

PSGSL
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Attendees:

Board Members:

Scot Howard- Commissioner

Stephen Gomes- Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison- Treasurer

Stephenie Gherardini- Secretary

Carla Umbehocker- Assistant Commissioner (Absent)

Team Reps:

Gorillas- Carl

Tiki Warriors- Ken

PS Heat- Arlene

Retro's- Ray Lamy

Ballers- Bill

Rounders- Jeff Hermann

Orphans- John Mulchahey

Stingers- Macio, Travis, John

Roadrunnerz- Richard

Heartthrobs- Leo

Greyhounds- Rick

Dirty Dawgs- Tom and Ed

Teams not represented:

Fireballs and Scorpions.

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

Fall Budget:

Vicky presented the fall budget which is based on fourteen teams joining for the fall season. There is a reserve left for administrative expenses that are still coming. BLD still has not billed us for last season, so that expense should be coming. The other expense is the insurance needed for the league. This will be discussed later in this meeting. We also paid for an ad to be in the Pride Festival magazine. Ray moved to accept the fall budget, Arlene seconded and the budget passed.

Ratings Clinics:

The ratings clinics will be held September 17th and 24th from 9-11 am at Demuth Park, field 7. No coach will be in attendance. Ray Lamy has agreed to come and pitch for the clinics. The coaches need to submit a list of needed players and positions to Carla and/or the board so that the new players can be assigned to the teams in need.

Fall Season:

Opening day will be Sunday October 1st at BLD. We hope to start the games at 2 pm but at this time need teams to finish their registration so the schedule can be made. This season will most likely be C and D teams only. The umpires are in place for the season.

John asked if teams could bat the entire team, not just the max of 12, for the fall season. Teams will be able to bat more than 12 with the understanding that if the entire team is in the line-up and an injury occurs, that place in the line-up will be an automatic out, since no sub will be available. After discussion a vote was taken and approved. The 5 run limit will again be in place for the fall season. A vote was taken about opening ceremonies for the fall season and it was decided that there will NOT be an opening ceremony this fall.

World Series:

There were 185 teams that attended the World Series in Portland. Gorillas from our D division ended 33rd out of 60 teams. From our C division the Roadrunnerz took 17th and the Stingers took 9th out of 59 teams. The Scorpions took 17th out of 31 in the B Division. Our master's team Guys and Dolls took 4th out of 11 teams and our A team, The Rounders, took first place out of 14 teams. Congrats to all teams that competed at the World Series.

There were several meetings and discussions brought up at the NAGAAA meetings in Portland. NAGAAA is discussing ways to increase exposure and connect better with current players and attract new players. The fundraising committee discussed ways to increase donations from larger companies and who to contact for these companies. If anyone from our league brings a corporate sponsor to NAGAAA, our league will get a percentage of that donation. Prudential is a potential sponsor for the Turkey shootout this year and will be getting back to us soon.

There was discussion about attracting younger players and considering changing the clinics to "rookie camps" and possibly holding a yearly draft. There was talk of cross promotional activities such as the rodeo, bowling and possibly kickball to help increase membership.

NAGAAA is looking for donation for the archive. If anyone has anything they can send it to NAGAAA and it can be donated or NAGAAA can make a digital copy and get it back to you.

There were some votes taken at this meeting. The division breakdowns and new player rating were not. There were sent back to committee and hope to be voted on at the winter meetings. There is hope the two can be better interlinked before a final vote.

There were some changes made to the NAGAAA cup. This only affects the A and B teams. If there are any questions, see Steve.

There were some changes made to the World Series this season. The teams were allowed to have 12 batters in the line-up. Teams from the same city will not play in the first round unless the teams are the very top seed and the very low seed. Pool play will now determine seeding for the A and B teams as opposed to the A teams automatically receiving the top seeds over the B teams.

Leagues that send the maximum number of bids allowed will receive an additional bid for any division. There will be sub-committee created for the Master's division created. Anyone interested in being a part should contact Steve for more information.

There was discussion about creating divisions and divisional playoffs to give more teams a chance to earn a World Series birth.

Next year's World Series will be in Tampa 9/3-9/8 2018 and Kansas City will host in 2019 0/2-9/9.

Committees:

Marketing: Our press release went out. Scot has spoken with KESQ about covering that fall season opener and announcing our scores. We may need to do a pseudo game if the story needs to run prior to opening day.

Hall of Fame- Need to set a meeting to start up with nominations for next year.

Pride- We have our float space for the parade and our booth for the Pride Festival. We will need teams to sign up for booth duty and to march in the parade in uniform. We need a better turnout for the parade than we had last year. We are trying sign up more people during pride and are exploring options to make that easier including tablets at the booth for inputting their information and having a hand out for clinics at the booth to encourage membership. There was discussion about a pick-up game being held at Demuth the week after Pride to get more folks to see us and increase participation.

Turkey Shoot-out: No new news at this time. So far there are 9 D teams and 3 C teams signed up to play in the tournament. There is a free agent list for folks looking for a team to play with.

Old Business:

Coach's clinics are still in development and the by-laws are still being reviewed for possible changes.

Leo presented three insurance quotes for review. There was discussion about whether the league should carry medical coverage for the players or simply liability coverage. Leo was asked to research the costs without medical coverage and lowering the aggregates. He agreed to look into these options and get back to the board.

The Sin City Shoot out is now known as the Sin City Classic and the new website is sincityclassic.org. This is being put together by the LA league and will proceed as it has in past years.

New Business:

Any suggestions for the winter meetings bring to Steve.

There is a lot of interest in Palm Springs hosting a World Series. We will need to think about how we could do this before we attempt to put in a bid for that to happen. There is talk about connecting to Pride weekend to help increase attendance. The bid must be put in two years prior to the event.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 6pm at Hunter's bar.

Arlene moved to adjourn the meeting and the Ray seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.