

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5th, 2019

Attendees:

Board Members:

Scot Howard - Commissioner

Stephenie Gherardini - Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Gomes - Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison - Treasurer

Clay Peterson - Secretary

Team Reps:

Ballers - Leo

Broke Bats - Jimmy G.

Desert Dawgs - Rick

Gorillas - Mark B.

Greyhounds - Nabil

Heartthrobs - Leo

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Jimmy B.

Retros - Dave

Roadrunnerz - Richard / Gabe

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Stingers - Steve L.

Team Rosa - Joel

Tiki Warriors - Robert

Opening:

Scot introduced Richard Miller & Gabriel Ostafew as the new team representatives for the Roadrunnerz.

Minutes:

Clay reviewed the minutes from last month's meeting. Jimmy G. made a motion to accept the minutes, Mark B. seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. There is currently a projected loss of approximately a \$5,000.00 for the spring season. There is a place holder of \$1,000.00 for field costs. We are not sure if we will be charged for fields or what we will be charged by the city of Palm Springs due to new director of parks and rec and not being able to get an audience with her to date. Fundraising will need to be aggressive to avoid raising team and player registration fees. Mark B. asked when the last time we had to increase fees. Jimmy G. stated that we are about half the cost compared to other Southern California leagues. Vicky stated that it has been, "a few years since fees were increased." Scot reminded everyone that rather than raise fees we would attempt fundraising first to keep fees down at the September meeting. Steve L. mad a motion to accept the budget, Jimmy B seconded and the budget was accepted.

NAGAAA Meeting:

Steve Gomes advised that he, Vicky and Scot attended the NAGAAA meetings in Kansas City, MO. Steve advised that we, as well as NAGAAA, are in the process of rebranding our league and designing a new logo. NAGAAA is promoting snap chat filters. Hashtags, #wearegaysoftball should be used for NAGAAA and #psgsl should be used for PSGSL league photos. The league is going to start sending out weekly and/or monthly newsletters to players and coaches. NAGAAA is asking we include a snippet about something new they are doing as well. NAGAAA events are looking for social media assistance from anyone who is savvy in those platforms. NAGAAA has stated that if teams or leagues want to add the NAGAAA logo to the uniforms that they will cover the cost to do so. All American Athletics are now going to be making uniforms. Steve will get more information for teams looking for new uniforms. NAGAAA is creating a subcommittee that will focus on diversity. A new league has been accepted into NAGAAA, Carolina Piedmont. They represent the Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, NC and Columbia, SC. The Greater Denver Area Sports Association was denied entry to the league. NAGAAA is creating a best practices playbook for fundraising. We will be reaching out to the local CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau) in Rancho Mirage for money / donations for the league and tournaments. A division now has a cap of 4 homeruns. The one up to 6 homerun rule has been eliminated. A/B division 4 games in NAGAAA cup will count towards World Series eligibility. B division - Interleague games will count towards World Series berth. 4 non-players are allowed to be on the roster for the World Series teams. Effective 2022, the World Series will be a 3-year bid process. Kansas City - 2019 / Columbus - 2020 / Dallas or Bay Area - 2021. A new tournament will be held this year in Hawaii in October of this year. Managers will be able to get access to the new NAGAAA database.

Ratings Meeting:

Steve thanked everyone for attending the ratings meeting the week prior. Once the rosters are set Steve will update the rosters with the changes that were made for an accurate team rating. Steve will be distributing a sheet with explanations about MBA in the email with team rosters. Richard Miller said that he did not agree with the ratings of the C teams. He stated he went through all of the ratings and a few players on each team should have received more points. Steve stated that he would look into his request and advise. John M.

asked if before moving a player into a higher division due to team rating be over the cap, that a player should be moved to a different team where the teams still falls under the team ratings cap in the same division.

