

2023 SSFI Annual Meeting

Date: April 11, 2023

Place: Continental

Time: 12:00 to 3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Al Smith

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Clerbrook, Continental, Del Webb, Hawthorne, Holiday RV Village, Lakes @ Leesburg, Legacy, Pennbrooke, Plantation, Recreation Plantation, Royal Highlands, Spruce Creek, Stonecrest, SummerGlen, Sunlake, Water Oak.

Field of Dreams: Mitch Silver (WO), Buddy Dawson (SL), Ron Pells (HW)

Approval for changes to the Constitution: Approved by voice vote on motions made by Sunlake, and Del Webb.

Minutes:

- The minutes of the mid-season meeting in January. Were approved on a voice vote on motions made by Sunlake and Hawthorne

Treasurer's Report:

- Was approved by voice vote on motions by Hawthorne and Pennbrooke

Web Master Report:

- Maryann reported that the site activities went well this season

Umpire review Bob Andrews:

- 2022-2023 season went very well but some changes will be made to the criteria for the upcoming sessions. 196 certified this past season, and 3 clinics planned for the fall, along with a January clinic at Sunlake.

Old Business:

- All-Star Game at Sunlake went very well and Pennbrooke is up for the 2024 game.
- Approved game ball, Batter's box dimensions, and lateral movement of players within communities with multiple teams in the same division will be reviewed by the opcomm this summer.
- Presentation of championship trophies: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5A, D5B, D6A, and D6B was made by President Al Smith, along with the Dark Vader award to Cleerbrook.
- The Executive Board presented Al with the SFSSI Recognition award for his 4-year tenure and dedication to the league.

- President Smith reviewed his 4-year tenure, noting the many improvements the league has gone through, the league’s future, and the fact that more younger folks need to get involved in the operations of the league going forward.
- The use of any 44/375 optic yellow is extended for one additional year to allow the opcomm to investigate what the league should use during 2024-25. On a motion by Sunlake and Water Oak, the motion was passed.
- Tom Myers presented the results of a project he was asked to undertake to look at those members still active after 15 consecutive years in membered communities. Several communities have responded but Tom still needs the remaining communities to respond by August 1st.

Election of officers:

- President: Bob Falzone was elected as President for a two-year term.
- Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Milligan was elected to remain as Secretary-Treasurer for an additional two-year term.
- Bob Andrews will complete his term as Vice President

New Business:

- Flatwood was approved to continue on in division one as Club Team for the 2023-24 season.
- Jim Milligan reviewed his proposal to reduce the dues for the 2023-24 season to \$25.00 for teams that finished the season and \$50.00 for new teams and \$50.00 for teams that dropped out during this playing season.
- Motions to allow D1 team managers to discuss the use of outside players was made by Sunlake and Holiday Village and carried by voice vote.

All-Star Game Communities:

(Completed)

(Pending)

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| • Continental: (2015) | Legacy: (Opted out 2020) | Sunlake: (2023) |
| • Plantation: (2016) | Clerbrook: (2020) | Pennbrooke: (2024) |
| • SummerGlen: (2017) | Holiday Village: (2021) | Spruce Creek: (2025) |
| • Del Webb: (2018) | Stonecrest: (2022) | Rec. Plantation: (2026) |
| • Water Oak: (2019) | Lakes @ Leesburg: (Opted out 2023) | Hawthorne: (2027) |

Alignment Criteria 2023-24 Season

- Proposed alignment by opcomm TBD, place
- Review by communities: Date TBD
- Appeals to alignment: Must be in written form, including rosters from the past and upcoming season
- Final review and acceptance by the executive board (park reps) at the first meeting in October date: TBD
- Opcomm committee availability for the 2023-24 summer sessions:
- D1. Bill Stoltenberg (No) D2. Dan Tremaine (Yes), D3. Bill Chrisco (Yes), D4. Steve DeBroeck (Yes), D5. Maryann Bubelnik (Yes), D6. Darlene Barney (No).
- Opcomm: Larry Cagle will represent D6 at the opcomm meetings this summer

Opcomm agenda summer 2023

- Review all new requests for document revisions or additions
- Approved ball and manufacturer for the 23-24 season (44/375, 52/300)
- Lateral movement of players within communities with multiple teams in the same division
- Courtesy runner line
- Communities whose community representatives do not attend or provide a replacement at meetings called by the league.
- Alternative home plate run line: “ What is it, and where is it going to be placed”
- Run by rule, 2nd base only.
- Mandatory pitching screen by league rule
- Umpire Clinics – Run by SSCI, not individual communities
- Player conduct that is not consistent with league guideline
- Use of illegal/altered non-approved bats
- Review of league rule 1.6:
1.6 Teams dropping from the league without justifiable cause during the scheduled playing season will be subject to a \$100.00 fine, which is reviewable by the Executive Board, and will be placed back into the same division the next playing season if they apply for reinstatement.
Add: Communities who have dropped a team during an SFSSI playing season will pay an additional \$100.00 fee to reapply for the admittance of the dropped team or any additional community team into the SFSSI. (JM) (2023 opcomm review)
- Length of game time in D5 and D6
- Post-season tournaments using SSCI rules and affiliated communities, where SSCI is not involved directly. Using the phrase in conjunction with the SFSSI will give the league oversight on bad behavior. Tournament rules in addition to SFSSI will be optional