

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 30, 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 - Kirk

Broke Bats - Absent

Desert Dawgs - Rick

Gorillas - Carl

Greyhounds - Ross

Guys & Dolls - Kevin V.

Heartthrobs - Leo N.

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Jimmy B.

Retros - Dennis

Roadrunnerz - Richard

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Stingers - Steve L.

Team Rosa - Levi

Tiki Warriors - Antonio

Minutes:

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from last month's meeting. Leo N. made a motion to accept the minutes. Steve L. seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. All income has been entered, minus fund raising for bowling night and bat raffle. Major expenses that have not hit include; pride, awards banquet and NAGAAA World Series. The Web Site license has been renewed for 3 years to lock in the price which includes a 10% discount. Account balance is now under \$4,000. The league has not broken even since 2016 and has lost \$5,000 over the last two years in total. Most of that is due to the purchase of league insurance. We have made every effort to not raise league fees but due to a lack of participation by all teams in fundraising we will likely have to increase both individual and team fees. Vicky and Leo N. both spoke about what our league insurance covers and the cost of the insurance. The board is working on a break-even analysis to determine what the increase will need to be. Carl made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ross seconded and the report was accepted.

Saguaro Cup - SD/LA Wrap Up:

Scot congratulated the teams that participated in the Saguaro Cup. The Rounders 2.0 finished in 1st place in A-Division. Team Rosa finished 2nd place in B-Division. Stingers finished in 2nd place C-Division. Desert Dawgs finished in 2nd place in D-Division. The Rounders 2.0 also went 3-1 in San Diego and Team Rosa went 2-2 in San Diego. The Retros finished 2nd in the Los Angeles hosted E-Division tournament.

Playoffs Qualifications / Schedule:

Steve Gomes read off a list team by team of players that were not qualified for playoffs and World Series play due to lack of attendance. Scot reviewed the playoff schedule at Demuth Park. The schedule was based off of regular season standings. The exception was C-Division which finished in a three-way tie. That seeding was determined by run differential. The schedule was in flux due to the Women's tournament being held prior to our playoffs. What if games may move the schedule up or back an hour for each one of those games that do or do not take place. Arrive at the fields accordingly / early.

Team / Board Voting:

Clay reviewed the voting process and ballots. A Division and B division have already turned their ballots in prior to the meeting. Ballots will be handed out to the rest of the teams with the coach's packets at the fields during the playoffs. Ballots will be for Team MVP and Team MIP as well as Team Spirit Award. Board position voting will be on the ballots as well. Only league members present at the fields can vote, no absentees. All packets and ballots have to be returned before leaving the field to any board member or Carrie before leaving. The envelopes will be prestuffed with the current count of paid players / members for each team. There were 240 registered members in the league for this spring season.

Awards Banquet:

The awards banquet will be Sunday, June 2 from 5:00 to 10:00 PM at the Cimiarron Golf Resort. Format will be the same as the previous year. Scot asked for coaches to get a head count from their players. The bat raffle drawing will happen during the banquet.

World Series Tune Up / Monday Night League:

Scot asked Jeff H. to speak about the BLD summer league. Jeff advised that BLD would be hosting a summer gay league on Monday nights. Jeff handed out registration sheets to anyone that wanted to play. It would be open division for any teams that wanted to play. There will not be a team fee. There will be a \$30 player fee for the season. Also, the entry fee will still apply. First games will be Monday, June 3rd. It will be a 9-week regular season with week 10 being the playoffs. The registration is on the league web site. Scot said the league is considering early morning Sunday games pick up games at Demuth Field. Palm Springs is hosting a World Series Tune-Up tournament. It will be held August 2nd and 3rd. They will be evening games for C,D,E and Masters division teams and by invitation only for teams going to the World Series. San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix and Palm Springs teams have all expressed interest. Once there is a confirmed number of teams the cost will be determined. It will also be a night time tournament.

Hall of Fame:

Stephenie advised that the Hall of Fame committee is in the process of making the final vote. There were 7 nominees being voted on. The induction will be during the Awards Banquet dinner on June 2nd.

Fundraising Committee:

Steve spoke about fundraising. The Bat Raffle is still open, we have only sold 20 tickets online. We do not have a count of what teams have sold with the virtual tickets. The raffle drawing will be at the Awards Banquet on June 2nd. Bowling Night will be held on Sunday, May 19th. We have already received bowling raffle prizes from some teams and are expecting more to be turned in prior to the bowling event. There will be a table set up at the banquet to collect Bat Raffle tickets and money from players and teams. The Football Pool will be back for the upcoming season. We will have the Football Pool sign ups available in June in an effort to start earlier this year. It will be a new platform for the football pool with an app for the phone as well.

Old Business:

The Retros are holding a team Bachelor Auction Fundraiser at Chill Bar on Saturday, May 18th at 4:00 PM. There will be local celebrities and soft ball players and a silent auction. The proceeds will benefit the E-Division and the Seattle tournament. Steve Gomes passed out the finalized versions for the new league logos. The board and coaches voted on a final selection and Steve will get with the graphic designer to get the logo finalized.

New Business:

Scot reviewed the KMIR News story that was released. The story shed a negative light on our league. Scot drafted a letter to the news station. The story was removed from the news website. Sponsors and friends of our league were not negatively influenced and supporting us and felt that the league was attacked. Scot reviewed the league policy regarding sex offenders and conduct.

The league voted on whether or not to change the short player rule and the automatic out. The league voted not to change the rule for the playoffs but would review the rule change during the off season. We will be reviewing all of our league rules to have them more in line with USA rules during the off season.

The league wished good luck to all teams playing in the Denver tournament.

Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jimmy B. seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

The next league meeting will be held at Hunters on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:00 PM