

## Minutes - Sun and Fun League - Executive Board 4-6-12

Meeting was called to order by President Mike VanNostrand at 10:00 AM

Attendance was taken and all 16 communities were represented:

Clerbrook - Curt Schaffer  
Continental - Mike Dineen  
Del Webb - Jim MacFarlane  
Hawthorne - Bill Bibler  
Holiday Travel - Don Hartig  
Lakes at Leesburg - Jim Spaulding  
Legacy - Jeff Russell  
Pennbrooke - Larry Cannon  
Plantation - Gary Beul  
Royal Harbor - Bob Francesconi  
Royal Highlands - Charlie Sovern  
Spruce Creek - Carmen DiCocco  
Stonecrest - Rich Gyger  
Summer Glen - Dave Rinaldo  
Sunlake - Russ Crouch  
Water Oak - Frank Van Mol

The following officers and Division representatives were in attendance:

Mike VanNostrand - President  
Jim Milligan - Vice President  
Dan Bird - Secretary  
Kevin Cheeks - Division 1 representative

A motion was made by to accept the minutes as posted on the website. Dan Bird stated that the minutes needed to be amended from last meeting. He had omitted the statement that Paul Malashevitz had agreed to continue working on the website for the next year after we made the necessary changes to facilitate his work. The group then approved the minutes.

Treasurers Report: After today's payments to teams for the Divisional awards the balance in the treasury is \$843.28. Today's provisions provided by Continental need to be deducted from this amount.

Mike VanNostrand commended that the season went well as far as makeup games. There were very few makeup games due to the fine winter weather.

Mike VanNostrand commended that the website is still being manned by Paul Malashevitz and in recognition of this fact, he suggested that the league award Paul a stipend for his fine work. After discussion, the group agreed that the Sun and Fun league will pay Paul Malashevitz \$400.00 for his efforts. There was discussion that there probably will be a dues increase per team next year to handle increased expense, but the issue was table until the fall meetings.

Mike brought up the issue of the relaxed step again. It has been discussed at every meeting in the last couple of years. A motion was made by Don Sprout that the Sun and Fun put on an umpire clinic to be attended by one individual from each community, either a field representative or a lead umpire. This individual would then return to instruct all of the umpires in their community on what is expected of a Sun and Fun umpire. This motion was seconded by Curt Shaffer. There was extended discussion about umpiring (good and bad) and the differences between the different leagues that the umpires are asked to work. After the discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Mike pointed out that the umpires have a printed card with the things that they are required to do prior to a ballgame, including checking bats, pointing our ground rules and noting that the relaxed step is in effect in the Sun and Fun league.

Mike VanNostrand asked for a roll call of communities that had teams to play in the summer league. Three teams, Del Webb, Spruce Creek and Stonecrest had teams available to play this summer. I was decided that there would be no Sun and Fun league this summer.

During a short break the Division Representatives returned the player contract to each community representative.

Mike VanNostrand asked for a roll call of communities to confirm that teams would be returning next season. All 40 present teams are believed to be returning and there are three (3) new teams possibly from our present community members. Mike also reported that he has been approached by Recreation Plantation and Summit Green about entering teams into the Sun and Fun league.

New business:

The Del Webb tournament was discussed with many nice comments about the tournament games held at all of the sites. There was discussion about the changes in the tournament schedule this year with the tournament being extended later in the week. There was also discussion concerning the lack of payments to the umpires at the host tournament locations. Jim MacFarlane explained that the increase expenses of programs, balls and supplies did not allow payment of umpires.

Mike VanNostrand brought up Article VII in the league Constitution, which reads: "There shall be no more than 5 divisions and no more than 40 teams". After some discussion about the future of the Sun and Fun, Don Sprout made a motion that the Sun and Fun constitution be changed to read "There shall be no more than 6 division and no more than 48 teams." Dave Rinaldo seconded the motion and the remaining 15 representatives voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Mike, also, discussed changing article IIIB in the constitution, which lists the member communities because Royal Highland and Royal Harbor are not included. It was decided to table this matter until the fall meetings and we can add all member communities at that time. Jim Milligan is looking at other items in the constitution that need to be updated and they will also be addressed in the fall.

Mike opened the floor for discussion of Divisional realignment. Mike had 2 proposals

(1) Start at the bottom of division 5 and count up 8 for Division 5, next 8 for division 4, next 8 for division 3, etc.

(2) Combine and balance Del Webb divisions 1,1,2 and 3 for 4 teams, Stonecrest divisions 1 and 3 for 2 teams and SummerGlen divisions 1 and 3 for 2 teams. That would be the north division and the south division would include Legacy, Water Oak, Continental, Clerbrook, Plantation, Royal Highland, Spruce Creek and Sun Lake.

There was much discussion concerning Division 1 status. Division 2 was very competitive the past year and it was felt that none of the teams in Division 2 could compete in Division 1. It was suggested that the league search for other teams to play in Division 1. Dave Rinaldo is going to approach the teams at Ocala Baptist to see if there is any interest. Kevin Cheeks is going to check with contacts to see if there is any interest in the Villages about putting teams in the Sun and Fun.

Pennbrooke, Royal Highlands, Plantation and Clerbrook have players playing in the Lake league but there does not seem to be any interest in playing in the Sun and Fun. There will be a meeting on May 8th at Del Webb ( 9:30AM) to determine the status of division 1 going into the next season.

If there is no resolution or additions to division 1, rather that have a 4 team league it was discussed to have a Super 2 division as mentioned in the divisional alignment proposal 2 mentioned above. The exception to that proposal would be 2 Del Webb teams, 1 Stonecrest and 1 SummerGlen team added to 4 other teams from the list to form 2 separate Division leagues.

The next Executive board meeting will be on October 9th, at Continental Country Club, the time will be determined at a later date.

There will be an Operating Committee meeting in September, to be determined.

Respectfully submitted:

Dan Bird

Sun and Fun secretary

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