



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 6th, 2022-6pm @ The Mizell Center- Meeting Room (480 S. Sunrise Way)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Brian Thompson

Voting Members:

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| i. Ball Busters- Present | xiii. Past Our Prime- Present |
| ii. Ballers C- Present | xiv. Peckers- Present |
| iii. Ballers D- Absent | xv. Retros- Present |
| iv. Bombers- Present | xvi. RoadRunnerz- Present |
| v. Broke Bats- Present | xvii. Rounders 2.0- Present |
| vi. Eagles- Absent | xviii. Sandstorm- Present |
| vii. Greyhounds- Present | xix. Stingers- Absent |
| viii. Heat- Present | |
| ix. Party Bois- Present | |
| x. BH Strikers- Present | |
| xi. Cruizers- Absent | |
| xii. Thunderbirds- Present | |

2. Review of Last Meeting Minutes

Brian Thompson

Brian presented the minutes from the August meeting. No discussion occurred. David B moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Peter H seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via a verbal vote with no abstentions.

3. Treasurer's Report/Fall Budget Proposal

Aaron Butcher

Aaron presented the Fall Budget proposal that had been submitted to the council prior to the meeting. He asked for questions or concerns about the presented budget. Scot H. asked for three points of clarification to be made regarding the need to adjust game costs with the weeks at BLD, he also asked the treasurer to check the cost per game to ensure it is correct. Lastly, he asked that the \$250 per team GSWS intent fees be reflected appropriately in the presented budget. Aaron ensured he would provide these clarifications at the next council meeting.

Kevin V. motioned to approve the budget as submitted and David B. seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention by Lenny B.

4. Commissioner Statement

Tim Komazec

Tim provided a statement to the council to better understand his intentions with the league going forward and his goals for the group to achieve together in the coming year. His goals centered around a theme of infectious positivity and asked the group to let go and have fun on and off the field of play. He encouraged the council to be a positive mentor, coach and manager to our league members. He emphasized that his goal is to build this league and in order to do so, we need trust in each other. Trust the board and come to us all if you have concerns, don't let things fester. If everyone does this what will result is a more relaxed, fun, and laid-back league. He concluded by saying let's communicate with one another, take a breath, play fair, be nice but still play with a spirit of competition.

5. Social Media

Tim Komazec

Tim express the perception that there is a lack of support for one another and for the league as a whole. He encouraged the council to like, share, etc. anything the league puts out as well as like each other. Austin H. asked if there was a listing of all the social media pages of teams in the league. Brian agreed to provide such a list to council before the next meeting. Austin also reminded everyone to make sure your page is public so that other teams can like, subscribe, post, etc.

6. World Series Wrap up

Tim Komazec

Tim announced that his first experience was extremely rewarding but exhausting at the same time. He congratulated all teams that participated in the series and he enjoyed so much supporting each of the teams at the 4 different field complexes. He also highlighted the following series placements:

3rd place in Masters C- Past our Prime or POP

5th place in Masters D- Heat Strokes

5th place in Open A division- Rounders 2.0

5th place in Open C division- Roadrunnerz

9th place in Masters D- Thunderbirds

Tim went on to highlight that over 250 teams participated in 993 games and over 4000 athletes at the GSWS. Additionally, NAGAAA added 4 more city affiliations to bring the total to 52 member cities.

Fernando thanked the A team, Rounders 2.0 for their support of all the other PS teams at the series. He indicated that their support was very meaningful to the other teams and much appreciated.

7. Summer Meetings Summary

Greg Verbeck

Greg the meetings went well. There was a ratings change discussed and passed that will take effect in January of 2023. The ratings change will remove Q14 and add an additional speed question increasing the running speed threshold to 5 seconds. Speed questions will now have the following thresholds (5 secs, 4.5 secs, 4.0 secs, 3.5 secs, and 3 secs)

Greg also announced that NAGAAA will undergo a rebrand and name change to IGS or International Gay Softball. There is no firm date for the change to occur and announcement to take place. He also announced the host city for the 2023 GSWS is Minneapolis and 2024 is Las Vegas.

