

PSGSL  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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 - Peter

Gorillas - Danny

Greyhounds - Billy

Guys & Dolls - Luis G.

Heartthrobs - Leo N.

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Stephenie

Retros - Dennis

Roadrunnerz - Richard

Rounders 2.0 - Jeff

Sandstorm - Nick

Stingers - Steve L.

Tiki Warriors - Robert

**Minutes:**

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Stephenie made a motion to accept the minutes. Danny seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted at 6:08 PM.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. Vicky advised that all of the team fees are in as well as all of the player fees. We are a little behind on fund raising money for the fall. We are still hanging on to a reserve if the city of Palm Springs bills us for the spring season. We are currently on budget for the year. Stephenie made a motion to approve the report. Dennis seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

### **NAGAAA Cup Update:**

Scot gave an update on the NAGAAA Cup. A representative from NAGAAA came to visit Palm Springs the first few days of October. Several members of the league took him around to see the hotels, bars and facilities and they were very excited. Fundraising for NAGAAA cup is going well. Saguardo has been eliminated as a host hotel has. They would not lower the 80% attrition cap. The venue was not ideal primarily due to the rooms not being cleaned during the reps stay. The Riviera and the Courtyard Marriott have been selected as the two host hotels. The NAGAAA Cup Facebook page will go live with posts as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. NAGAAA is setting a cap of 40 teams. Comparatively, 17 teams attended the same tournament last year in Denver, CO. David Binder will be contacting players and teams for volunteers.

### **Sponsorships:**

Scot spoke about sponsorships. He announced that there is a new sponsor. Quadz will now be sponsoring the Broke Bats. Leo advised Eagle 501 will now be sponsoring the Heartthrobs. They will also be changing their team name to the Eagle 501. The other business has not committed as of yet but Scot would be speaking to them about sponsoring the league rather than a single team. Scot also advised that we need to do more to patronize our sponsors businesses. The local sponsors want to see players in softball uniforms in their businesses. Clay brought up the idea David Binder had in the previous meeting about a featured sponsor of the week on social media.

### **Tournament Rosters:**

Scot addressed a couple of questions that were brought to him regarding tournament rosters. The commissioner of each league has to sign off on the tournament roster. Tournament directors and/or commissioners from tournaments in other cities will often call other leagues or commissioners to confirm players on submitted rosters for ratings accuracy and player standing.

### **Autumn Classic / Turkey Shootout:**

Scot wished all teams participating in the Autumn Classic luck in the upcoming tournament. PSGSL will have an off week during the tournament. Teams participating are the; Stingers, Sandstorm, Tiki Warriors, Greyhounds, Gorillas and Big Horns. He encouraged teams to take photos. Jeff H. spoke about Turkey shootout. He advised that the tournament is now full in both C and D divisions. There is also a three team waitlist currently in D-Division. Payment deadline is still down the road, approximately, three weeks. It will be the first time the Turkey Shootout has had a completely full tournament. Everything is ready to go for the tournament. Elite will be the vendor again this year. There will be a meeting next month for volunteers for sign ups both at Hunters and at the fields.

### **Pride Committee / Booth Assignments:**

Vicky gave an update about Pride Committee. Pride will be the first weekend in November. The team balls were handed out to the teams to be decorated. They will be in a rainbow color pattern. Teams should try and hand in their balls on the 27<sup>th</sup> at the fields. Vicky echoed that we need a large turn out for the parade itself. Booth assignments were also determined by a luck of the draw. Each coach/rep pulled a time slot out of a bucket. Clay sent out a copy of the time slots to the meeting attendees. 2-3 people from each team is the requested minimum. Hand written sign up sheet this year at the booth. Cash donation bucket will be at the booth. We will be penalized by the pride weekend organizers if the booth is unmanned.

### **Fund Raising Committee:**

Steve spoke about our current Fundraising ideas and what's next. For the next few months the committee will be focused on NAGAAA Cup fundraising. Fundraising events will directly tie in to the grant program that is replacing the team stipend. The grant program is based off of participation on all of the fundraising events. Example, if a team has 3 players show up at the parade and another team has 8 players show up at the parade, the 8 players team will receive more money on the new grant program. The committee is also looking into putting a dunk tank at Chill Bar parking lot during Pride. Steve is doing some research on a bingo night for the league hosted by Tommy Rose. For the remainder of the season the league will be doing a 50/50 raffle at the fields. Winners will be posted on social media.

### **Old Business:**

Steve presented the new logo for the PSGSL. They have one for signage and social media. There is also one for uniforms and embroidery. Art Ruiz from the Gorillas was the designer for the logo.

### **New Business:**

Scot thanked and apologized to the teams that have had to work with substitute umpires; Clay, David & Scot.

A new pitcher's mound slab has been repaired on field 7.

Teams have had mixed reviews on the Pink Ball. The Heat are in favor of it. Some of the other teams with female players have opted not to use it. The jury is still out on the long-term use of the pink ball.

Steve L. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leo N. seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.