

Robson Ranch Softball Club : General meeting October 26, 2022

Call to order 2:59 by President Bill Dirkes

Welcome, treasures report \$21,350 available balance. \$10,000 (anonymous doner) earmarked for batting cages.

Clark Fletcher reporting on umpire clinic for volunteer umpires 8:00 AM Wed, Nov 2 at RR softball field. Clark asked for sportsmanship consideration for volunteer umpires.

President Dirkes reported a favorable response for volunteer workers in scorers booth.

Paul Lewinski reported the possible use of senior bats at the Saturday league. Focus would be on women and older men to increase their ability to compete. Much discussion followed. Should age or player rating be the determining factor? Some women already hit effectively with ASA bats. Who would provide the senior bats? It was determined that additional research should be conducted and a committee formed to study the issue.

Related discussion was the use of private bats Vs. team bats by some members. Saturday coaches will be asked to educate members about the use of private bats. Suggestion of using marking tape to identify team bats.

President Bill D reported that the issue of sunshades for the bleachers had been taken to the Robson Ranch finance committee. Proposed shades would be approximately \$35 – 40 K. Club members felt encouraged by their talks with RR management.

Building a batting cage was not being encouraged by RR management. Randy Petersen reported that RR looked at our field as a selling feature to potential home buyers and that the presence of batting cages would distract from the ambiance of the view.

Discussion turned to the issue of the anonymous complaint about having non-resident players joining the RR softball club and competing in Saturday and Palm Creek events. President Bill D said that a letter had been drafted to send to HOA that would put us in compliance with by-laws governing club activities. A copy of the letter was made passed around the room for members to review. Further discussion centered on the fact that the participation of these non-residents did not deny participation to any resident club members.

Further discussion ensued about the use of the rating system to place players in the appropriate level of competition, especially in the Palm Creek league “B” and “C” divisions.

Bill Sturgeon reported on tournaments including one tournament for women’s teams. Discussion centered around how other communities fill their teams for “C” tournaments. Also discussed was the issue of finding enough players willing to travel to make travel teams competitive.

Final report was by Roger Avis who described the 100 + people who care charity organization at Robson Ranch.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57