

Sun and Fun Senior Softball League Meeting Minutes

Continental 1:00pm

March 31, 2009

Call to Order Dave Sparrow called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

Roll Call All Officers present. Division Reps present except for Division 1. All communities were present except for Legacy. See Appendix 1

Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on March 6, 2009.
The minutes (as published) were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported today's dispersals as: \$300 (trophy awards) and \$25 to Continental for hosting the meeting. The current balance is \$527.96. The Treasurer's report was accepted with no questions. (Reminder: the Treasurer's Report is available on the website).

President's Comments

Dave commented positively on the competitive nature of all divisions. Fifty dollar awards were presented to each of the regular Division Champions: Pennbrooke (D1), Spruce Creek (D2), Pennbrooke (D3), Pennbrooke & Holiday Travel (Co-champions D4) and Stonecrest (D5).

Old Business

Summer League

The following recommendations made by the Operating Committee were adopted without objection for the 2009 Summer Season.

- o The entry fee will be \$10.00 per team.
- o Rosters should be sent to Dave Sparrow and Paul Malashevitz by April 20th.
- o No more than 5 Division 1 players may be in the offensive or defensive line-up at any time.
- o Unlimited player substitution.
- o All games start at 9:00am.
- o In the event of postponements, no games will be made up.
- o The season will begin either May 5th or 8th and end during the last week in August.

The following teams will be involved: Continental-Pennbrooke (combined), Del Webb 1 or 2 teams, Hawthorne, Legacy 1 (?), Plantation, Spruce Creek, Stonecrest (2), Water Oak.

All Star Game

As a consequence of the interest in hosting the annual All Star Games, the Operating Committee's suggested procedure for site selection was accepted without objection. Random lots were drawn and the rotation of the annual right of first refusal is as follows.

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| 1. Holiday Travel | 6. Legacy | 11. Del Webb |
| 2. Water Oak | 7. Pennbrooke | 12. Clerbrook |
| 3. Spruce Creek | 8. Stonecrest | 13. Sunlake |
| 4. Royal Highlands | 9. Continental | 14. Lakes at Leesburg |
| 5. Hawthorne | 10. SummerGlen | 15. Plantation |

In the rotation at number 4, Royal Highlands has the right of first refusal for the 2010 games that will be held on February 20, 2010. RH must report its intent at the first EB Meeting in October. Hawthorne is next in line if RH declines.

Umpiring

Dave led a discussion of the need to continue to improve umpiring around the league. He suggested that one mandatory clinic for all umpires might be necessary in the fall if improvement is going to occur. Managers would also be encouraged to attend.

Questions raised by members of the EB raised the following issues: the inability of umpires to attend a meeting in October; the confusion caused by umpires working in different leagues having different rules; the possibility of having each community be represented by an individual who could relay the information to his umpires.

The discussion will be continued at the first fall meeting.

Each Park Rep was asked to consider innovative ways to address the problem.

Rules

Bats

Following lengthy discussion, the EB unanimously agreed to the following change to Playing Rule 5 as follows:

5.1. The official bats used in this League will be those specified on the ASA Approved Bat List at the beginning of each season, which will not be modified during a season.

5.1.1 Legal bats for the 2009-2010 season must be listed by the ASA on its approved bat list as published on July 3, 2008, or have been approved subsequent to that date for slow-pitch use by ASA.

5.1.2 Any bat listed on the ASA non-approved bat list published on July 3, 2008 is illegal and cannot be used in league games.

5.1.3 If a bat does not appear on either the ASA approved bat list or the ASA non-approved bat list as published on July 3, 2008, it is illegal and cannot be used in league games unless it has been approved subsequent to that date for slow-pitch use by ASA.

A request was made to have both the approved and non-approved bat lists posted on the website. The secretary acknowledged that he had failed to do so, and would "git-r-done". No completion date was promised.

Batter-Runner Advisory

SSUSA Rule change: If a batter/runner reaches first base and touches the white portion while a play is being made by the defense at first base, the umpire shall call the batter/runner out. Touching the wrong bag is no longer an appeal play.

New Business

20th Anniversary

The very first Sun & Fun Game was played in January of 1992. We will complete our 20th season in March of 2011. The Operating Committee recommends that the league recognize this event.

The OC suggested an "Old-Timers" Game (ain't we all) and gathering for the entire league.

The EB was asked to begin thinking about an event that would appropriately capture both the history and the spirit of Sun & Fun.

Divisional Alignment for 2009-2010

The Vice President and Secretary presented the Operating Committee's alignment proposal for the fall of 2009. (See Appendix 2). It was the product of the input from every Park Rep and the final standings from the 2008-2009 season.

The President explained that the alignment represents an attempt to be flexible . . . recognizing that things usually change during the summer (the addition of new teams and the departure of others).

The alignment will enable all communities to begin planning for next year.

Fall Executive Board Meetings

Continental Country Club offered to host the 1st meeting on either October 2nd or 6th based on room availability. Time to be determined.

Water Oak offered to host the 2nd meeting on either October 27th or 30th based on room availability. Time to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer

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Appendix 1

Community Representatives in Attendance

Clerbrook - Curt Shaffer
Continental - Gene Underwood
Del Webb - Ron Pike / Dan Bird (new)
Hawthorne - Gary Butler
Holiday Travel - Dave Harrod
Lakes at Leesburg - Jim Spaulding
Legacy - Absent
Pennbrooke - Rick Fetty
Plantation - Mike VanNostrand
Royal Highlands - Larry Reinker
Spruce Creek - John West
Stonecrest - Donn Huntington / Rich Gyger (new)
Summer Glen - Dennis Marks for Had Dod
Sunlake - Jim Milligan
Water Oak - John Betts

Officers & Division Reps

Dave Sparrow, President
John Martucci, Vice President
Paul Malashevitz, Sec-Treas.

Division Representatives

D1 - Rick Smith (absent)
D2 - Jim Milligan
D3 - Richard Bohn
D4 - Jim Spaulding
D5 - Bill Gardiner

2009-2010 Divisional Alignment

Division 1

Pennbrooke, Water Oak, SummerGlen, Del Webb, Plantation, Royal Highlands, Spruce Creek, Legacy

Division 2

Clerbrook, Stonecrest¹, Continental, Sunlake, Del Webb (2), Holiday Travel, Pennbrooke

Division 3

Plantation, Stonecrest, Water Oak, Del Webb, Holiday Travel, Pennbrooke²

Division 4

Royal Highlands, Spruce Creek, Hawthorne, Plantation, Lakes at Leesburg, Stonecrest, SummerGlen

Division 5

Sunlake, Water Oak, Holiday Travel, Del Webb, Pennbrooke, Plantation, Spruce Creek

Notes:

1. Placement of Stonecrest in Division 2 is made in light of the fact that it has been avowed that the following men will not be playing in Sun & Fun next year: Abrams, Falcinelli, Bell, Cantrell, Pennington, Huntington and Cofone. In recognition of the precedent set by the EB last fall that permitted Del Webb to drop a Division 1 team, the OC believes that the departure of the listed players would make placement of Stonecrest in Division 1 inappropriate.

2. The OC recognizes that 6 team divisions are not desirable, but sometimes are necessary. Division 1 and Division 4 have each had a 6 team Division in the past. The OC hopes and expects that the addition of one or more teams to the league may alter this situation.