

PSGSL Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2017

Present: Board: Stephen Gomes, Vicky Harrison, Ross Benson, Phillip Garrett

Teams: Rounders 2.0 (Jeff), Scorpions (Brad) Greyhounds (Verne), RoadRunnerZ (Martin), Orphans (John), Stingers (CJ), Heat (Carla), Dirty Dogs (Oz), Fireballs (Rocks), Gorillas (Scot), Retros (Ray), Ballers (Leo), Tiki Warriors (Kevin), Heartthrobs (Leo)

Absent: Keith Fenton

1. Review April Meeting Minutes -

The April Meeting minutes have not yet been distributed - this review will be deferred to the June meeting.

2. Treasurers Report - Vicky Harrison

Some additional income from player fees came in during April. Fees for USA (formerly ASA) cards were paid and cards were distributed to coaches.

Donation made to the Gay Rodeo to sponsor the Men's Bullriding buckle, which will also serve as a marketing tool for the league.

Scot Accepts, Carla 2nd

3. Nomination of Officers - Ross Benson

The current nominations were reviewed - CJ Tobe for Assistant Commissioner; Trent Maggard for Secretary and Steve Gomes for Open Division Director. Additional nominations were then made: Scot Howard for Secretary, Stephenie Gherardini for Secretary and Carla Umbecker for Assistant Commissioner. Nominees were told they could send info/ statements to the coach's email list or meet with teams at the fields.

NOTE: After the meeting, Trent Maggard and CJ Tobe withdrew their nominations.

4. Election Ballots - Ross Benson

The Greyhounds will vote on May 7, since they have no games scheduled the following week. All other teams will vote on May 14, including the A and B teams who will be taking part in interleague games at BLD on that day. Kari and board members will distribute and collect ballots. The ballot will include an informational (non-binding) opinion question regarding preference of play - BLD vs Demuth (a no opinion option will also be included). Discussion was held regarding adding a question asking about number of seasons played, but was rejected.

5. World Series Intent/Bids - Ross Benson

As per prior notifications and published deadlines, this meeting was the sole opportunity to turn in a world series intent fee and confirm commitment to attend the series, if a bid was awarded. We have received intent monies from six teams - Scorpions (B Division), Orphans, RoadRunnerz, Stingers (C Division) and Gorillas, PS Heat (D Division). The Rounders 2.0 (A Division) have an automatic bid. One Upper Division Masters team intends to go along with the possibility of a Lower Division Master team. The A and B teams receive the bid in their divisions; the C and D teams who win the playoffs on May 21 will also receive bids. The last bid will be offered to the 2nd place D team - if that team cannot go, the bid will then be offered to the 2nd place C team.

6. Playoffs (May 21) - Ross Benson

There will be no playoffs for the A and B Divisions. In the C Division, the 2nd and 3rd place teams will play, with the winner facing the 1st place team with an if game if necessary (home team switches to the 2nd place team). The D division will be split into upper and lower - the 3rd place team will place the 4th place team, with the winner facing the 2nd place team and the winner of that game playing the 1st place team - same if parameters apply. In the lower division, #8 plays #5 and #7 plays #6 with the winners playing each other. We expect the D games to begin at 2p, and the C game at 3P. The final schedule will be distributed after the season games are completed on May 14.

7. Ratings

Coaches were reminded that ratings for any new players were due immediately.

8. Fundraiser

The League Fundraiser will be held on May 19 at Chill Bar from 7p to 1a. There will be a silent auction and all teams are requested to provide at least one item to this auction. A letter explaining the league's charitable status will be distributed to the coaches. There will be a \$5 cover and jello shots will be sold. Leo will send out a list for volunteers - each team is requested to provide 3 players. There was also discussion about taking advantage of an offer from Sean Park from GroupRaise to assist with a fundraiser at a local restaurant, in which 15 to 20% of the sales will be donated to the league.

8a. Spring Awards Banquet

Our season ending banquet will be held on Sunday, June 4. We have reached out to Cimmaron where the banquet was held last year and they have confirmed that the date is available.

9. Hall of Fame

Ray Lamy discussed the first draft of the Hall of Fame introduction and nomination/selection procedures. Several changes were discussed and Ray will compile and issue a revised document shortly. As per discussion in the last meeting, the initial inductees will be the founding members of the league and they will be honored at the Spring Awards Banquet.

10. Rodeo

In addition to the sponsorship of a buckle in the Rodeo, league members are encouraged to attend the Rodeo on May 13-14 in Banning; some league members will be participating in the event.

11. NAGAAA - Steve Gomes

The World Series will take place in Portland September 4 - 10 (the week of Labor Day). The bats used in the series will basically be the same as last year - they can be purchased from allamerican-athletics.com. The Portland World Series committee has established a fundraising tool with Amazon Smile - you can select the world series and 1% of your purchase will be donated. There are two subcommittees that were established at the winter meetings and Steve will be participating in both: E Division (to research and make a recommendation for adding a developmental division) and the Masters Division Standing Committee (to make recommendations for the improvement of the Master's Division).

12. Internal Audit

Carla and John had previously volunteered to assist with the audit - a time will be identified to conduct the audit.

13. Forfeits/Short Players/Meeting Attendance

Coaches were reminded about the importance of starting the season with a large roster to avoid forfeits and playing short. It was discussed that subsequent seasons may require a minimum of 14 players on the roster to start the season. The importance of meeting attendance was also stressed. In addition, Phillip discussed the importance of allowing all players to play - everyone pays a fee to play and deserves playing time. With doubleheaders, there is no reason why anyone would not get time on the field.

14. Old Business

The idea of a new coaches clinic was brought up again, and coaches were requested to provide ideas about what should be covered and what would be of most value to them. There was discussion around the non rated player database that Jeff is developing.

15. New Business

Steve went over the attendance sheets that he handed out - a yellow highlight indicates the player needs more games to qualify for the playoffs and there is sufficient time to get those games in; a red highlight means the player will not be able to get enough games in to qualify for the playoffs. Coaches were reminded that, per NAGAAA and League rules, players must participate in at least 50% of their team's games to qualify to play in the playoffs and to participate in the World Series. Rocks pointed out that he didn't think we were doing enough for our sponsors and suggested that everyone go to one sponsor after the games. It was discussed that we had tried that unsuccessfully in the past and that many teams wanted to go to their sponsor after their games. It was suggested that teams should make an effort to visit their sponsor. Rocks also brought up the league database of Pride and free agent signups, and suggested that names be split up between teams with each team responsible for contacting those individuals. Much discussion ensued and the responsibility was left with the Marketing/Recruitment Committee.

Next Meeting - June 6 at 6:00pm at Hunters