

**PSGLS**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2021**

**Board Members:**

Scot Howard – Commissioner  
David Binder – Assistant Commissioner  
Stephen Gomes – Open Division Director  
Peter Ho – Treasurer  
Clay Peterson – Secretary

**Team Reps:**

Ballers D – Absent  
Ballers E – Absent  
Broke Bats – David  
Crazy Pitches - Vangie  
Eagle 501 – Leo N.  
Gorillas – Danny  
Greyhounds – Nabil /Billy  
Los Malos – Steve G.  
PS Heat – Stephenie  
Retros – Brian T. / Dennis  
Roadrunnerz – Richard  
Rounders 2.0 – Jeff  
Sandstorm – Nick  
Stingers – Steve L.  
Tiki Warriors – Kyle

### **Meeting Minutes:**

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous league meeting. Steve L. made a motion to accept the minutes. Leo N. seconded the motion, and the minutes were accepted at 6:09 PM.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Peter reviewed the treasurers report. Financials for the month of February had limited activity. There was a deposit made from the Sandstrom's fundraiser. Storage fees and state taxes were the only expenses. Danny made a motion to approve the report. David seconded motion and the report was accepted.

### **COVID/BLD Voting Results:**

Clay gave a recap about the voting results. The voting was held on the Election Runner Platform. 47% in total of the league participated.

Question 1 - 43% Lets play ball / 40% Hesitant but willing to play / 17% Not ready to play

Question 2 – 73% Yes to BLD / 27% No to BLD

### **COVID Update:**

Scot reviewed the current numbers for Riverside County / Palm Springs. Parks and Rec sent out an email earlier in the day that stated regardless of what Riverside County says, the decision to reopen Demuth Park is totally dependent on the City attorney. We are waiting to here from the City attorney and expect to receive an update from them by weeks end. Nabil asked if the league has any representation with the city attorney. Scot confirmed that we do and have been in contact. Nabil also asked why softball is being held to a different standard than other sports. The State of California deems softball a “low impact sport.”

Softball is permitted at Tier 2 / Red Tier, which requires a positivity rate of <7%.

We are currently at Tier 1 / Purple Tier, with a positivity rate of 5.9%.

We must maintain <7% until March 16th to move into Red Tier

New guidelines permit play, regardless of tier status, at <14 cases/100K.

We are currently at 10.9% PS has green lighted softball starting March 19<sup>th</sup>

Scot reminded teams not to practice at Demuth Park. The Board has been contacted by Parks and Rec regarding teams practicing at the park.

### **BLD Updates:**

BLD will open March 6th. Currently. They plan to only be open for Tournaments and Special Events due to staffing shortages / cost effectiveness at BLD. No league play of any kind, for any sport. This eliminates the option of a PSGSL Spring Season at their facility.

### **Spring Season – Return to Fields:**

The City of Palm Springs has given the green light for softball to resume on March 19th, <14 cases/100K On track to start New Player Clinics in March, starting the Spring Season on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Rules & Bylaws Committee has submitted their recommendations for Rules updates, which the Board is reviewing and will share with Council afterwards. PSGSL will be implementing Covid-safety precautions once we resume play. These guidelines will be included in the Rules on the PSGSL.org website. Once the rules have been finalized, the committee will begin working on the Bylaws. Several teams have already registered for the spring season. We encourage those that have not to do so in order for the Board can get a total team count to create a season schedule, secure umpires, etc. Peter Ho has populated the deadlines for registrations on the league website.

### **Spring Season – Team Player Registration:**

Player registration will open once we know the April 18th start date is finalized. We have approximately 14 D-Division players that are yet to be placed on a team or are not playing because their team is sitting out Spring Season, and/or were in our League and looking to qualify for GSWS – Masters Division. Once confirmed they are available and D-Division players, the League will sponsor this “New Player” team and players will be required to register and pay individual player fees. Vangie said she had reached out to players and had not heard back. The Retros asked if there have been any new E-Division players available. Scot asked if anyone has reached out to free agent players to let, he or David know immediately.

### **New Player Clinics:**

David gave an update on the New Player Clinic. New players that are expressing interest have reached out to David. He asked that any coaches that are in direct communication with any new players to let him know. Most new players have stayed in contact with him through the shutdown.

### **Hall of Fame Committee:**

Steve Gomes advised the Hall of Fame Committee. Nothing new to report currently. They plan on meeting later on this month. Clay reminded everyone that nominations can be made on the league website.

### **Board Nominations:**

Clay gave an update on the Board Nominations. The three board positions that were up for election and the nominees were as follows.

Vice Commissioner – Lenny Broberg (Changed board nomination post meeting from Open Division Director, Leo Newcomb, David Smith 2nd)

Open Division Director – Fernando Rodriguez (Steve Gomes, Nabil Najjar 2nd)

Secretary – Brian Thompson (Scot Howard, Clay Peterson 2nd)

All nominees accepted their nominations. Nominations officially close on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business:**

Covid waiver has been incorporated into the standard Player Waiver, instead of being a standalone document. Saguaro Cup in Phoenix is still “ON” although Phoenix is having difficulty securing fields. A reminder that rosters must be submitted to the Board prior to submitting to the tournament. Also, the Board should be copied on your submission to the tournament.

### **New Business:**

NAGAAA Diversity & Inclusion Committee is looking for volunteers.

NAGAAA A/B Tournament Travel Survey

March Madness Fundraiser

PSGSL Awards Banquet – Margaritaville Resort (June 18th or 19th)

Tool Shed – Sponsorship for Sandstorm