Rosters / Spring Season:

Scot advised that there are 14 teams expected for spring season - 1-A / 1-B / 3-C / 7-D / 2-E. Teams must be registered by Tuesday, February 19th in the system. Schedules cannot be completed until this is done. Teams that are in the system currently are: Greyhounds, Stingers, Orphans, Heat, Gorillas, Heartthrobs, Ballers and Retros. Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 PM on Field 8 at Demuth Field, will be the only player clinic for new players. The board will have a separate clinic for the Broke Bats entire team during one of their practices, time TBD. Broke Bats are looking for help with equipment; bats, gloves, cleats, ETC. Players must be registered and payment received by Friday, March 1st to be eligible to play in March 3rd games, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Vicky encouraged people to use PayPal for payments when registering. Spring Season begins March 3rd. 14 Teams playing an 8-week season. Last Day of the season will be on April 28th and playoffs will be on May 5th. The entire league will have a bye week on April 14th for Saguaro Cup in Phoenix, AZ and also a bye week on April 21st for Easter. Stingers will have a bye week March 3rd. Greyhounds will have a bye week March 17th, per request. Roadrunnerz will have a bye week April 28th. D-Division will be split into upper division (4 teams) and lower division (3 teams). A-Division is scheduled for 4 games. B-Division is scheduled for 10 games. C-Division is scheduled for 14 games. Upper D-Division is scheduled for 15 games. Lower D-Division is scheduled for 14 games. E-Division is scheduled for 14 games, plus.

A-Division plays B-Division 4 times - 3/3 & 3/17

B-Division plays A-Division 4 times / each C-Division team 2 times

C-Division each team plays B-Division 2 times / plays the other 2 C-Division teams 4 times / plays each Upper D-Division team 1 time

Upper D-Division plays each C-Division team 1 time / plays the other Upper D teams 3 times / plays the 3 lower D teams 1 time.

Lower D-Division plays each Upper D team 1 time / plays the other 2 Lower D teams 3 times / plays both E-Division teams 2 times.

E-Division plays each Lower D-Division team 2 times / plays the other E division team 8 times.

E-Division Los Angeles is interested in interleague play and is scheduled for 4/28 in L.A. A minimum of 3 days for each E-Team. The official schedule cannot be completed until all teams are registered in the system.

Opening Day:

Opening ceremonies are being held from 12:00PM - 2:00PM on Sunday, March 3rd at Demuth Park. Teams should bring enough of their assigned pot luck item for the entire league- approximately 200 people. The Pot Luck assignments are as follows:

Main Dishes - Tiki Warriors, Gorillas, Orphans

Side Dishes - Heat, Desert Dawgs, Ballers

Deserts - Rosa, Heartthrobs

Drinks - Stingers, Roadrunnerz, Greyhounds

Ice - Broke Bats, Retros

Utensils / Plates - Rounders

The league will supply the tables for opening day. To qualify for the league stipend each team must have 10 players/coaches in uniform for photos and be present for all opening day ceremonies.

Winter Classic:

Schedule to be published Wednesday, February 6th, 2019. 52 teams are participating total. 6 in B-Division / 24 in C Division / 22 in D-Division. Registration is next door to Hunter's in the old frozen yogurt place from 6-9 PM. Joel, Jimmy G., Clay, Scot, Nester, Victor all volunteered to work the registration. No rain forecasted. IBC is the official partner of the Winter Classic for the first time. The league will have a promo card in swag bags for IBC. We will also be handing out bracelets during registration for a 30% discount for IBC functions.

Fundraising Committee:

The final dollar amount made by the league for the football pool was \$1,254.00. We will send out a survey for improving the football pool for next year. The next Fundraising committee meeting is being held on Tuesday, February 19th. Next event will be a Bowling Night at Palm Springs Lanes. The planned date will be Sunday, May 19th. We will also be doing a bat raffle. We will purchase 2 World Series bats. The goal would be for each team to sell 20 tickets, at \$20.00 a piece, per team. The team that sells the most tickets will receive the second bat. The bat will be awarded at the awards banquet. Size and weight of the bat can be chosen by the winners. Steve will check on getting a discounted price. We will also be using templates from NAGAAA to develop new sponsorships and fundraising.

Hall of Fame:

Stephenie has received several nominations for the Hall of Fame. Nominations for the Hall of Fame are due by February 28th. Nominations can be made on the league web page. Last years inductees have not been updated on the website as of now.

Old Business:

New logo design concepts were passed around for the attendees to review.

New Business:

Scot explained the active issue with the Long Beach league and that the commissioners from the west coast leagues had sent a formal letter expressing their concerns to the commissioner. The Tiki Warriors will be having a fund raiser Saturday, March 9th between 2-6 PM at Toucan's. Street Bar is once again a league sponsor.

A motion was made by Rick to adjourn the meeting, Jimmy B. seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Next meeting will be at Hunter's on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00 PM