

Sun & Fun October 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- President—Jim Maguire (yes)
- Vice President – Don Sprout (yes)
- Secretary—Greg Alms (yes)
- Treasurer—Jim Milligan (yes)

Park Representatives:

- Clerbrook RV – Jim Volk (DM-yes)
- Continental—Gene Underwood (yes)
- Dell Webb— Jim Delucia (yes)
- Hawthorne— Bill Bibler (yes)
- Holiday Travel— Butch Tanner (KP-yes)
- Lakes at Leesburg— Jim Spaulding (yes)
- Legacy— Gary Holterhaus (yes)
- Pennbrooke— John Martucci (yes)
- Plantation— John Shemenski (yes)
- Recreation Plantation— Dick Willmette
- Spruce Creek— Ron Hoppe (yes)
- Stonecrest— Al Smith (yes)
- Summer Glen— Mark Pillar (yes)
- Sun Lake— Russ Crouch (yes)
- Water Oak— Mitch Siler (yes)

Division Representatives:

- Division 1 Rep—Bob Falzone (yes)
- Division 2 Rep—Gene Underwood (yes)
- Division 3 Rep— TBD
- Division 4 Rep—Jim Spaulding (yes)
- Division 5 Rep— TBD
- Division 6 Rep—Jim Lemon (yes)
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Webmaster:

- Maryann Bubelnik (yes)

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Maguire.

- The minutes of the 4-11-2016 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer Jim Milligan reported that we have \$625.77 in the checking account.
 - Dues should be paid prior to the next meeting. Jim Milligan will collect the money. A motion to raise the dues to \$30/team was passed unanimously.
- The seating committee met several times this summer to work out the division alignment process. The committee wanted:
 - Balanced divisions
 - Maintain six divisions of six to eight teams each.
 - The divisions are shown on the table on the last page of these minutes.
 - During the Christmas break, the league will consider moving the highest teams up a division and lowest teams down a division.
- John Shemenski - pointed out the inequality of the Plantation two division teams due to how the players

were distributed and asked that the Humana team be allowed to play in division 4. Ron Hoppe said that the seating committee already rejected this move.

- Maryann - will do the schedule up to the Christmas break since the divisions may be realigned.
- Bob Falzone - was concerned about moving a division 1 player to another community. President Maguire explained that he had given this responsibility to the seating committee and they had allowed it. Falzone argued that the entire board had to vote on these moves. President Maguire proposed a motion to give the seating committee the authority to move a player to another community team other than the community he lives in. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- President Maguire proposed the Fall Schedule below and a motion to accept it was passed unanimously. Fall Schedule: (33 possible play dates)
 - Start of season – November 1st. 11/1 to 11/18 (6 play dates)
 - Thanksgiving Break – 11/19(Sat) to 11/28 (Mon))
 - Season – 11/29 to 12/16 (6 play dates)
 - Christmas and New Year Break 12/17 (Sat) to 1/5 (Thu)
 - Season 1/6 to 3/17 (21 play dates)
 - All-Star Game on February 11th or 18th. At Summer Glen
 - Season Ending on March 17th.
 - Playoff the week of March 20th. Managed by Del Webb
 - 70's Tournament the week of March 27th. Hosted by Summer Glen
- The incumbent Division reps of 1,2 4, 6 will continue in their positions. President Maguire asked the communities in division 3 and 5 propose candidates.
 - Division 1 – Bob Falzone
 - Division 2 – Gene Underwood
 - Division 3 – to be filled
 - Division 4 – Jim Spaulding
 - Division 5 – to be filled
 - Division 6 – Bill Lemon
- Last year, the Spruce Creek Division 6 team used players from Stonecrest because they had insufficient players. Spruce Creek wants to do this again this year. President Maguire referred this matter to the Seating committee. The committee will address these requests on a case by case basis with yearly approval required.
- Jim Delucia of Del Webb is looking for communities to host the post season tournament for divisions 2-6. Please contact Jim if your community is interested.
- Clerbrook plans to enter a new team in January 2017.
- Del Webb and Stonecrest have interest in a 70's division. The teams would play on days other than Tuesday or Friday. President Maguire will contact communities on their interest.
- 10. Teams Dropping out - If the reason for a team dropping from the league in mid-season is not justifiable, they may be fined. A motion to assess a \$100 fine against that team was approved 14-Yes, 1- No at this meeting.
- Upcoming umpire clinics
 - **Friday, October 21, 2016 at Del Web**
 - **Wednesday, October 23, 2016 at Continental**
 - **Friday, October 28, 2016 at The Plantation at Leesburg Softball Field Time: 10:00am**
- **Next Meeting - Monday, October 24, 2016 at 1-3 pm at Continental.**

- Managers need to bring 8-10 rosters to distribute and have new waivers for the vice president at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Greg Alms, Secretary

2016-2017 Rule Changes

S&F Pitching Screen

Notes - Most communities want a little give in the screen dimensions, with screen width between 30" to 40" and the height between 72" to 84". However for this season, we agreed that any size pitching screen is allowed.