Further discussion about the summer meetings was had regarding limits on WS berths including a new proposal that will limit 1 master's team per division from any 1 member city. There were also limits proposed across the board to help contain the unsustainable growth of the GSWS. There is also discussion about eliminating E division at the series as well as pulling the two master's divisions to be a part of the NAGAAA cup tournament. The final decisions will be shared with the council as more information becomes available.

Vicky H. who serves on the NAGAAA finance committee announced that the new \$35 player registration fee that is due onsite will not go up but it's not going away.

a. Upper Division Homerun Limits

Jeff Herman

Jeff explained that the upper division discussed at length the homerun limits of the A and B Divisions. He announced that B is up to 3 HRs as a limit and they are exploring options for the A division HR limits and will provide an update following the winter NAGAAA meetings or when the upper division committee convenes to make a final decision. He indicated that they are exploring a 5 HR limit with progressive 4, meaning that you can't get 5 HRs until the opposing team hits their limit of 4.

8. New Player Clinic

Greg Verbeck

Greg announced that the NPC will be held on Saturday from 9am-11am at Demuth Field 7. He encouraged any brand-new players without a team to attend the clinic so that they can be rated. However, he indicated that if it is a brand-new player or a player returning to the league with an old rating that they should be rated by their coach prior to the start of the Fall season.

Max made a comment that he doesn't feel coaches should rate their own players in order to eliminate bias.

9. Fall Season Updates

Tim Komazec

a. Divisions/Teams/Locations

Due to issues with the field reseeding it appears all games will have to be played at BLD however Tim is awaiting a final answer from Janice at the city of PS. It is possible that half the season can be played at Demuth and half at BLD. The schedule and finalized field locations will be sent soon.

b. Fall Ratings Update

It was announced that no formal ratings reviews will occur however any old ratings observations requests from the Spring season will be completed in the Fall season to gather enough data for the ratings committee to make a determination. Any observations that are completed during the Fall season will be sent to coaches and decisions by the ratings committee will be provided as well. If there is a need for an observation that is egregious, the coach or manager should bring forth to the board or the Open Division Director.

10. Old Business

a. Pride Committee

Brian Thompson

Brian asked for feedback on the truck versus just walking as a group in the parade. Many of the members really liked the truck option. Brian also announced he has a committee of four people to plan for the Pride Parade and registration will be completed soon.

b. Formation of the DEI Committee

Brian Thompson

Brian announced that this committee is still under formation. Once the purpose of the committee has been further defined, more information would be coming.

c. Sponsor of the Week Calendar

Tim Komazec

We will be doing this again in Fall, please be on the look out for the calendar to be published with which sponsor will be each week of the Fall season.

d. Registration and Important Dates

Tim Komazec

Must be registered as a team with 12 rostered and paid members prior to the start of the season. Team fees are due by September 30th and player fees are due by 5pm October 2nd.

11. New Business

a. Umpire Fees for Fall season

Lenny Broberg

Lenny announced that Fall Umpire Fees will need to be increased to \$35 per game to remain competitive with surrounding leagues and BLD especially for USA certified umpires. The council didn't object; however the budget will need to be reworked to reflect this change.

b. League Medical Insurance

Tim Komazec/Aaron Butcher

Tim announced that he would like to have Leo Newcomb come to a meeting to explain why the league needs supplemental accident insurance. The cost to the league is quite high and there has been discussions about how we can save cost but still provide the needed insurance coverage for the league. Peter presented on Aaron's behalf some research and revised cost to use USA softball's included insurance for the league and forgo the current liability and accident insurance being provided. Vicki expressed her opposition to the insurance and felt the cost savings would benefit the league greatly. Scot provided his argument for why the league needs to continue to offer this coverage for our players who might not have equal access to medical care. He provided a story of a player that used to the insurance to preserve the quality of his life after a bad accident that occurred on the field. It was determined that the board would render a final decision prior to our insurance renewal on October 1st.

12. Good of the Order/Team Announcements

Brian Thompson

Josh R. suggested adding props to the agenda

A council member suggested sending out a listing of all the league Facebook pages.

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: October 4th, 2022 @ 6PM location: Mizell Center