

Sun & Fun January 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes
at The Plantation at Leesburg

Attendance:

President—Jim Maguire
Vice President – Don Sprout
Secretary—Greg Alms
Treasurer—Jim Milligan

Park Representatives:

An attendance sheet was not passed out to the attendees. However all communities below were represented by park reps.

Clerbrook RV – Jim Volk
Continental—Gene Underwood
Dell Webb— Jim Delucia
Hawthorne— Bill Bibler
Holiday Travel— Butch Tanner
Lakes at Leesburg— Jim Spaulding
Legacy— Gary Holterhaus
Pennbrooke— Don Droske
Plantation— Paul Carfagna
Recreation Plantation— Dick Willmette
Spruce Creek— Ron Hoppe
Stonecrest— Walt Golebiewski
Summer Glen— Mark Pillar
Sun Lake— Russ Crouch
Water Oak—

Division Representatives:

Division 1 Rep—Bob Falzone – Del Webb
Division 2 Rep—Gene Underwood
Division 3 Rep—Gary Holterhaus .
Division 4 Rep—Jim Spaulding
Division 5 Rep—Dave Westbrook
Division 6 Rep—Jim Lemon

Webmaster:

Maryann Bubelnik

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Maguire.
The minutes of the 10-20-2015 meeting were approved.
Treasurer reported that we have \$835.02 in the checking account.

Old Business

1. The all-star game will be at the Plantation at Leesburg on Feb13, 2016 and is coordinated by Bill Magley. All teams should submit a player list by January 30th to Bill Magley.
2. Del Webb tournament will start March 21. The fee is \$60 per team. Del Webb will provide balls and a bracket board. Championships will be Thursday at Del Webb except for Division 1

which will be Wednesday.

Hosts:

Division 1 – Del Webb

Division 2 – Water Oak

Division 3 – Holiday Travel

Division 4 – Hawthorne

Division 5 – Summer Glen

Division 6 - Continental

Host communities can use outside umpires.

3. 70's Tournament at Summer Glen will be either March 28 or April 4. The March 28th date is the same as the Lakes League tournament.

4. All Division reps reported the the divisions were in good shape with no problems. Water Oak had requested to move a pitcher from Division 2 to 6, and President Jim Maquire approved this move. The Plantation requested to move a player (Keith Kimble) from Division 4 to 6, the executive board approved this move.

5. Again there was a request to have a 70's division within Sun and Fun. Only two communities supported this and no action was taken.

New Business

1. Sun and Fun – Updated Rules

a. Flip-Flop Rule – If the visiting team is ahead by 10 runs and both manager agree at the start of the last inning the Flip-Flop Rule will invoke the following." The visiting team must be ahead by ten or more runs at the beginning of the open inning. If the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs, the home team will remain at bat and start a new at-bats (beginning their seventh or last inning at-bats), meaning all runners then on base will return to the dugout. It will be an open inning. If the home team fails to tie or go ahead of the visiting team, the game ends and the visiting team wins. If the home team ties or goes ahead, the visiting team takes its turn at bat. The flip-Flop rule was approved 14 (yes)-2 (no).

b. Mercy Rule - If a team is ahead by 15 or more runs at any time after five innings have been completed, or four and one-half innings with the home team ahead, the game shall be declared a complete regulation game. However the losing team has the option to continue to play. The motion to approve the Mercy Rule passed without opposition.

c. Warm-Up Bats - No more than two official softball bats, including approved warm-up bats, may be used by the on-deck batter in the on-deck circle. The warm-up bat should meet the following requirements to be approved:

i. Stamped with one-quarter inch letters WB on either end of the bat or marked in one-inch letters the words WARM-UP BAT only on the barrel end of the bat.

ii. A minimum weight of 48 oz. (1,360.78 g).

iii. A minimum barrel diameter of 2½" (6.35 cm).

iv. Shall have a safety grip of at least 8" (20.32 cm) and no more than 15" (38.1 cm) extended from the knob.

v. Be of one-piece construction or a one-piece permanently assembled bat approved by SSUSA/SSWC.

vi. No attachments (i.e., donuts, fans, etc.) are allowed on an official bat except the Pow'R Wrap warm-up attachment.

This motion to approve the restricted use of Warm-Up bats was approved without opposition.

2 Final Rosters

A team roster is final when it is turned into the league at the manager's meeting in October. This motion was approved 12 (YES)-5(No). Changes to the roster must follow current league rules. Players may later be added to the roster or moved to a higher division, moving a player to a lower division requires approval of the executive board.

3. Process for Divisions 2 -6 Divisional Alignment

The following divisional alignment process was approved 17(yes) - 0 (no) to place teams in divisions 2 thru 6 based on their last season record.

The winning team (based on season records and tie breakers) in a division moves up one division. The last place team (based on season records and tie breakers) in a division moves down one division for the next season. If a team/community wins the top division (division 2) two consecutive years, that team/community will split into additional teams and these teams will play in the top division (division 2). In this case the top division is division 2. The top team in division 2 will have the option to move to division 1. Communities will not be able to make a case on why the above actions this should not happen at this time. These changes will occur regardless of players missing or injured for the new season.

S&F approved a standing committee to review community requests to move teams between divisions, request from players to play in higher divisions (one or two) for other S&F communities and requests from communities who are short players for their division 1 or 2 teams.

The committee will have the following membership:

- The S&F President.
- Two division rep members.
- Four park rep members.

The committee will manage the following activities.

- The committee will review final season records.
- The committee will review any request for changes by the community or players
- The committee will review the number of teams with each division.
- The committee will make recommendation to the board for final approval.

The committee will meet in September to develop recommendation for the board. Any request for changes must be made at the September committee meeting.

4. High level Player rules

A Division 1 player may currently play on the highest level team in a community. This rule was reaffirmed. Also reaffirmed by a 16-1 vote was the current rule allowing a team to have up to two players age 50 to 55 to play on a team.

A proposal to allow a Division 1 or Division 2 player to move to a higher level team in another community was passed 14-3. The player requests the move and the receiving high level team who is short of players agrees to take the player on their team. The Division Alignment committee makes a recommendation to the executive board to move the player or not. The executive board has the final decision.

5. Division 1

The executive committee voted to keep Division 1 as part of Sun and Fun League. Division 1 league needs to have a minimum of 4 teams and preferentially 6 to 8 teams.

6. Other Rules

A proposal to limit the number of intentional walks of a batter in a game was not approved. The vote was 16-1 against.

The question of how to handle a player who is a resident of two Sun and Fun communities was not decided. Rules 2.1 and 2.7 were not changed.

A proposal to drop the infield rule was defeated unanimously.

A proposal to allow substitute players listed on lineup card but not in the lineup, to be used as courtesy runners was defeated (6-yes and 8 no).

.A rule allowing a pitcher's screen will be considered for next season. Jim Maguire will write the the rules governing the use of the screen.

New rules cannot be changed for 1 year.

There was a request to develop a banned umpire list comprising umpires who are not following good umpiring processes. No action was taken.

7. Player move approved.

Danny Smith of the Plantation was selected for Division 1, but never played due to an extended vacation. When he returned the Division 1 team had quit Division 1. He was approved to play on the next lower Plantation Division 3 team.

Next Meeting. Monday, April 11, 2016 at 2-4pm at Continental.

Respectfully submitted by,

Greg Alms, Secretary

