

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2020

Attendees:

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 – Absent

Gorillas – Danny

Greyhounds – Billy / Nabil

Orphans – Absent

PS Heat – Vicky

Retros – Brian T.

Roadrunnerz – Richard

Rounders 2.0 – Jeff

Sandstorm – Bill

Stingers – Steve L.

Tiki Warriors – Antonio

Meeting Minutes:

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Steve L. made a motion to approve the minutes. Nabil seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted 6:11PM.

Treasurers Report:

Vicky reviewed the treasurer's report. There has not been much activity and/or change since the last report. There is a significant favorable variance. We are holding on to approximately \$4,000 in team money. There is a balance of \$26,000 in the account but that is NAGAAA cup related. Vangie made a motion to accept the report. Steve L. seconded the motion and the report was approved.

COVID-19 Update:

Scot gave an update on the impacts of COVID-19. The lockdown will not be lifted by the aforementioned August 18th target date that the City provided in mid-July. The Mayor is no longer forecasting dates. The mayor has stated that the numbers must first go down significantly, and remain down for at least two weeks, before easing restrictions are considered and go into effect. All adult team sports are still considered a Phase 4 risk so it would still be some time after that before we would be able to play. Scot reminded everyone that although some leagues in other cities have been playing, their states never went on lock down the way California did. We have provided the City with a copy of the USA Covid Recommendations, with a request to allow teams to practice as long as their numbers are no more than 10, they wear masks, and maintain social distancing. The mayor is considering this but ultimately when we play again is in the hands of the Governor.

Fall Season:

Scot gave an update about fall season. There are NAGAAA leagues playing in various cities/states and even more leagues voting this week and next on whether or not to have a Fall Season. The difference between them and us is that they never went into lockdown like California. If we are able to resume play in the September/October timeframe, we have 3 options:

- a. Official Fall Season with rostered teams
- b. Draft, with players registering and then League randomly creating teams
- c. Open/Pick-up Play, not an official season and open to all that want to come out on Sundays

We would love for coaches to speak with there teams regarding these options and welcome any input. Several coaches have advised the board that they will not participate until a vaccine has been created. Nabil was in favor of the draft and. Vangie agreed and said she felt the draft would be a great

opportunity to build more comradery in between teams that normally would not play together. Steve L. reminded everyone all of this is contingent upon what we are allowed to do and when. The San Diego tournament as of the meeting was still scheduled to happen in the fall. There are still 2 Vegas tournaments scheduled to happen. Turkey Shootout is still undecided at this time. Teams that are intending to play in those tournaments are more than likely going to want to play as their teams and not a draft. Steve L. advised that the Stingers are wanting to play as a team since they are intending on traveling to the tournaments. Nabil said that as a league in the C-Division and D-Division he would like to see teams who are short players combine for the fall season, including tournaments. This too would help build comradery. This would be better for the league rather than picking players up from other leagues in other cities. Vangie and Steve G. both liked this idea. Scot said that in the past the league held a draft. Vangie stated that if we did do the draft its important that all teams have a pitcher. Steve G. said that if we do move forward with the draft that ALL teams must participate. Brian T. has serious concerns about safety for E-players playing against higher divisions. He was also worried about E-Players getting playing time on those teams with higher rated players. Steve G. said that the A and C players are not going to attack an E-Players. Vangie also stated that we should not keep score if they do the interleague draft. Steve L was not in favor of the draft, he was of the opinion the Stingers would not want to split the team. Steve G will speak to Whitey about it.

NAGAAA Cup 2021:

Scot gave a NAGAAA Cup update. Palm Springs will host the 2021 NAGAAA Cup, March 26-28. This will most likely be the 1st or 2nd tournament for A/B teams post lockdowns. The official announcement will be the week of August 17th. The theme is “Best of the Best” and the social media campaign begins September 2nd. The NAGAAA Cup committee will begin meeting again, starting next week.

Old Business:

“That’s so Palm Springs” Photo Contest was a hit. The Board did select 5 winners from all of the entries and will make the announcement via Facebook on Fri, August 7th. Each winner will receive a \$20 gift card. The winning photos will be featured in NAGAAA Cup 2021 promotional materials.

“Together we’ll Get through This” Social Media Campaigns:

- a. Sponsors: Highlighting 1 per week. Chill Re-opening will be on August 9th.
- b. PSGSL Member: Seeking short videos (no more than 1 minute) of players, coaches and managers sharing about gay softball and/or being a member of a gay softball league.

New Business:

NAGAAA Cup Video Casting Call: We need 2 couples and/or 4 people to participate this Sunday afternoon (8/9). Shots will include:

- a. couple holding hands, walking down the street

- b. group in front of Chill Bar
- c. silhouette of couple kissing against a sunset

Steve L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brian seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

*******NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST AT 6:00PM on ZOOM*******