

SUN AND FUN SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Minutes of Meeting Held on Friday, April 1st at Holiday Travel

Prior to the opening of the regular meeting, President John West announced that he has the optic yellow balls available at \$37.50 per dozen.

The Division Chairman returned the player rosters and contracts to all the Managers in each Division. As many of the contracts are old, it was decided that for the 2005-2006 season all new contracts must be submitted at the November meeting

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS:

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 P.M. by President John West.
2. Roll Call - All teams were represented. Highland Lakes was represented by John West.
3. The Minutes from the meeting of March 4, 2005, were accepted as written.
The Financial Report shows that we have \$275.87 on hand. \$540.00 was spent since the last meeting for trophies and appreciation gifts. All fines levied for reporting violations on game results were paid and \$25.00 was added to the treasury.
4. President John West awarded the Division Champs with money for the purchase of trophies. The winners were:
Div. I - 3-way tie -- Water Oaks, Royal Highlands and Del Webb
Div. II – Pennbrooke
Div. III - Del Webb
Div. IV - Del Webb
In addition, President West awarded the Div. Chairmen, Reporters and Web Site coordinators for their exemplary work during the year.
5. Rich Oleniczak announced that he could no longer act as Div. III Chairman due to personal reasons. Tom O'Heran will fill in for Rick for the remainder of the year in this position.
6. **BATS:** Tom Pennington of Stonecrest made a motion which was seconded by Harold Johnson of Pennbrooke that we make an exception to the ASA Rule which declares the "Miken Ultra II" bats illegal. **This motion was defeated by a vote of 10 to 6 by the members.** The policy on bat usage which was approved by the League on April 2, 2004, will go into effect at the beginning of the 2005/2006 season. Check out website (www.asasoftball.com) to find the list of 27 bats that are illegal per the ASA Rules.
7. The following items were approved by the membership to be added into the Rules:
 - A. No power horns will be used at any time during a game.
 - B. The "Running Line" at home plate will be pushed back to 8 feet.
 - C. Umpires are instructed to dismiss a player from the game when he makes any derogatory remarks or threats toward any umpire, opposing player, fan or league official.
 - D. Home teams must provide some type of scoreboard for games.
 - E. Scheduled Games:

- Game is official when it goes on the website schedule
- Failure to show for a scheduled game will result in a \$25.00 per game fine.
- If you forfeit a game, it will be a \$15.00 fine.
- Games not made up at the end of the year will result in a fine of \$10.00.
- The President may suspend the fines in unusual circumstances in all of the "Scheduled Games" rules.

F. The pitcher's plate will have the additional 6 foot box in all divisions for the protection of the pitcher. The positioning is optional within the box.

G. Constitution Rule Changes:

- Article IX (a) - dues will change to \$15.00 per team.
- Article VII - change to no more than (5) Divisions and no more than (8) teams per Division.

H. Each team must provide bat racks for both teams of a minimum of (14) spots.

NOTE: At the next meeting we will set up a policy on illegal bats and what to do about them.

8. The voting on the use of "Outside Players" was tabled until the next meeting when we will decide how to structure this rule.

9. Playing Rule 4.1 - add "stepping over the line". Runner must toe the line.

10. President West asked that we talk to all the managers and players and relay the following:

- A. Players may not block the bases when they are not receiving the ball at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- B. Players should not block the base or runners on the baseline.

11. A motion was submitted by Harold Johnson of Pennbrooke and seconded by Arnie Lumbers of Royal Highlands that when a community misses an Executive Committee meeting they will be assessed a \$15.00 fine. This motion was approved Unanimously by the membership.

12. The subjects of the "one and one count" and "mercy rule" were discussed and dropped for lack of interest.

13. The "Operating Committee" will be working on a policy to handle League rule 15 when tie situations happen. This could have ramifications causing a community to have two teams in the same division. More will come on this.

14. President West asked that managers read and understand League Rule 1.1. We had some controversy over this when the rule was not followed.

15. Summer League - John West is making arrangements for the summer league. A special meeting on this will be held in the middle of April to finalize details.

16. We must have a commitment by Sept. 1, 2005, concerning how many teams each community will have for the coming year. Remember the limit is 40 teams and it will be a first come, first serve basis

17. The Community of "Royal Harbor" submitted application to join the Sun and Fun League. The League voted unanimously to accept them in to our League. They were represented by Mike Carrubba and Dennis DeLena. So far, we have two new communities joining us for next year (Royal Harbor and Legacy).

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED A 3:45 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2005, at Hawthorne. Time is 2:00 P.M..

D. Lenahan, Sect.