

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 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 - Absent

Desert Dawgs - Rick

Gorillas - Mark B.

Greyhounds - Rob C.

Guys & Dolls - Luis G.

Heartthrobs - Leo N.

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Stephenie

Retros - Dennis

Roadrunnerz - Gabe/Richard

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Stingers - Steve L.

Tiki Warriors - Robert

Before the meeting began, Scot Howard clarified ratings changes. He reminded the attendees that no one person has the ability to change ratings. There is a ratings committee that monitors/reviews the player ratings as well as the board that gives its final approval. Scot also introduced David Binder as our new Assistant Commissioner.

Minutes:

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from June's meeting. Robert made a motion to accept the minutes. Leo N. seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted. Clay also had all of the attendees introduce themselves since there were some new faces to the league meeting. We also reminded the attendees that the minutes were available on the website if needed.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. Vicky advised that the numbers were almost completely finalized from spring. Overall, we are doing much better than originally forecasted. Most of this as a result of the fundraising efforts. The league was projected to have a \$10,000.00 loss in the spring. Should be in the vicinity of \$2,000.00. The fall season is typically where we make up for the lost ground of the spring season. Projections are at worst, a break-even situation. Stephenie made a motion to approve the report, Steve L. seconded and the report was accepted.

Summer League Wrap-Up:

Scot congratulated the 7 teams that took part in the summer league at BLD. The Orphans were the winner of the summer season and the Roadrunnerz came in second. Overall the experience was good and players enjoyed the experience. There was some initial confusion about if we were following BLD rules vs PSGSL rules. The main reason for the summer league was to keep new players interested in softball and help players that wanted to play through the summer play. Richard asked about having another tournament prior to fall season. BLD did ask if there was any interest in joining the Monday night league. Minimum of 4 teams would be needed to play. Scot asked to be contact directly if there was any interest by coaches/teams.

GSWS:

PSGSL is sending 5 teams to Kansas City, MO for the World Series. Rosters have all been uploaded. A few updates for the world series. Teams have until Monday the 12th to submit any changes to the rosters. Any changes after that date will incur a fee from NAGAAA. This only applies to adding and subtracting players. Ratings are officially locked.

Team League Sponsors:

Scot advised that the league is making a change on how we are approaching sponsors for the league. There have been a lot of businesses approaching us interested in sponsoring the league. If there are individual teams that are in need of assistance the board will look into making arrangements. That does not mean that coaches/teams cannot go out on their own and approach sponsors for their teams. We do encourage teams to go out and find their own sponsors when ever possible. There is a lot of interest by new sponsors to get involved

with the league. Scot also pointed out that we as a league need to do a better job of stopping in at sponsors businesses. The sponsors would love to see us come by in our uniforms after games on Sundays. Bars, restaurants, ETC. David Binder suggested that we do a sponsor of the week during the season to highlight one particular sponsor every week to go visit. Steve Gomes also spoke about teams supporting each other's teams for fundraising. Clay brought up the social media platform is not being used as often as it could to spread the word about team fundraisers and social events. Other leagues use social media to push out scores and standings. Robert said that it was good to see other players from different teams at the Tiki Warriors fundraiser this year.

Team Stipends:

Scot advised that the team stipend program is being discontinued after the fall season. If teams have existing monies, they can be collected by the end of the calendar year.

Fall Season / Fall Fees:

Team and player fees will not increase for the fall season. \$300.00 per team / \$30.00 per player. Everyone should expect fee increases for the spring season. There is a break-even analysis being worked on to come up with the spring fees. Fall Season will be a seven-week season. Opening day will be Sunday, September 29th final day will be Sunday, December 8th. Five of those seven weeks will be at Demuth Park. Last two weeks of the season will be played at BLD. The schedule for BLD is subject to change Friday before that week's teams play there. We will not have games for the following weeks: October 13th - Autumn Classic / November 3rd - Palm Springs Pride / November 17th - Turkey Shootout / December 1st - Thanksgiving Weekend. We will be playing by fall season rules, those rules are posted on the website. Any team that picks up A/B division players will be required to play C - Division for fall. Fall season will be C, D, E Divisions only. 12 players minimum per roster. D and E Division will be following the ratings cap. C Division teams will be evaluated on a case by case basis to ensure that there is parity in C Division with pick up players.

