

Fun and Sun Senior Softball League Meeting

Continental Country Club 1:00pm October 27, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by President, Dave Sparrow.

Roll Call:

All Communities Reps were present with the following exceptions: For Stonecrest - Tom Pennington substituted for Park Rep Rick Smith. For Spruce Creek Carmen DiCocco substituted for John West. Non-voting members present included all officers, and Division chairmen that have been appointed with the exception of Dennis DeBouche who was represented by Henry Greiner.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April 7th meeting were approved as published.

Secretary/Treasurer Paul Malashevitz reported that the league's current balance was \$1030.75.

All communities with the exception of Plantation have paid their 2006-2007 League Dues.

Sunlake Sister Community

Harbor Hills was approved as a sister community to Sunlake for the 2006-2007. Sunlake will be using 4 players from Harbor Hills. The roll call vote was 14-1. Spruce Creek voted No.

Harbor Hills Continuing Membership

By a roll call vote of 15-0, the petition by Harbor Hills to pay \$15 and thereby guarantee a slot in Division 2 for the 2007-2008 season was defeated.

Tom Pennington (Stonecrest)

Tom spoke briefly to express his gratitude to the league on behalf of Rick Smith's family, and the Stonecrest Softball club for the donations and support in response to the death of Jerry Smith.

Night Games (Tabled Item from October 6th)

Due to a lack of general interest, the proposal that the league play some experimental night games this season has been dropped.

All Star Game

Holiday Travel will host the first S&F All Star Games on February 17th, 2007. President Sparrow requested that ideas to establish selection guidelines be submitted to him and/or Mr. Lumbers.

Rule Reminders for the Fall Season

1. We are now using SSUSA rules as our primary source. S&F modifying rules have precedence.
2. Since we are not using ASA rules, S&F rules remain as in the past: "Mitts" may only be used at first base and by the catcher. Foul tips which are caught must go above the head of the batter in order to be ruled an out.
3. Two On-Deck Circles: On fields where they are used, the "X" or "Circled X" should be located nearest to home plate. It should be used for the player "in-the-hole" who should NOT have a bat in hand, but rather should act as a "batboy".
4. League Rule 1.1 dictates that games will be played in the following divisional order 1-2-3-4-5.
5. League Rule 1.2 Postponements caused by inclement weather will be re-scheduled to the next available open date. Games should not be postponed by a lack of players (Rule 1.3).
6. League Rules 8.1 and 8.2: Divisional Reporters have been eliminated. Please make every effort to assist the Website by providing prompt, accurate, and complete reports.
7. Playing Rule 3.2 is new this season. Runners must be in the offensive line-up.
8. Old Playing Rules 14.1 and 14.2 were deleted by vote at the last meeting. Prior to the March meeting, work will be done to establish procedures that will encourage positive change in the league.
9. Although the rule is somewhat ambiguous, the intent of League Rule 2.8 was stated by Mr. Sparrow to be as follows. Players may be temporarily added to a roster with the following stipulations: a. the player must have a valid contract and waiver of liability on file with the league; b. the Divisional Rep must grant approval; c. a team may "call up" a 12th player only if that player is a pitcher.

10. League Rule 6.1 requiring identical hats and uniforms is not to be ignored. Two players (one from Royal Highlands and one from Stonecrest) have medical exceptions that allow them to alter their headgear.

11. Playing Rule 5.4 was instituted to make sure that all teams are in compliance with the "one new ball and one very good ball" rule.

Batter's Boxes

The issue of a lack of a stable batter's box was raised about the Lady Lake field used by Recreation Plantation by Mike VanNostrand of Plantation. Henry Greiner of Recreation Plantation reported that the City of Lady Lake has been making improvements to the field and has installed stable batters boxes.

Introduction of Divisional Representatives and the League Chairman

Dave Sparrow introduced the following men that he has appointed for the upcoming season.

League Chairman: Bob Falzone (Del Webb)

Division 1: John Martucci (Pennbrooke)

Division 2: Bob McShinsky (holiday Travel)

Division 3: Charlie Johnson (Continental CC)

Division 4: Ron Tucker (Plantation)

Division 5: * Dennis DeBouche (Recreation Plantation)

* Dennis was not present and his place was taken by Henry Greiner for today.

At 1:47pm, the general League meeting broke into Divisional Meetings.

Rosters were exchanged, Contracts and Liability Waivers were turned in, Reporting Guidelines and Contact Lists were distributed.

At 2:19pm, the League meeting resumed.

Arnie Lumbers announced that there will be a Golf Outing, sponsored by the Royal Highlands Softball Activity Club, on March 17, 2007 at 11:30 AM. The format will be a 4-man best-ball scramble. The cost is \$45 and includes golf, cart, deli buffet, prizes and a visor, towel and sleeve of balls for every golfer. For more info or to sign up, contact Henry Schweitzer 787-6809 or hrsrbs@usadatanet.net .

Dave Sparrow introduced Warren Thompson from Lake Griffin Isles who was one of the players and managers from the 1991 S&F Inaugural Season. Warren was warmly greeted by the entire membership. We are all indebted to the men who laid the foundation for the S&F League.

Dave Sparrow introduced his special guest Pam Malashevitz to the members of the League. The league expressed its gratitude to Pam and Paul for all the work that they do running the website, and presented them with a cake. Arnie Lumbers presented Pam and Paul with Restaurant Gift Cards for the work that was done in support of the 2006 Summer Program.

Dave thanked Charlie Johnson and the entire Continental Club for hosting the meeting.

The March Meeting will be held Thursday, March 8, 2007 --- 1:00pm at Water Oak.

The April Meeting will be held Thursday, April 5, 2007 --- 1:00pm at Recreation Plantation.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31pm.

The cake was devoured.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Malashevitz
Secretary-Treasurer