



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING Minutes

August 2nd, 2022-6pm @ The Mizell Center- Meeting Room (480 S. Sunrise Way)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Brian Thompson

- a. Review and Update of Contact information for Fall

Brian conducted a roll call of the teams present and asked each team to review the presentative contact information listed on the Fall Team Contacts sheet. The following teams were not present at the meeting (PS RoadRunnerz, Stingers, PS Ballers, and PS Cruizers). Several corrections were noted to the team contacts. An updated file is being sent with the submission of these minutes.

2. Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Brian Thompson

Motion for approval by Scot H. and seconded by David B. Meeting minutes as presented were approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report

Aaron Butcher

Aaron presented the treasurer's report as submitted by outgoing Treasurer, Peter Ho. There were several questions regarding the high cost of t-shirts for the World Series teams participating this year. Vicki H. indicated the cost was higher than it's ever been previously. Peter and Brian responded to Vicki pointing out that a significant sponsor donation had been made to mostly offset the cost of the t-shirts. The net cost to the league was \$500 after factoring in the donation that was specifically ear marked for the creation of these World Series participant shirts. Vicki also raised questions about why this particular shirt was almost \$35 per shirt. Peter answered that the shirt is a jersey and has a full print. Additionally discussion was brought up regarding the umpire fees and being competitive with leagues around us we should consider how to adjust the budget to increase the fees paid to our valuable umpires. Josh indicated that additional sponsorship funds aren't as of yet realized in the budget and that could help offset the cost if we raise umpire fees.

David B. motioned to approve the budget as presented after the discussion, it was seconded by Jeff H. The motion carried unanimously to approve the presented budget.

4. PSGSL Board Transition

Brian Thompson

Brian announced that the board had officially transitioned as of today's meeting in accordance with the league bylaws which states the new board members take affect at the August meeting. He welcomed the new board members to their official roles. He then turned the meeting over to the now new Commissioner, Tim Komazec.

5. Fall Season Updates/Announcements

Tim Komazec

- a. Team intents for Fall season (A Division Player Intent)

All teams present provided intent to play for the Fall season. The A division indicated they have 3-6 players interested in being picked up for the Fall season.

- b. Fall New Player Clinic

Greg Verbeck

Greg announced the new player clinic would be held at Demuth field the weekend following the GSWS. Greg emphasized and strongly encouraged providing a rating to any new player prior to participation in the Fall season, especially if they aren't rated yet under the new system. The clinic would provide an opportunity for a new player to get rated as they will be issuing ratings at this year's clinic. Josh R. asked about a make-up date and Greg indicated there would not be one. Coaches were informed they can also rate the player based on practices and their own assessments prior to the start of the season. Additionally, the Policies and Procedures allows for up to two weeks to prior a finalized rating if the coach hasn't had the opportunity to see the

player enough to provide a rating.

c. Registration/Important Dates

Registration will be open from September 1st-23rd for teams, player registration will open mid-September so that teams can build their rosters for submission. Roster submission deadline date will be announced at a later time. The season is proposed to begin on October 2nd and conclude on Dec. 5th.

d. Fall Ratings Update

There are outstanding ratings reviews from past season, they weren't completed for various reasons including absences at observed games, not playing when observation was scheduled, etc. No observations will occur in the Fall and no protests in the Fall. Any observations, review requests, issues should be brought back to the board.

e. Upper Division Approval

The 3-6 A division players will be picked up by C division teams. It was decided by the coaches present that the best method is to allow the players to choose which team they want to join due to established relationships. It was recommended in the future to look at a draft system.

f. Location, Location, Location

Tim explained that due to seeding and issues with the city being unsure about the timing of this seasonal activity, we aren't able to secure Demuth for the Fall and we are currently seeking other options including the use of Big League Dreams and other public parks. Peter H. proposed Civic Center Park in Palm Desert and another member of the council brought up Freedom park. Tim indicated he would research our other options to bring back to the council.

6. 2022 GSWS- Dallas, TX (8/29-9/3)

Scot Howard

a. Deadlines/Important Dates

All teams competing starting on Tuesday except CDiv Masters will compete starting on Wednesday and A Div will start on Thursday. Must register by the first pitch of the elimination game start. Scot encouraged all managers to carry the usa softball cards that were emailed to all coaches as they may be asked for them. Scot reminded all teams that there is now a \$30 player registration fee and you must have a photo ID to register.

b. Teams attending

Scot announced the teams attending the GSWS in Dallas representing the PSGSL (Rounders 2.0, Boozehound Strikers, Stingers, Greyhounds, Past out Prime, Heat Strokes, and Thunderbirds). He encouraged all teams to please verify and check your rosters to make sure they are absolutely correct. Any changes will cost \$100 per change at this point. Fernando made a statement to the teams attending the GSWS to please visit and support gay owned business while in Dallas. The best way we can show support to those LGBTQ individuals in that state is to support their businesses. Scot echoed those sentiments.

c. League T-shirt distribution

Peter and Dee announced that they would coordinate with team coaches to distribute the league tshirts for the GSWS.

d. Flag bearer & PSGSL Introduction

Scot announced that the league's flag bearer would be Dee S. from the Boozehound Strikers and that the whole PSGSL would be welcomed by a video message from Lisa Middleton.

7. Old Business

a. Formation of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Brian Thompson

Brian announced that the committee to address diversity, equity and inclusions within our league will be formed. The committee will first be charged with addressing any questions or concerns that might be centered on the Gay/Straight composition in our league. Austin H. asked about the committee's purpose and volunteered to participate. In addition Danny R. offered to participate. Brian indicated that there is a running list of interested individuals whom he would contact to start conversations about this important topic going forward.

8. New Business

a. Committee Interest

Tim Komazec

Tim announced that we really need interested members who would like to serve on our committees. He announced that participation is being sought in all committees for the league which include the following:

- i. Marketing/Fundraising*
- ii. Recruitment and Retention*
- iii. Ratings and Reviews Committee*
- iv. Pride/Elections Committee*
- v. Rules, Bylaws, and Conduct Committee*
- vi. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee*

b. Fundraiser ideas

Tim revisited the idea originally brought forward by the Greyhounds to do a fundraiser that is a turnabout/switch hitters competition where team members go from Softball player to Drag performer. The Greyhounds indicated that they can provide Hunters as a space but are really seeking assistance in heading up this fundraiser. Greg V. indicated that his previously league held the same fundraiser but it takes months to plan. He also indicated that you need a panel of guest judges (drag performers from the community) and a guest DJ. Greg V. agreed to explore this fundraiser as a league wide event.

c. Sponsor of the week calendar

Tim announced that he would like to see the sponsor of the week calendar return for the Fall season that it brings together the league in support of our valuable sponsors. He said more information about the available dates would be released soon.

While on the topic of sponsors, Scot H. announced to the board that he has a medical services sponsor that is looking to sponsor a specific type of team in the league. He charged the board with finding the appropriate team to connect with this sponsor.

9. Good of the Order/Team Announcements

Brian Thompson

Scot announced that he had connected with a perfect team to present to the new sponsor and withdrew his request.

A clothing drive was proposed as a league event or tied to a fundraiser.

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: September 6th, 2022 @ 6PM location- The Mizell Center (480 S. Sunrise Way)