

PSGSL
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 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- Nabil

Heartthrobs- Leo

Orphans- John

PS Heat- Mary Sue

Retro's- Dennis

RoadRunnerz- Martin

Rounders- N/A No team for fall

Stingers- Steve L.

Tiki Warriors- Robert

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

Financial Report:

Vicky reviewed the fall budget, based on 11 teams that are registered for the fall season. The big expenditures will be the league insurance, P.O box and storage renewals. Rick made a motion to accept the fall budget, Robert seconded and the budget passed.

Tournaments:

Rosters are coming due for the upcoming tournaments. The Autumn Classic rosters are due to the league by 9/21 and the Neon classic due by 9/28.

The turkey shoot out is filling up fast. There are already 9 C teams and 10 D teams registered. Only 16 teams per division will be allowed to register.

Fall Season:

The fall season has a few rule addendums. These include, two courtesy runners per inning, team may pick up two players from their division of below to avoid a forfeit. These players must play right field and/or catcher, bat at the bottom of the order and wear their normal team jersey. A pick up player can only play as pitcher if no other pitcher is available. Teams may bat their entire roster, but each batter must be on the line and can bat in any spot in the batting order. The run rule is in effect. Teams can score only 5 runs per inning until the top of the 5th inning, and then unlimited runs are allowed. Should the home team be training by 15 runs after the bottom the fourth inning a maximum of six runs will be allowed during their at bat. Tie games will be recorded as ties and no tie breaker will be used. C division teams will be able to have a maximum of 2 A and/or B players, on their roster. Any pickups must be in their own division (C) or lower. We will not be using scorekeepers during this season due to lack of people interested in keeping score.

Player Clinics:

Clinics were held August and September and we had 17 players come to the clinics and a total of 19 new players join the league. There was an equal distribution between C and D division. There are still three players available, Scot will be contacting them and assigning them to teams by the end of the week.

Summer meetings:

Steve and Vicky attended the summer meetings in Tampa. The new ratings system will take effect in the spring of 2019. Some of the NAGAAA tournaments will consider using new ratings system and NAGAAA has offered to send representative to assist with this.. The No-repeat rule will be suspended for the 2019 World Series due to the new rating system going into effect. If a player hits a homerun in the A, B or C divisions, they will not be required to run to any base and any runners on base will simply walk off the field. No homeruns are allowed in D and E divisions. The caps for each division were adjusted slightly: B division player max 20, team cap 140; C division player max 15, team cap 140; D division player max 12, team cap 110 and E division player max 8, team cap 75. The Master's division will now have C and D division and the caps are the same as the above C and D division. The E division is now implemented. Each league was given one extra birth to the World Series for an E team. This is an open roster team and can include any E rated player in the league.

The ratings will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting. We will hold a special meeting Oct 16th strictly to discuss the new ratings and finalize pride. Teams were encouraged to send the coach and/or players that will be doing the rating so they can have a clear understanding and ask any questions they may have about the process. By the Dec league meeting, all players will need to be rated.

Robert had a question about the effort to grow the E division and discussion followed. The subject was tabled for now, but any ideas or suggestions are welcomed by the board.

Tournament Assistance Guidelines:

The guidelines for the tournament assistant fund have been changed. It is no longer simply given to teams, there will now be criteria for teams to earn this. There will be sign-in sheets and attendance will be monitored. The requirements are:

Pride- \$100 - at least 5 people representing your team.

Opening Ceremonies (Spring)- \$100 - At least 50% of rostered players in uniform must be present on the field and in the team photo.

Online Activities (fundraisers, NFL pool) - \$50 - 10 people representing your team

On-site Activities - \$50 - 10 people representing your team.

Board Appreciation - \$100 - Determined by the board.

Marketing/Fundraising/Pride committees:

Fundraising- the NFL pool is underway. We had a total of 81 participants. We collected \$2,029 total. One- half goes to the league. There will be 17 \$50 payouts to each week's winners and a bonus payout of \$164 to the end of the year, overall leader.

Marketing- the marketing is proposing the sale of banners to hang on the outfield fences for businesses who want to support the league. The banners can be made for around \$200 and the cost of these banners to the businesses will be \$1,000, bringing nearly \$800 to the league, per banner. We are also more visible on Face book and Instagram. During the spring season, teams will be assigned a week that they responsible for providing pictures to be posted on Facebook to go along with the scores. The schedule is:

9/30- Greyhounds, 10/14- Tiki Warriors, 10/21- Orphans, 10/28- Retros, 11/4- Heartthrobs and Heat, 11/11- Gorillas, 11/18- RoadRunnerz, 12/2- Desert Dogs, 12/9 Ballers and 12/16- Stingers.

Pride- The booth rental and truck rental are confirmed. At our next meeting, booth assignments will be determined. If anyone has any ideas about decorating the float, please let us know. We need lots of people to march in the parade to increase our visibility. We are looking into having a DJ on the float playing music as we march. Bob Genrty will be creating a video for us to play in the booth at the pride festival.

New Business:

Rick shared information about a vendor that was very helpful with jerseys for the World Series. Elite Sports from North Carolina had a good price and was helpful when a shipment was lost. The contact info is Jose 714-721-7138 elitesportsnc.com.

The World Series for 2020 will be in Columbus, OH.

The task of the rating will fall under the Open director and the assistant commissioner. The task requires a lot of work and this will ease the load.

LGBTQ Ratio- For this decision, the board wants to get input from all of the league's players and will meet with each team individually to discuss and answer any questions. On Nov 18th, the board will bring ballots to each team for a vote to determine the final decision.

Steve offered to host a skills clinic if enough players were interested in attending.

A motion was made by Steve L. to adjourn the meeting and Mary Sue seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Next meeting will be October 16th at 6pm. The location will be determined and this meeting will be exclusively to finalize pride and to discuss the new rating process.