C - Division - Stingers, Roadrunnerz, Greyhounds

D - Division - Heartthrobs, Orphans, Gorillas, Heat, Ballers, Tiki Warriors, Desert Dawgs, (Sandstorm?)

E - Division - Retros, Broke Bats, Guys and Dolls (new name TBD)

David Smith and Peter Ho have volunteered to coach the Broke Bats. Some teams have rosters of more than 15 players. Coaches should think about letting players play for other teams for fall to fill out rosters. Stephenie made a motion that the Heat use the smaller 11' softball for fall, as an experiment. A move was made to vote for the 11' ball.

Vote - For the fall season only, we will use the 11' ball only when playing against a female batter. The motion passed with a vote count 15 to 4.

New Player Clinics:

There will be two clinics at Demuth Park Field 7. The first clinic will be Sunday, August 18th at 8:00AM. The second clinic will be Sunday, September 15th at 8:00AM. This clinic is not for rerating current players. The clinics is not for players looking to change teams. There was a Facebook post the day of the meeting. There will be an email blast sent out after the meeting regarding dates and times. After the clinic the board will distribute a contact list to coaches that expressed that their teams need players. Richard asked if new players “have to” attend the fall player clinics. The clinic is not mandatory for Fall Season but is mandatory for Spring Season.

Pride Committee:

Vicky mentioned that we are officially registered for the parade and the booth. The rental truck has been acquired. Anyone looking to be a part of the committee and/or looking to decorate the float, please reach out to Vicky. Pride Weekend is the 1st-3rd.

Turkey Shootout:

Jeff Herman spoke about the tournament. The tournament will be November 16th and 17th. The registration fee will be the same as last year, \$435.00 per team. C & D Division only / 16 teams from each division. The tournament will be held at BLD. The only major change is from the new ratings questions. Historically, teams have been allowed to have 2 non-rated players per team. New fall ball players or players without an old rating (Old ratings questions) will be considered non-rated. There will not be an E - Division but an E - Division team can play in D - Division if they want. Registration should be open shortly.

Fund Raising Committee:

Steve Gomes thanked everyone who participated in league fundraisers the last year. He gave an update about the next fundraising effort, the football pool. Registration is already available on the website. Clay advised that we will be using the Yahoo Fantasy platform this year. The phone app is up and running and the football league is open. Please use the PayPal payment option. Dennis W. made up the digital flyers for the fundraiser.

Old Business:

PSGSL has withdrawn the bid to host the 2021 World Series. This was mainly because of the increase in mandatory field counts.

The league is currently pursuing hosting NAGAAA cup for March of 2020. The board will be presenting in front of the selection committee on Friday, August, 30th in Kansas City. We will know if we won the bid on September 1st. We have \$10,000 in commitments for the tournament. The two other cities bidding on this tournament are Houston, TX and Salt Lake City, UT. The tournament would be in March to work around the other regional tournaments. Potential weekends would be March 20th-23rd or March 27th-30th. 15 companies have pledged money and/or services. Games would be played at both Demuth Park and BLD.

PSGSL logo has not been completed by the graphics company. Steve will get an update on the progress.

New Business:

The World Series bids for 2021 are Dallas and San Jose / San Francisco. Steve Gomes asked the attendees on their preference on where they would prefer to play. Casual vote count 13 - Dallas vs 6 - San Jose / San Francisco.

Leo reminded the attendees if any of these players are injured on the field that for insurance purposes, they must report it immediately. It must be documented before the player leaves the field.

At no point during a season can a manager / coach recruit a player from a different team during season. This rule does not apply to players recruiting other players.

Steve L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Robert seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.