

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4TH, 2020

Attendees:

Board Members:

Scot Howard - Commissioner

David Binder - Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Gomes - Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison - Treasurer

Clay Peterson - Secretary (ABSENT)

Team Reps:

Ballers - Kirk

Broke Bats - Peter

Crazy Pitches - Vangie

Eagle 501 - Leo N.

Gorillas - Danny

Greyhounds - Billy / Nabil

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Stephenie

Retros - Brian T.

Roadrunnerz - Richard

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Sandstorm - Philip M.

Stingers - Steve L.

Tiki Warriors - Robert

Meeting Minutes:

David Binder reviewed the meeting minutes from the last month's meeting. Stephenie made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted at 6:08 PM.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. The report was based off of 14 teams however, it looks like we'll have 15 teams. All game costs on the report are an estimated cost. NAGAAA costs based are based on 5 teams but there could be up to 8 teams for the 2020 World Series. There is only \$3k budgeted for fund raising this year over last. We did much better last spring. The 2020 bottom line projected \$5K worse than last spring. Peter made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Leo N. seconded and the report was accepted.

2020 Spring Season:

All games will take place at Demuth park, fields 7/8 beginning on opening day, March 1st, 2020. There will NOT be a food event/picnic this year, only announcement of teams, National Anthem, and Team pictures. The board decided to cut the food event to allow players to come for opening ceremonies and be able to leave after if they don't play until much later in the day. There will be no games on Easter Weekend or the Weekend of NAGAAA Cup. The season will be a 7-week season ending on May 3rd, 2020. Teams will play for 6 weeks or 12 games and the final week will be playoffs. There are 15 total teams for Spring season. E division will have 4 teams (PS Heat, PS Ballers, Brokebats, and PS Retros), you will play each other 4 times. There will also be a bye week which was determined to be April 26th, 2020. Schedules are being worked on now. Line up sheets and score books will be provided at the next meeting. April 4th is the last day to add players to your rosters for the Spring Season. As a reminder, players must have played in 6 games to qualify for the playoffs or the World Series.

2020 GSWS:

Columbus, OH is the host from August 24th-29th all games will be played at a singular complex with shuttles to transport players from various fields within the complex. Keep in mind all fields at the complex have AstroTurf infields. A \$250.00 commitment check is due by April 4th, 2020. If you don't qualify the check will be returned. Please encourage your teams to stay at the host hotels as NAGAAA has been unable to meet attrition rates set by hotel contracts in years past causing loss of valuable revenue. Each team will have to commit to 20 room nights and will now have to provide a \$500 hotel deposit. Deposit is returned if you meet the room night's requirement and lost if you do not. Future GSWS dates include Dallas in 2021 from 09/06-09/11 and Minneapolis in 2022 from 08/28-09/03. The current bids for 2023 include Las Vegas, San Francisco and Orlando. Orlando is exploring the use of the Walt Disney Sports Complex and a host hotel at the parks.

NAGAAA Meeting Wrap Up:

- I. There was a lot of information communicated at the recent NAGAAA meeting attended by Steve, Scot and Vicki. Below is the summary of all the information shared from that meeting:
 - a. NAGAAA Rules Clarification- You may switch out your courtesy runner until the pitch is made to the next batter
 - b. Please ensure that all bats are legal and have the appropriate stamp on them indicating they are legal bats. Please handout provided by Steve that includes a listing of bats that have the appropriate symbol but are considered banned from legal play. In addition, Senior Bats are not legal at all, even in the Masters division.
 - c. Ratings changes that will go into effect 2021-
 - i. Question 5 is now a 40% threshold instead of a 60% threshold
 - ii. Question 4- if you have this point you can NOT play in D or E division
 - iii. Question 3- 20% threshold for high velocity hitting disqualifying a player in the E division. So if you hit with what is deemed high velocity more than 20% of the time you aren't eligible for the E division
 - d. Ratings Clarifications
 - i. Speed question should be determined from a dead stop and from 1st to 2nd, not from home to first (If you are evaluating during a game play situation)
 - ii. A fly ball is defined as being in the high for 3-5 seconds, you can use this as a guide in determining whether outfielders can field a ball within a certain distance (ie.- 70 feet is the distance between bases, so the time a player can run to a base will help determine if they are able to field a fly ball within that distance in the 3-5 second time frame)
 - e. Ratings Jurisdiction- NAGAAA can now exercise the right to protest/investigate players at the World Series based on clear evidence that the player shouldn't be in a certain division. If a team will not protest, they can and will.
 - f. There will be an increased accountability for the ratings systems being followed in a uniformed manner through appropriate training and clarification of the ratings system with all leagues. By providing clear training and guidance a more uniform approach to ratings points and questions should be achieved.
 - g. Ratings that are submitted to NAGAAA sanctioned and rule following tournaments will have to be verified and match the NAGAAA ratings database
 - h. NAGAAA lost \$74,000 dollars last year due to lost sponsorships and failing to meet the required attrition rates at host hotels leading to fines for the organization. Only 47% of participants stayed at the host hotel last GWS as a result only 2 of the 3 host hotels met the contracted room block requirements. 33% stayed at Air B&B.
 - i. NAGAAA Hall of Fame nominee: Jeff Herman
 - j. NAGAAA themed bats now available at monstabats.com
 - k. New NAGAAA Sponsors include: MGM Hotels, Smashitsports.com, and NBA Cares

Upcoming Tournaments:

The next tournament scheduled is Saguro Cup in Phoenix, AZ. The tournament is being held on April 11th and 12th with registration beginning on Friday, April 10th. Steve Gomes has information on all other upcoming tournaments if anyone is interested.

Sin City Wrap Up:

Scot congratulated all of the teams that participated in Sin City Tournament. The Stingers won the C Division and The Nighthawks won the Masters D division. Scot also

congratulated the Greyhounds for finishing in 3rd place in the Masters C division and The Krush for placing 5th in the Women's D division.

Skills Clinic:

David spoke about the upcoming Skills clinic. The Skills Clinic will be held on Sunday, February 16th at Demuth Park at 10:00 AM on Field 7. David encouraged coaches to have team members sign up if interested on the league web site. It was determined that this will be a throwing clinic.

Hall of Fame:

Steve Gomes spoke about the Hall of Fame committee. The deadline for nominees is April 1st. All nominees must be involved in the league for 7 years or 10 seasons, whichever is longer. Steve Gomes, Brian Thompson and Stephanie Gherardini will serve on the committee.

Old Business:

27 teams are now signed up for the NAGAAA Cup. Also there are two new platinum sponsors including the very first non-LGBTQ business.

New Business:

Please take advantage of the negotiated rates at the Riviera Hotel during the NAGAAA cup. Only \$179 a night when normally \$350 a night. Share the link and take advantage of rooms available for out of town guests in the room block.

The Tiki Warriors Annual Fundraiser Beer, Boys, and BBQ will be coming up at Toucans Tiki Lounge. Robert will update with more information.

Winter Classic needs folks to help with registration the table from 6pm-9pm at Hunters on Friday. Please e-mail Scot if you are able to help!

NAGAAA Cup- Need teams to volunteer to be in charge of certain fields for the entire day. Over 100 shifts needed and would help if teams volunteered to cover large chunks of these shifts. Please contact David Binder if you'd like to volunteer.

*******THE NEXT LEAGUE MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT HUNTERS AT 6:00 PM*******