## St. Lucie County Senior Softball League Board of Directors Meeting Riverdale, Paso Park November 7, 2025

Members Present: Meeting was held at Recovery Grill on November 7<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were: Rob Peck, Mike Maier, Joey Leydens, Mike Keleher, Brandt Batchelor, Jerry Murphy, Anthony Vallone, and Joe Smith.

The President discussed a sponsor form for businesses seeking a write-off deduction.

Treasurer reported that the league was buying a screen for The Hammers since the company that makes them is back in business—also reported that the cost to the league is \$6,000.00.

The league fee was set at \$1,000 per team. Each manager can determine how they will collect \$1000. Uniforms, balls other than game balls, and screens are the team's responsibility.

There is no change in the player application, even though the cost per player is \$45. The player application will be discussed next year.

The latest player count is Rubin 18, Hammers 14 with six on call, Lowther Funeral 16, Riptide 19, Cascades 19, and Draft House 19.

Anthony reported that he has been working with county officials regarding opening day and trying to move it up by a week. Quincy opens January 2, for Field #1 only. Sandhill Crane opens January 7.

The President determined that the playoffs would start on March 18.

December 15<sup>th</sup> is the roster deadline after which no players can be added. A copy of the roster must be submitted to the Secretary on or before that date.

To determine which team is the home team at Quincy, a coin toss will take place. The exception is that Lowther will be home since it's their field, unless it's a doubleheader, in which case each team will be home for one game.

In the review, it was determined that a safety base will be used adjacent to first base, similar to the one at Sand Hill Crane.

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Any injured player that is in the lineup and such a team has no substitute shall be called out, going through the batting order for the first time and thereafter skipped. (final rules need updating).

If an injured player is taken out, they cannot return to the game.

Umpires will call a non-pitch a ball or strike if there is a delay in the batter getting to the plate or if the defensive team is not ready. This is a topic to discuss at home plate with the umpire and both managers. Also to be addressed are the ground rules of the playing field.

Exceptional circumstances may arise during a game that may conflict with the rules, for example, multiple players are injured or other conflicts with the rules. If both managers cannot agree on these special circumstances, then the umpire will enforce the league playing rules.

The schedule will determine the home team, and the home team will pay the umpires.

The next meeting will be in December.

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