to the field by Tom Mackar and second by Ed Maslyk. Unanimously passed

One more cabinet will be bought for the kitchen.

The CA will be asked to replace the fans in the pavilion. Gary will take care of this.

Motion by Jim Blackstone to have two more CPR classes which will cost \$100 each second by Terry LeGrand. Unanimously passed.

Donation of a Batting Tee by Tom Mackar to the club. Thank you!

A motion to buy a mule Power bag by Gary Bratt and second by Lou Klusty. Unanimously passed

All the following rule changes were made by the rules committee and either approved or denied by the board. The board decisions are in **BLUE**.

### **Sun City Center Softball Rules Committee Recommendations for 2017-2018**

**Proposed changes are in red.**

**Page 7 Rule 3.3C Exception:**

**{ADD} All (Approved)** female players and male players who have reached their **{DELETE} 78th** **{ADD} 76th (Not Approved 77 Not Approved)** year may use Senior Softball approved bats such as the Miken Ultra 2 bats along with any other brand of "senior softball" bat that they wish. Dudley, Reebok, Louisville Slugger, DeMarini, Easton, Worth, Combat etc. manufacture Senior Softball USA (SSUSA) approved senior bats with the required approval stamped or painted plainly on the bat. All bats would also be clearly marked with pink tape and a unique registration number.

**Page 9 Rule 4.2A**

**4.2 • REPLACEMENT (SUBSTITUTE) PLAYERS**

1. **{DELETE} A minimum of ( 7 ) players from the original draft roster must be available to play. Any team having less than (7) original roster players available by game time will forfeit the game. (Approved 7-1)** Any team unable to place 10 players in the field at any time will forfeit the game.

**Rule 4.5 OUTFIELD PLAYERS AND THE OUTFIELD RESTRAINING LINE**

Four outfielders shall remain behind the outfield restraining line until the batter strikes the ball. Penalty - batter to first base, runners advanced if forced.

**{ADD} Manager may decline penalty to allow same batter to hit. Umpire will move the fielder behind the line. (Approved 5-2)**

**Page 12 Rules 5.6H and 5.6K**

**5.6 • FORFEITED GAMES**

**H. {DELETE} If the ejection of a player or players from the game results in fewer than the required number of players to continue the game.**

**{ADD} Any team unable to place 10 players in the field at any time will forfeit the game. (Approved 8-0)**

**{DELETE} K. Team will forfeit if, at game time: 11 drafted, a team has <6 roster players...12 drafted, team has <7 roster players...13 drafted, team has < 8 roster players.. (Approved 8-0)**

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**Proposed changes are in red.**

## Page 18 Rule 8.2B

When four pitched balls have been called by the umpire. The batter-runner is awarded one base without liability to be put out. **EFFECT: The ball is dead and runners may not advance unless forced. If the pitcher desires to intentionally walk a batter, he may do so by notifying the plate umpire who shall award the batter first base. If two batters are to be walked intentionally, the second intentional walk may not be administered until the first batter reaches first base. There may be only one walk per batter per game.**

**{DELETE } By mutual agreement, managers may limit walks to a maximum of 2 per inning. (Not Approved 7-1)**

## Page 18 Rule 8.2B

**{ADD} After a batter has been walked once and 4 balls are thrown in a succeeding time at bat the count shall reset at 0-0 with the same batter up. (Not Approved 5-3)**

Respectfully submitted,

SCC softball rules committee

Ron Russell, Ed Maslyk, Tom Mackar

## 1. additional effort to eliminate forfeits

**{ADD} 4.2 D. Throwback catcher**

If a team can field only 9 players instead of the required 10, a throwback catcher may be used to prevent a forfeit. All other game rules apply.

The catcher must be a member of the current opposing team.

Any player is eligible to catch. Catchers may be rotated by the supplying team.

The catcher's only responsibility is to return the ball back to the pitcher following each pitch.

The catcher cannot participate in any active play which may cause an out.

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The throwback catcher does not bat for the hitting team.

An automatic out is recorded each time the missing player would have come to bat. **(Approved 8-0)**

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## **Background**

From Board minutes 11/28/16 - passed last year, rule did not go through rules committee review but was in effect in winter and spring. Does NOT appear in rule book. We'll add it.

Motion to change the substitution on the draft that you can only go down on the draft matrix, except on the bottom two rows which can be interchangeable by Ken Johnson and second by Gary Bratt. Discussion about the motion entailed. Motion passed with 6 yes and 1 no. This rule cannot be changed by any agreement between managers.

**Proposal** from Gary Bratt to rules committee for consideration based upon resolution above.

## **2. page 9 4.2 C**

Players from the first draft round group may substitute in only one game on any given day. ~~{DELETE} and may substitute in no more than 2 games for any individual team during the season.~~ **(Approved 8-0)**

**The following paragraph re: playoffs is unchanged.**

## **3. page 9 4.2 C additional**

The #1 drafted player may sub for the #2 drafted player only **(Approved 7-0)**

Doug thanked the Rules committee for putting together the changes and having them organized.

Treasurers report was handed out by Tom Edge. Motion to approve Jim Blackstone second by Gary Bratt passed unanimously

Motion to accept the September 1<sup>st</sup> minutes by Ed Maslyk and second by Terri LeGrand Unanimously passed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Ken Johnson and second by Lou Klusty unanimously passed.

Submitted by

Kim Roush, Secretary