

PSGSL
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2018

Attendees:

Board Members:

Scot Howard- Commissioner

Stephen Gomes- Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison- Treasurer

Stephenie Gherardini- Secretary

Carla Umbehocker- Assistant Commissioner (Absent)

Team Reps:

Ballers-Leo

Desert Dogs- Rick

Gorillas- Carl

Greyhounds- Vern

Heartthrobs- Leo

Orphans- John

PS Heat- Jimmy B.

Retro's- Dennis

RoadRunnerz- Martin

RoadRunnerz B- Joel

Rounders- Jeff

Stingers- Steve L.

Tiki Warriors- Robert

The minutes from last week's meeting were reviewed and Carl made a motion to accept the minutes, Robert seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Report:

Vicky reviewed the financial report and we were charged less an expected for the use of the Demuth fields. There are still monies in the account to be refunded to teams going to the World Series and about \$2000 for individual teams. Rick made a motion to accept the report and Robert seconded.

Fall Season:

Registration will open August 8th on the website. The fees are \$300 per team and \$30 or \$31 per player. Opening day will be Sept 30th and the season will run through Dec 16th. There will only be C and D division. C division can pick up A and B players, but that is limited to 2 players per team. There are 7 C teams and 4 D teams this year. We will play the majority of our games at Demuth Park. We will play the games on 11/18 at BLD due to the seeding of the Demuth fields. We will be off the weeks of Oct 10th due to the Autumn Classic, Nov 4th for Pride, Nov 11, for the Turkey Shoot out, Thanksgiving weekend and the weekend of Dec 2nd due to lack of field availability. There was a question about the Neon Classic, as of now, we are playing league games that weekend, but teams playing in this tournament may be able to have their schedule adjusted to accommodate this tournament.

Player Clinics:

Clinics are scheduled for August 26th and September 16th at 8am, Demuth Field 7. John asked about specific guidelines for the clinics and asked that they be added to the League's rules.

Scorekeeping:

We started the electronic scorekeeping last season and would like to continue this season. We would to download rosters onto the tablets before going to the fields. This will help the scorekeepers at the field. We are still looking for scorekeepers. If anyone is interested they should contact Steve Gomes.

Marketing/Fundraising/Pride committees:

Pride is November 4th. At the next meeting, booth assignments will be decided. To receive the \$300 stipend, teams must participate in the booth and the march in the parade as well as attend a fundraising function for the league. Tams will be required to have at least 5 members from their team walk in the parade.

For the World Series, each city was asked to provide a 20 sec video to be shown at opening ceremonies. This video as received over 800 views on our website. The Marketing committee is pricing out the cost for producing a longer video to be used for at the Pride booth and for media stories to promote the league.

The fundraising committee has met and have a few ideas for the league. The league will be starting a football pickem pool. The entry fee will be \$25 for the year, with half of the money collected going to the league, the remainder divided amongst the weekly winners. This will be available on the website and will be open to anyone that wants to participate. The second fundraiser will be a bowling night. The cost will be \$20 for 3 games and shoe rentals. There will be 50/50 raffle that night as well. We will also have registration table set up for the fall season.

There are a few other ideas that are still being worked on including a silent auction, poker run, spring season all-start activities and BBQ. The details for these are being worked out.

We are planning on holding the Odd on Promotion opening day of the Fall Season. This is the pitching contest that has been discussed in the past.

Fees Increase:

The board is considering a fee increase starting in the Spring season. The fees would go up to \$40 per player and \$350 per team.

NAGAAA Summer Meeting:

There are a few proposals for this summer's meeting. The first concerns the team caps and player rating. C division would have a maximum rating of 15 and team cap of 140, D division 13 and 110 and the E division 9 and 75. This is an adjustment to the change in the ratings questions and player ratings. There was a vote taken and the league decided to support this proposal.

There was a question about growing the E league and attract more players to the league. All teams were encouraged to help raise the visibility of league.

There is a proposal to change the wording to question five. It was thought that this proposal will not be voted on as is, so no vote was taken at this time to support this motion.

There is a proposal to reword the directions on rating players. Again, it was thought this proposal would not proceed as is, so no vote was taken.

The final proposal was a no repeat exemption for this year's World Series Champions. Since the teams will be under the new rating system, the proposal is that teams be allowed to play in the same division in next year's World Series. The league voted not to support this proposal.

Old Business:

John asked about the zero tolerance rule, a better definition and better distribution to the players. It was noted that the rules are available on the website and that players click to accept these rules when they register. There was some discussion about sportsmanship and the rules of the league. The board agreed to look at these rules to ensure they are available to each player in the league.

New Business:

For the teams competing at the World Series this year, there is a block of rooms that have just opened up at the Marriot, but will be available for a short period of time.

Jeff asked about setting up an Instagram account for the league. Jimmy Boegle agreed to start that for the league.

The Turkey shoot out registration will be open soon. The dates are Nov 10-11 at BLD. It is open to 16 D teams and 16 C teams, first come first serve. There is a rule change this year, only 2 non-rated players will be allowed on a team.

Dennis asked to open discussion on increasing the gay/straight ratio. Currently, NAGAAA's ratio is set at 70/30, we currently have a 50/50 ratio. There was discussion on this issue and Scot proposed that we table this item until next meeting. This would give coaches a chance to speak with their teams and bring any concerns to the board next meeting.

A motion was made by Leo to adjourn the meeting and Rick seconded, meeting adjourned at 0642pm.

Next meeting will be September 18th at 6pm.