

**St. Lucie County Senior Softball League
Board of Directors Meeting
St. Lucie Draft House
October 25, 2024**

Members Present:

1. Joe Smith (Commissioner)
2. Mike Maier (Secretary to the Board & Assistant Manager: St. Lucie Draft House)
3. Jerry Murphy (Webmaster & Team Manager: The Riptide)
4. Mike Keleher (Treasurer to the Board & General Manager: Cascades)
5. Bob Burbank (Team Manager: Tutto Fresco)
6. Mike Drahos (Team Manager: Rubin Partners)
7. Scott Donaldson (Team Manager: Vector of Vero)

Other team representatives:

- Lynn Leiterman (Assistant: St. Lucie Draft House)
- Anthony Vallone (Team Manager: Cascades)
- Joe Roberto (General Manager: The Riptide)
- Ron Barber (Assistant: Rubin Partners)
- Elliott Lanaido (Assistant: The Grove Gators)

The Secretary read the minutes, and the Board approved.

The Treasurer reported the backup balls are in and under a/c.

Vector received a pitching screen, and one was ordered for The Grove.

Whoever needs the first base mats, contact Mike, who will order them.

The season will open in January, but Lyngate is closed until Jan 11.

Sandhill needs a list of scheduled games for the season and the number of fields to be ready. It was reported that fields were dragged but not used last year.

The Commissioner discussed an MVP award in Dave Messner's honor. Each team would elect an MVP and present an award in Dave's honor. This would be an annual award.

The Commissioner acknowledged the St. Lucie Draft House and thanked the day manager, Kathleen, for the sponsorship.

President asked for team roster counts:

- 15 Cascades,
- 17 Tuto Frisco,
- 15 Draft House,
- 15 Vector,
- Grove 23-25,
- Rubin 20, and
- Riptide 23.

There was some discussion on players under 60 being allowed to play, but all agreed it would open a can of worms, and there were always women who could be picked up.

The General Manager will be listed on the website, but no Co-Manager will be listed.

The Webmaster seeks player names and uniform numbers, asking all teams to send them to him.

The Secretary has requested that all the signed registration forms be turned in to him.

The Webmaster asked each team manager again to verify if they have nine home and nine away games listed on the website.

There was a request to have the umpires at the next board meeting in November.

The Commissioner handed out the options for the playoffs and who gets a bye with the odd number of teams. Managers agreed that all teams should make the playoffs, and this would be inserted into the rules.

There was some discussion on player substitution, but it was decided that you can make any defensive substitution during the game. However, players in the original batting order that are substituted for must be reentered into the same position in the original batting order, and substitutes can only enter the batting order once. Once a substitute is replaced in the order by a starter, he is out of the game. A substitute that is no longer allowed to return to the batting order will still be allowed to pinch run.

There was a discussion on how batting practice should be conducted for games. It was left to the managers to decide, but Paseo Park will have teams all hit from the batter box.

- Nothing was voted on or decided; it was just a general discussion and will continue as we progress toward the season.

Other topics were discussed, including sponsorships and status. As we gain more sponsors, it was suggested that the Board Meeting should rotate to those respected establishments.

The Commissioner told us that the next meeting could be a Zoom call. We tabled this for further discussion.