

## 2026 SFSSI Annual Meeting

**Date:** April 1, 2026

**Place:** Del Webb

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Call to order by President Steve Hatfield**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Continental, Clerbrook, Del Webb, Hawthorne, Holiday RV Village, Lakes@Leesburg, Legacy, Pennbrooke, Plantation, Recreation Plantation, Royal Highlands, Spruce Creek, Sunlake, Stonecrest, SummerGlen, Water Oak. Clerbrook did not have a representative at the meeting.

**Field of Dreams:**

- Stonecrest: John Dunn, Pennbrooke: Jerry Gilkey, Lakes@Leesburg: Ken Byerly, Spruce Creek: Doug Brady.
- Tom Myers gave a presentation on his 5-year project collecting names from communities that have played for more than 10 years and are still active, or are deceased. The extensive list will be sent to all the communities in the near future.

**Minutes:**

- The minutes from January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted on motions by Lakes @ Leesburg and SummerGlen

**Treasurer's Report:**

- The Treasurer's report was accepted on motions made by Plantation and Sunlake.

**Umpire Clinic Report: Bob Andrews**

- Bob reviewed the current state of the umpires over the past season and has answered many questions throughout this year.
- Bob mentioned the lack of league rule knowledge among many of the managers and is looking into making all the managers and park representatives attend an umpire clinic. Bob also suggested that, once a clinic is attended, each community hold a mini clinic with their umpires and managers to ensure the current rules are understood.
- Clinics for the 2026-27 season will be held in the fall and January.

**Webmaster Report:**

- President Hatfield reported that the league had an assistant webmaster, but due to family issues, the assistant will not be able to help at this time. The league continues to look for a person to assist Maryann.
- President Hatfield once again mentioned that all player contracts, waivers, and rosters will be available on the website and secured, with access for managers and division representatives in each division.

### **Old Business:**

- President Hatfield talked about the mid-season changes that did not work as planned.
- The current grandfathered rules were discussed by the secretary, including how the rule came about, the history of some of the grandfathered players, and the league removing the grandfather rule in January of 2026, with the opportunity for communities to grandfather players who have recently moved, which created a cutout for recreational communities.

### **New Business:**

- A two-season schedule for the league was discussed by President Hatfield one before Christmas and one after the New Year's break. This will be studied by opcomm this summer.
- The opcomm will be bringing in all park representatives during the alignment of the divisions to ensure the opcomm receives the correct information before final alignment.
- Opcomm will continue to meet throughout the summer and early fall, working on alignment and document revisions, additions, or removals suggested by communities.
- Hawthorne's review of the game was terrific, with Royal Highlands hosting in 2027
- The league acknowledged the service of Bill Bibler, who has been Hawthorne's representative for many years.
- Bob Andrews was reelected for another two-year term as Vice President.
- Butch Bergeron will become an administrative assistant working with Bob Andrews on the duties associated with being vice president.
- The revision presented to the Board on revising League Rule II: Rosters 2.2, adding 2.2(a), 2.2(b), and 3. (a) was approved by recorded vote and will be incorporated into the league rules. Revised changes are on the website.
- Each park needs to let the opcomm know some indication of where their teams should be positioned.
- The issue of each community field meeting the standard set forth by the league, and how the league determines that.

### **Championship Trophies:**

Division 1: Stonecrest, Division 2: Water Oak, Division 3: Del Webb(b), Division 4: Holiday Village,

Division 5: Water Oak, Division 6: Spruce Creek, Division 7: Water Oak

### **Correspondence:**

- Each community must provide the secretary with an assessment of where their respective teams should be placed in alignment for the 2026-27 by May 1<sup>st</sup> in writing.
- Any suggestion on improving, revamping, eliminating, or adding to SFSSI-approved documents must be submitted to the league secretary in writing by May 1<sup>st</sup>. documenting the reasoning you believe changes will benefit the SFSSI

### **Opcomm Summer Agenda**

- Season review
- Going to a two-season schedule, fall and winter
- Reducing the number of divisions for the 2026-27 season
- Review submitted revisions or additions to league documents
- Initial snapshot of alignment of all divisions for the 2026-27 schedule
- Community input on where their teams should be aligned
- A community-based no-slide policy, and the guidance by the league, if enacted.
- Second review by the committee on alignment with park rep involvement.
- Alignment sent to all communities for approval
- Possible appeals.
- Final alignment

### **Postscript:**

Sun and Fun Senior Softball, Inc. (SFSSI) does not sanction, nor does it partner with any member or non-member communities when it comes to pre- or post-season tournaments.

### **SFSSI Domain:**

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Jim Milligan,

SFSSI Secretary-Treasurer

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