

**St. Lucie County Senior Softball League
Board of Directors Meeting
Riverdale, Paso Park
December 6, 2024**

Members Present:

- Commissioner Joe
- 1. Cascades - Mike K. & Anthony
- 2. Golden Ponds - Lil' Joe & Tony
- 3. Riptide - Joe R. & Jerry (on Conference Call)
- 4. Spanish Lakes - Mike M. Rubin - Mike D.
- 5. Tutto Fresco – Bob Burbank
- 6. Vecter of Vero - Scott
- 7. The Grove Gators & Steve and Elliot

The meeting was held at Riverland, Paso Park. The Commissioner highlighted the park amenities, bathrooms, field conditions, and a dog park. It was also discussed again that batting practice would be conducted on the infield and not the foul lines of the respected dugouts. In the interest of time, there was a discussion of taking three swings or five per batter for pregame hitting. The decision will be made by the opposing managers before the game.

There was some discussion about changing the age limit for the league, which was quickly turned down.

The Treasurer reported that he was looking for funds from Vecter and Grove and couldn't provide umpire fees until then. The Commissioner requested that the signed applications be handed to the Secretary. Riptide and Grove need screens, and it was suggested that the opposing teams that have the standard screen should provide them for those games.

Also, any screen that was broken or needed replacement may be able to be replaced by a net per the Treasurer.

The Commissioner mentioned a celebration of life for Dave Messer to be held on December 15 at the community center in Jensen Beach at 3 p.m. For this, a plaque will be presented to the League MVP (Dave Messner MVP award). The Commissioner asked for an update on rosters: Grove 22, Vecter unknown, Rubin 20, Draft House 18, Tutto Fresco 16, Cascades 16, Riptide 25.

The webmaster is seeking emails for league communications. The President requested that those emails not be shown on the webpage. Emails will be used for end-of-year surveys. The Commissioner requested that all managers carry emergency contact information for each player. The webmaster asked the home team to send in the final score via text to 917.887.8777. Also discussed was that the home team manager will provide field conditions to the opposing manager before the game when the weather is in question.

There was discussion on paying umpires who are players from other teams that are on a "bye," to fill in if needed. Most managers agreed they wouldn't be paid or wouldn't even consider taking a fee.

There was discussion on the one-ball, one-strike count, and that vote was defeated and will be brought up next year.

The Commissioner discussed the playoff schedule, and again, it was decided that what was discussed at the prior meeting would stand as this year's playoff format.

The Commissioner brought to our attention that the next meeting could be a Zoom call. We have tabled this for further discussion.

Secretary of the Board

Mike