

Sun and Fun Senior Softball League Meeting Minutes

Continental Country Club

March 29, 2011

Call to order: Hal Dod, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Attendance:

All Officers – President, Hal Dod, Vice President – Rick Smith, Secretary – Jim Adams, Treasurer – Al Cleveland
All Community Representatives, with the exception of Jeff Russell of Legacy.
Frank Bianco of Stonecrest sat in for Rich Gyger of Stonecrest.
Division Representatives, with the exception of Kevin Cheeks of Del Webb.
Ron Tardio, representing Royal Highlands, was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2011 Meeting:

A motion was made by Mike Dineen of Continental Country Club to approve, and was seconded by Frank Bianco of Stonecrest to approve the minutes as printed. All were in favor.

Del Webb Tournament Comments:

Dan Bird thanked all the communities who hosted the divisional tournaments. He advised that he had received many positive comments from people at the tournament, and felt that everyone had enjoyed themselves and had fun in the tournament.

Summer League:

It was asked by Hal Dod how many communities would have a team this year in the summer league. About six teams were indicated. It was decided to leave the format the same this year as in prior years due to the small number of teams not lending itself to breaking down into two divisions. There was no interest in extending the summer league into September.

Equal Teams If More Than One Team In A Division And Keeping Players At Their Correct Skill Level:

Dan Bird, Community Representative of Del Webb, advised the selection procedure followed by Del Webb with players having to play at the level they are selected. Frank Bianco, acting Community Representative of Stonecrest, advised that Stonecrest only allowed a 70+ year old player to play down one level from his skill level.

Scheduling:

It was asked if there could be inter-division play next year to break up the monotony of playing everyone in the division so many times. The results of the inter-division play would not be counted, and would be for fun only. This was discussed and was tabled for later. It was thought that it may be a scheduling problem and further review would be necessary to see if this was feasible.

New Teams Next Year:

Hal Dod, President, asked if there were any new teams planned for next year. There is a possibility of having five new teams in the league next year. This will be finalized at the fall meeting before the season starts.

Open Division:

The idea of having an open division was discussed with the open division players:

Using non-ASA bats and balls of the division's choice.

Players of any community being able to opt out of playing depending on their choice.

Communities being able to put in one team from that community, or smaller communities' players, who wished to play in this division, being able to bond together with other communities' players, who wished to play in this division, to form a team to play in the division.

After much discussion, it was asked how many players in the league would be interested in such a division. Around thirty-eight players would probably be interested, per the Community Representatives, and it was felt

there would not be enough players to form a division. It was advised that players who wanted this to happen should set up their own league on a different day than Sun & Fun plays.

Umpire Training:

The need for better umpire training was brought up, and a recommendation was made for umpires throughout the league be required to attend at least one training session (with two or three sessions set up each year at different locations) per year and be required to carry a Sun & Fun certification card showing that they had attended one of these training sessions. It was also advised that every umpire be given a copy of the Sun & Fun Playing Rules. There was general agreement on these recommendations, but no formal rules put in place regarding them.

Eligibility For Playing In The End Of Year Tournament:

Dan Bird, Community Representative of Del Webb, the tournament chairman was asked to clarify who is eligible for playing in the end of year tournament at Del Webb. Dan advised that he is working on a clarification of this eligibility and would have an answer at the fall meeting regarding this.

Reward For Winning A Division:

Al Cleveland, Treasurer, advised that there is a \$50 reward for the community who wins each division. He asked each winning team to E-Mail him who to send the check to.

Bats:

Dan Bird, Community Representative of Del Webb, made a motion to have each home team put five different weight bats on the rack for each game and both teams use only those bats in the game. No one seconded the motion, and the motion was defeated.

Fall Meeting Prior To The Season:

The fall meeting will be held at Continental Country Club on September 13, 2011, at 10:00 am in the lounge. Each team manager is asked to bring this year's roster and the roster for the new season so serious discussion can be held on where their team fits in the divisional alignment. Someone from each community needs to bring the player contracts for that community, and player waivers for all players need to be brought to that meeting.

Items Not Discussed – To Be Left For Future If Interest In Changing:

Three seasons instead of two as it currently is.

Playing summer games at 6:30 pm.

Three divisions instead of two as it currently is.

Splitting the league into two divisions – north and south.

Rotation of starting times between divisions.

Any changes to bats/balls used.

Resignations: [\(Revised per J. Adams 04-18-11\)](#)

~~President – Hal Dod, Vice President – Rick Smith, Secretary – Jim Adams, and Treasurer – Al Cleveland offered their resignations as officers at the end of the meeting.~~ President – Hal Dod, Vice President – Rick Smith, Secretary – Jim Adams, and Treasurer – Al Cleveland advised they would not be running for another term in office, and offered their resignations effective at the end of their 1-year term.

Motion To Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn by Frank Bianco, acting Community Representative of Stonecrest, and seconded by Curt Shaffer, Community Representative of Clerbrook and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Jim Adams – Secretary of Sun & Fun League