- A pitching screen that fits our requirements is available from
 - Pitch Safe Inc. in Venice, FL
 - Cost \$299, plus 7% taxes and \$23 for shipping. The size is 76" tall and 38" wide. It weight is only 20 pounds and can be set up in less than one minute.

Most communities believe each community should have a screen available if a pitcher request a pitching screen. Some already have pitching screens available which can be used this season.

- S&F has approved using pitching screen at the pitchers discretion during S&F games. The following is the process for this program. **(It should be note that for the first season with pitching screen, we will allow pitching screen width from 30" to 48")**
 - At the beginning of each inning the pitcher must decide if a pitching screen is going to be used, once the inning start there can be on changes around the pitching screen. This may change if a new pitcher come into the game.
 - The size of the pitching screen must be within the following the following range. The width must be between 30" to 40" and the height must be between 72" to 84".
 - i. Each community should make available a pitching screen if requested.
 - I have found a pitching screen that fits our requirements.
 - a. Pitch Safe Inc. in Venice, FL
 - b. Cost \$299, plus 7% taxes and \$23 for shipping. The size is 76" tall and 38" wide. It weight is only 20 pounds and can be set up in less than one minute.
 - The pitching screen must be located in the field as follows.
 - i. The front measurement of the pitching screen must be in front of the pitching rubber, but no more than 4' in front of the pitching rubber.
 - ii. On a side to side basis the pitching screen must cover at a minimum of 50% of pitching rubber length.
 - iii. Once the pitching screen is set of at the beginning of an inning it may not be moved, unless there is a pitcher change.
 - If a batted ball hits the pitching screen it is declared a dead ball and the play is repeated.
 - If during the fielding or throwing process the ball makes contact with the pitching screen it is still a live ball.
 - Once the pitcher deliver a pitch they must step behind the pitching screen and must remain there until the ball has been hit by a batter or the play is declared dead. The pitcher may not make any defensive moves such as move back or toward one of the bases until the ball has been hit.
 - If a pitcher does not step behind the pitching screen after a pitch has been delivered, they will receive two warning and on the third occasion will be removed as the pitcher, but may continue to play at different position.

- i. If the team does not have a replacement pitcher, they will forfeit the game.
- o If only one team is using a pitching screen they are responsible for moving the screen on and off the field when not being used.

Flip Flop Rule

- 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.
 - o The flip-Flop rule was approved 14 (yes)-2 (no) at the April meeting

Mercy Rule

- 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, if **both manager agree** the game shall be declared a complete regulation game

Warm-Up Bats

- 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:
 - o 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.
 - o A minimum weight of 48 oz. (1,360.78 g).
 - o A minimum barrel diameter of 2½" (6.35 cm).
 - o Shall have a safety grip of at least 8" (20.32 cm) and no more than 15" (38.1 cm) extended from the knob.
 - o Be of one-piece construction or a one-piece permanently assembled bat approved by SSUSA/SSWC.
 - o No attachments (i.e., donuts, fans, etc.) are allowed on an official bat except the **Pow'R Wrap warm-up attachment.**

Umpire Review Board

- An Umpire Review Board has been created. This is the result of many complaints across the League.
 - o If there is a problem, the community; in most cases a team manager, involved must submit a written summary to Jim Maguire with copies to the Division and Park Reps.
 - o Don Sprout will screen all complaints and submit them to the Committee as needed. If the committee determine that action is required, the following step should be followed.
 - First complaints will be handle by the community.
 - If there is a second complaint in two years, the Committee will recommend actions to the Community involved.
 - If there is third complaints in two years, the League will require that Umpire be suspended for two years.
 - o It was reiterated that the Umpires need to control the game with includes knowing the rules, and taking action when required.
 - o There was an agreement we need more umpire clinics with actual walk through examples of various situations.
 - See emails on this subject and schedule your umpires to a clinic.
 - o We agreed to abide by the rules and use a strict interpretation of the existing League and SSUSA rules

Player Movement

- Once the roster has been turned into S&F it is set.
- All player movement between divisions will need to follow existing S&F processes

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 at the April meeting 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.

Teams Dropping out

- If the reason for a teaming dropping from the league in mid-season is not justifiable, they may be fined \$100.

Table 1 - S&F Fall Divisional Alignment

Divisions	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5	Division 6
# of Teams	5	7	6	6	8	8
# of Games	30	28 to 30	30	30	28	28
See Notes below	1	1 & 2	2	2	2	2
	DW1	SG1	SG2/4	DW3	CB5	SC6
	DW1	WO2	ST3	SL4	HW5	CC(NEW)
	ST1	SC2	PL3	LL4	PL5	SG6
	PL1	PB2	SC3	RC4	HT5	WO6
	DW2	CC2	HW4	PB5	DW5	HW6
		HT3	PL4	SG5	CC6	SL6
		LG3			ST5	PB6
					LG(New)	PL6

Notes

- 1) It should also be noted that the season will start with 5 teams in division 1 and 7 teams in division 2. At the mid-season break the top team in division 2 will be moved to division 1.
- 2) It should be noted for division 2 to 6 there will be a mid-season review and team may be adjusted up or down based on performance.

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