

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Attendees:

Board Members:

Scot Howard - Commissioner

David Binder - Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Gomes - Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison - Treasurer

Clay Peterson - Secretary

Team Reps:

Ballers - Kirk

Broke Bats - David

Gorillas - Danny

Greyhounds - Billy

Guys & Dolls - Luis G.

Heartthrobs - Leo N.

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Stephenie

Retros - Dennis

Roadrunnerz - Richard

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Sandstorm - Nick

Stingers - Steve L.

Tiki Warriors - Robert

Minutes:

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Stephenie made a motion to accept the minutes. Kirk seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. Vicky advised that the numbers were almost completely finalized from spring. We ended up doing considerably better than budget even with the addition of paying 3 years in advance for the website. We have not been billed from the city for the field costs for the spring from the city. We are close to a break-even scenario for the year. Nick made a motion to approve the report. Stephenie seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

World Series Wrap Up:

Scot congratulated the Rounders 2.0 for finishing second in the World Series. He also congratulated the Desert Nighthawks for finishing second. Scot also congratulated the Stingers and the PS Heat for giving it their best shot. 207 teams participated in the World Series in Kansas City the largest World Series ever. There were only 10 protests in the tournament. 1 player objection for bad sportsmanship. The Friday night light games are online on the PSGSL web page.

NAGAAA CUP/ NAGAAA Meeting:

Scot announced that the PSGSL will be hosting its first ever NAGAAA Cup in 2020, March 27-29. Scot passed out some of the presentation packets. Palm Springs beat out Houston and Salt Lake City. There are 30 teams expected, which totals 114 games, which would make it the largest NAGAAA Cup ever. The mayor's office in Palm Springs will be issuing a press release announcing our selection. Scot will be drafting people to be involved in committees. Teams should try and use #whereeveryonebelongs and #2020NAGAAACUP on Facebook to help promote the tournament.

Steve Gomes spoke about the NAGAAA Meeting. Some of the more interesting demographics from the tournament were: 8 A-Teams / 25 B-Teams / 55 C-Teams / 72-D Teams / 17 E-Teams / 8 Masters-C / 22 Masters-D in the World Series equaling 207 teams. The 29 and under demographic only makes up 12% of the roster. 50% of all of the participants are coming from the same 9 leagues for the World Series. Columbus, OH will host the World Series for 2020, August 24-29. Dallas, TX will host the World Series for 2021. San Francisco, CA was beat out in a close race. There is a conversation about San Francisco holding the 50th World Series in 2026. There was information about volunteers and sponsorships. NAGAAA is looking for 1-minute max videos and a photo of the sender about how softball is more than a game. There was some debate about thresholds on some of the ratings questions. Steve will let us know if there are any changes. There is a new berth formula for the World Series. If there are 25 or less teams in the league the break down is; 1-E Team / 2 D-Teams / 2 C-Teams / A, B and both Masters divisions are now unlimited. If we hit our max from E/D/C we will be awarded one extra berth. Steve will send out three videos to coaches about questions vs ratings from the NAGAAA meetings. Vicky will also post the videos on the website.

New Player Clinic:

The last new player clinic for fall will be held on Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 on Field 6 at Demuth Park. Scot reminded everyone that this is not to rerate current players unless they have a rating prior to 2019 ratings questions. Billy asked who determines the ratings for new players. Richard asked if it was mandatory for a new player to attend a clinic. Scot advised that if the player is underrated he will need to be reassigned.

Fall Season:

Scot advised that all teams are now registered for fall Season. Fall Season would be a 6-week regular season with two tournament weekends mixed in. The season would start opening day Sunday, September 29th - Sunday, November 24th. The first four weeks of the season will be at Demuth Park - Demuth Park. The last two weeks of the season will be held at BLD - 3 fields. The times for the two weeks at BLD are subject to change up to the Friday prior to that Sunday's games. Scot also advised that there were a few players still looking for a team. Autumn Classic and Turkey Shootout are off weekends for the league. Scot will have the fall schedule emailed by September 20th. The board will need names of any A and B players that are playing on a C division teams as soon as possible for the purposes of parity. The PS Heat have requested a bi week for the 26th and 27th as they plan on playing in the Neon Classic in Las Vegas, NV.

