

Sun and Fun Senior Softball League Meeting Minutes

Water Oak 9:00am

October 27, 2009

Prior to the Start of the Meeting All Communities Paid Dues for the 2009-2010 Season.

Call to Order Dave Sparrow called the meeting to order at 9:04am.

Roll Call Present: All Officers. All Division Reps. All Communities. See Appendix 1

Approval of Minutes Mike VanNostrand moved acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 2, 2009 as published. Jim Spaulding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Paul reported income since the October 2nd meeting as \$90 (Del Webb Dues) and expenditures of \$25 for meeting host Continental. The current balance is \$582.96 excluding dues received prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's report was accepted with no questions. (Reminder: the Treasurer's Report is available on the website).

President's Comments

Dave commented on the following areas of concern:

- o The late departure of teams from the league forcing three reconstructions of the league schedule. Three teams (LG - D4, RH - D4, HT - D5) withdrew within the last 2 weeks. Dave thanked Pam Malashevitz for her work.
- o League Integrity: The league's success is dependent upon the unity of all communities and the willingness for each to put the league ahead of selfish interests. He cited the sacrifices made by Lakes at Leesburg in the past, as well as the current cooperation of Royal Highlands Division 1, SummerGlen Division 3 and Water Oak Division 4. Dave further noted the integrity exhibited by Del Webb by balancing team skills when they had 2 teams in the same division.
- o Player Safety: Dave again urged all pitchers to wear personal protective equipment.
- o Umpires:
 1. Dave discussed bad calls (they will happen), and urged all managers to control situations when they occur. In particular, he spoke of the need to strive to avoid intimidation of the umpires by players and fans.
 2. Dave thanked Rich Gyger (ST) for hosting the clinic on October 23rd, and encouraged those communities who had not sent umpires to that clinic to attend the clinic to be held on October 28th at Plantation.
- o Dave challenged the Park Reps to come up with new ideas aimed at maintaining the league's vibrancy in the face of player aging. He gave the following examples and encouraged all ideas as being worthy of consideration.
 1. To end debate over illegal bats, have the home team provide bats that would be used by both teams during a game.
 2. Add a 70+ Division
 3. Commemorate the League's 20th Anniversary. First games were played on January 7, 1992. First season ended on March 13, 1992. This will be our 19th season. Our 20th season will begin in the fall of 2010 and end in March 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Report on Water Oak Player Request Vote

The Water Oak Request for Carl Scott (age 60) of Lady Lake was approved by an email vote of the Park Reps 9-0.

All Star Game

Royal Highlands has exercised its right to host the 4th Annual Memorial All Star Games on February 20, 2010. First right of refusal next year is Hawthorne, followed by Legacy and Pennbrooke. (Appendix 2)

Year End Tournament

Park Rep Dan Bird indicated that Del Webb would again organize the year-end tournament that will begin on March 22, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Playing Rule Changes

Playing Rule 4.2

Old Rule

4.2 When there is a play being made at 1st base, the runner can be called out for not observing the runner's line or for not stepping on the red base in a run-by situation. Otherwise, the runner may touch the white or red base and advance toward 2nd base. After a run-by, he does not have to return to 1st base before advancing to 2nd.

Jim Milligan (SL) moved and Dave Harrod (HT) seconded that Playing Rule 4.2 be amended to read:

4.2 When there is a play being made at 1st base, the runner can be called out for not observing the runner's line. When a play is being made at first base and the red bag is not obstructed, if the batter/runner touches any portion of the white bag it is an automatic out. If no play is being made at first base, the runner may touch the white or red base and advance toward 2nd base. After a run-by, he does not have to return to 1st base before advancing to 2nd.

Following discussion, the change was approved by a roll call vote of 14-1. Hawthorne voted against.

New Playing Rule 5.9

Gary Butler (HW) moved and Dan Bird (DW) seconded a motion to add Playing Rule 5.9 to read as follows: "All bats should be free of burrs, dents and visible cracks. If a bat has a burr, dent or visible crack the bat shall be removed from competition."

Following discussion, the new rule was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Requests for Roster Additions

Water Oak (John Betts) requested the right to add:

- Monty Tousignaut of Lady Lake (age 60) to be the 12th player on WO Division 3 Roster. Following discussion, approval was granted by a roll call vote of 11-4. Voting against: Holiday Travel, Pennbrooke, Plantation and SummerGlen.
- Resident Bob Russo to the WO Division 2 Roster.
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Following discussion, approval was granted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Continental Country Club (Mike Dineen) requested the right to add to their Division 2 Roster:

Jerry Anderson (age 66) non-resident to be the 26th player and
Darryl Strickland (age 58) non resident to be the 27th player.

Following discussion, one roll call vote was taken covering both players.

Approval was denied by a vote of 12-3.

Voting in favor: Continental, Legacy and Sunlake.

At 10:16 the Executive Board Recessed to the Divisional Managers' Meetings

At 10:38 the Executive Board Resumed it's meeting.

Secretary's Announcements

- o The secretary announced that he has received the last of the community contacts for the 2009-2010 season, and that the Contact List would be emailed to everyone within 24 hours.
- o The secretary distributed "how to" game reporting guidelines to the managers. He noted that while the home team is responsible for emailing the report, the visiting team manager has the responsibility to provide the names of his players (first and last names correctly spelled) to the home team manager.
- o The secretary reminded everyone that games that are not played must be reported promptly.

Spring Meeting Volunteers

The Park Reps were asked to volunteer to host one of the two Spring 2010 Executive Board Meetings.

- o The first should be held on either Tuesday, March 2nd or Friday, March 5th.
- o The second meeting should be scheduled (following the tournament) on either Tuesday, March 30th or Friday, April 2nd.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer

Appendix 1

Community Representatives in Attendance

Clerbrook - Curt Shaffer
Continental - Mike Dineen
Del Webb - Dan Bird
Hawthorne - Gary Butler
Holiday Travel - Dave Harrod
Lakes at Leesburg - Jim Spaulding
Legacy - John Graffeo
Pennbrooke - Les Moore
Plantation - Mike VanNostrand
Royal Highlands - Larry Reinker
Spruce Creek - John West
Stonecrest - Rich Gyger
Summer Glen - Al Cleveland (new)
Sunlake - Jim Milligan
Water Oak - John Betts

Officers & Division Reps

Dave Sparrow, President
Hal Dod, Vice President
Paul Malashevitz, Sec-Treas.

Division Representatives

D1 - Rick Smith
D2 - Jim Milligan
D3 - Jim Holzworth for
Paul Carfagna
D4 - Jim Spaulding
D5 - Mark Skigen

Appendix 2

All Star Game Rotating Schedule

1. Holiday Travel 2007
2. Water Oak 2008
3. Spruce Creek 2009
4. Royal Highlands 2010
5. Hawthorne
6. Legacy
7. Pennbrooke
8. Stonecrest
9. Continental
10. SummerGlen
11. Del Webb
12. Clerbrook
13. Sunlake
14. Lakes at Leesburg
15. Plantation