

## Sun and Fun Senior Softball League Meeting Minutes

Spruce Creek 12:00pm

October 26, 2007

The Meeting was called to Order at 12:14pm

### Roll Call

All officers were present, and all communities were represented. For Royal Highlands: Warren Lindner substituted for Phil Massie. Pete Travieso substituted for John Martucci as the Division 2 Chairman. Late arrival for Legacy: Jeff Russell substituted for Cesar Perez.

The Minutes from the Meeting held on October 5, 2007 approved as published.

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the League has a balance of \$171.22 and that a financial report is now available on the website. The report was approved.

\* Prior to the meeting the treasurer collected dues from all teams and re-sold the 15 dozen Trump Stotes that had been acquired for Divisions 1 & 2 with league funds. The transactions brought the total of league funds to \$1,032.22 (detailed report on website).

### Old Business

#### Two League Votes

President Sparrow reported on the two league votes that were conducted by phone and email since the last meeting. The votes were conducted in order to fulfill his obligation to the Executive Board to finalize the Divisional alignments for the fall season.

1. Sunlake requested and received approval to have Harbor Hills as a sister park by a vote of 13-1. (Plantation voted no.)
2. Summer Glen was approved as a new member community on a one-year trial basis by a unanimous vote of 14-0

**Divisional Alignment** President Sparrow reported the following:

1. Recreation Plantation withdrew both of its teams from the league.
2. Lakes at Leesburg was asked and agreed to move from Division 4 to Division 5.
3. Hawthorne was asked and agreed to move from Division 3 to Division 4.
4. Summer Glen was added to Division 2.
5. The resulting distribution of teams for the season in Divisions One through Five respectively is 6-8-8-8-8.

**All Star Games** The President reminded the EB that the All Star Games will be played at Water Oak on February 23, 2008. Selection of players (including method) shall be left to the individual member communities.

**Single Game Starting Times in January and February** Following discussion, the consensus of the league was that the new 11:00 am starting time for single games in January and February should be left untouched. The President told the EB that managers with 11:00 games could begin their games earlier if the following 2 conditions were met: 1. both managers would have to agree on the starting time 2. All changes must be reported to the website by no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Contact List** The Secretary reported that a final version of the Contact List would be published following the meeting. He provided copies for each Park Rep of the most recent revision.

**Game Reporting** The Secretary asked if there were any questions about the game reporting guidelines that had previously been sent to all league contacts with email addresses. No questions were asked. He highlighted the fact that the reports should be sent to 3 addresses since Ron Tucker will be assisting in the website work this season. He provided extra copies of the guidelines for contacts without email addresses.

### New Business

**Waivers for Umpires** The President recommended that each community consider liability waivers be obtained for umpires.

#### Player Requests by Member Communities

**Continental** requested and received approval to add non-resident Mike Gallus to their roster. The vote was 13-1. Holiday Travel voted no. Legacy did not vote.

**Stonecrest** requested approval to use 3 players from Spruce Creek on their Division 5 team. (The Spruce Creek Div 5 team folded on October 19<sup>th</sup>.) The players will be selected from a list of Division 5 players provided by Spruce Creek to Stonecrest. The list shall include at least one pitcher. With those stipulations the request was approved by a vote of 12-1 with 1 abstention. Voting against: Plantation. Abstaining: Holiday Travel. Not voting: Legacy.

\* Reported on October 28, 2007 by Spruce Creek Park Rep: The 3 players are:

Carl Moss (pitcher); David Marengo (3B, 1B, pitcher); Dick Johnston (IF, OF)

**Spruce Creek** requested and received unanimous approval to add former resident Jim Salomon to their Division 3 roster.

**Clerbrook** withdrew its request to add Will Egner to their roster.

**Legacy** requested and received unanimous approval to add two players (Bob Polson and Jim Reardon) from Spanish Village to their roster.

**Support for the Website** Vice President Lumbers recommended to the Executive Board that a gift in the amount of \$100 be made to Pam and Paul Malashevitz in gratitude to them for their work on the website and league scheduling, and to help defray the cost of the website. The Executive Board unanimously approved Mr. Lumbers' suggestion.

**The meeting recessed** at 1:30 for the Divisional Manager's Breakout Meeting

**The Executive Board Meeting resumed** at 2:08pm.

### **Bats for 2007-2008**

The Vice-President reminded the league that bats, which are legal on the first day of the season, shall remain legal throughout the season. The following bats will be illegal at the end of the season: Easton - Synergy 2; Miken - Freak; Louisville Slugger - SB304 & SB404; Worth - XPST4, WWSCA & SBWKA.

### **New Rules for 2007-2008**

Vice President Arnie Lumbers reviewed rules that are new this season.

**1. Runners leaving the base early PR 4.1.** The burden will be on the umpires to enforce the ASA Rule 8 Section 7 Subsection R rule which states that a runner is out if he leaves the base to which he is legally entitled before the ball either hits the ground, reaches the plate or is struck by the bat.

#### **2. Bats**

a) LR 5.5 The penalties for the use of illegal bats have been stiffened.

b) LR 5.6 All bats to be used in a game must remain on the bat rack throughout the game whether the bat rack is inside or outside of the dugout. No bats may be used unless it comes from and is returned to the bat rack.

c) LR 5.7. All bats must bear a label that identifies the owner. If the bat is a team bat, that information must appear.

d) LR 5.8 Bat warmers are legal if hung in the area adjacent to the bat rack.

**To preserve chronological accuracy:** Just prior to adjournment, Jeff Russell from Legacy addressed the Executive Board. He apologized for his late arrival as a replacement for Park Rep Cesar Perez who was out of town due to a death in the family. At this time, Mr. Russell presented the case for the use of two non-resident players by Legacy. (see "Player Requests by Member Communities" above).

There was no discussion of when and where the spring meetings will be held.

A motion for adjournment was approved unanimously at 2:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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