Autumn Classic / Turkey Shootout:

Autumn Classic will be held in San Diego, CA on October 12th and 13th. The league is scheduled off that weekend for teams that are participating. Registration is currently open for the tournament. More D teams than C teams have registered so far for the tournament. Jeff Herman spoke about The Turkey Shootout. The tournament will be held at BLD on November 16th and 17th. He stated that the tournament is almost half full already. As of today, 14 teams signed up 9 D-Teams / 5 C-Teams. Jeff Herman is looking for volunteers to help with the tournament as the dates become closer. 2 non-rated players allowed per team max.

Player Recruiting Rule Change:

Scot sent out a proposed revision to the player recruiting rule. The board is still in the process of finalizing the verbiage of the rule. Jeff Herman asked is out for the season meant out for the current season or next season, the board is still looking at that. Jeff Herman also asked about if a coach decides not to release the player. Scot stated at that point the player can contact the board, there will be a discussion with the player and the coach with the board. There are also time limits written into the rule. Vicky wanted to point out that we are not supposed to encourage players changing teams. Robert asked for clarification on what was said at the previous meeting regarding the rule change. He stated the board had said, "That at no time will there be changes during the season and during the off season was a free for all." "If a coach says no to a player's request to be released than that is the end of it." Clay referred to the last meeting minutes. Robert was correct in what was said at the last meeting. We had decided to table the conversation regarding the rule change until a later date to review the rule. The attendees agreed that we should not be encouraging a player to

change teams, only under extenuating circumstances would the board intervene. Scot agreed and we would get the final version out to the coaches for approval of the rule change before the start of the fall season.

Team Stipend Program:

Scot advised that the board will table the program until a later date. There is still some outlining of the program that needs to be worked out before the program can be presented. The tournament stipend program has now officially ended. The proposed grant program will start with the calendar year. That does not apply to teams that have money due to the for this year.

Pride Committee:

Vicky spoke about the pride committee. There will be a pride meeting scheduled very soon. The booth and truck rentals have been secured as well as the parade slot. There will be mandatory booth assignments for the pride booth at the next board meeting.

Fund Raising Committee:

Steve Gomes spoke about the latest fund raiser. The NFL pool has been a huge disappointment this year. We are down participation this year compared to last year, 57 entries approximately \$1400.00 vs last year \$2029.00. Steve gave a team by team break down of participation for the football pool. 1-Ballers, 13-Gorillas, 5-Greyhounds, 2-Heartthrobs, 10-Heat, 3-Retros, 11-Rounders, 4-Sandstorm, 7-Stingers, 1-Guys and Dolls. **Zero - Orphans, Tiki Warriors, Roadrunnerz, Broke Bats.**

Old Business:

Clay passed out the sponsorship packages that have been utilized by the board for NAGAAA Cup fundraising. Scot asked that anyone who has any potential leads for sponsorship to please contact Scot directly. Jeff Herman asked about treating NAGAAA cup as a revenue stream for the league. There has been a lot of response from the local businesses to be a part of them. Individuals can donate money as well to the league and/or NAGAAA cup.

Richard asked about when Chewy's suspension would be over. Scot will follow up with Richard directly after the meeting.

New Business:

Hunters will be holding a 3 day celebration for there 21st anniversary from September 20-22. The board asked for anyone who was available to stop in and support one of our biggest league sponsors.

The Greyhounds will be holding a fundraiser at Blackbook on September 22nd. Nabil / Billy will forward information as soon as available.

Scot has two new sponsors that are interested in supporting a team. Names of the businesses will be released at a later date once they have been confirmed.

Steve L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Leo N. seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.