

PSGSL
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8TH, 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 - Leo

Desert Dawgs - Rick

Gorillas - Carl

Greyhounds - Nabil

Heartthrobs - Raul

Orphans - John

PS Heat - Jimmy

Roadrunnerz - Martin

Rounders - Duke

Retros - Dennis

Stingers - Steve L.

Team Rosa - Joel

Tiki Warriors - Robert

Minutes:

Clay reviewed minutes from last months meeting. Steve L. made a motion to accept, Carl seconded and the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report:

Vicky reviewed the financial report. Went over the final numbers for the full year as well as the fall season. Vicky stated in comparison to 2017 end balance was better that

expected due to fundraising. Stated approximate balance would be about \$14,000.00 in the bank. However around \$3,000.00 of that amount is earmarked for specific teams from charitable donations. Have not been invoiced by the city of Palm Springs. Jimmy B. made a motion to accept the report and Carl seconded.

Tournament Stipend:

Scot reviewed the participation-based tournament stipend. Stated that no one to date has earned the \$300.00 stipend for 2019. An accounting is available if needed for each team if they have not been tracking their participation. \$100 for pride parade, \$100 for pride booth, \$50 for NFL Pool, \$50 for bowling night.

Non-LGBTQ Grandfathering policy:

Scot clarified that on the actual ballot it states, "A vote for options 2 or 3 allows all non-LGBTQ players currently on a team roster to remain with that team, as long as they are compliant with the current 50% rule. However, any team will not be able to bring on any new non-LGBTQ players until they fall below the number of non-LGBTQ players allowed." Players looking to switch teams at this point are no longer grandfathered.

Spring Season:

Spring season start date will be Sunday, March 3rd. The season will be shortened and no longer be an 18-game season. We will not no the total count of games until a team count has been finalized. It will be at least 10 games for all teams, keeping world series eligibility in mind. Team and player registration fees will not be going up the spring season as a result of fund raising. If we keep that trend up the fees will not increase in fall season.

Number of Teams:

A Teams - Rounders 2.0 / B Teams - Team Rosa / C Teams - Greyhounds, Roadrunnerz, Stingers D Teams - Desert Dawgs, Orphans, PS Heat, Gorillas, Ballers, Heartthrobs, Tiki Warriors / E Teams - Retros, (Jimmy Green putting an E Team together?)

Robert informed the board that the Tiki Warriors advised that they will not be playing in E division. Jimmy Green and Rocks putting a potential E Team together. Schedule will need to be worked accordingly pending a second E Team. Steve Gomes asked why the Tiki Warriors had changed their mind about joining E division. Robert stated since they performed the way they did in the fall season they feel they can be competitive in the new D division.

Ratings Review:

Ratings Review meeting will take place January 29th at the Hilton. E & D division review from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. A, B & C division review from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Other representatives can be there for other review of other division. Scot advised Dennis that the Retros may be the only E team. Steve Gomes spoke about not getting all of the new ratings in on time by multiple teams. Stated he just received final ratings right before Christmas break that were due in the beginning of December. The board will now start implementing consequences moving forward for teams not in compliance.

1. Games are forfeited until ratings are turned in. This also includes forfeit fees for each game until the ratings have been turned in.

2. Team will also be considered not in good standing with PSGSL. If you are not in good standing your teams and players cannot represent the PSGSL in any tournaments until the team is in good standing.
3. Any team that is interested in going to the World Series that does not have the ratings turned in by the deadline will not be eligible to participate in the World Series. Teams will also forfeit their commitment fee.

Any teams that have players coming from other teams for tournament play must contact Steve Gomes to make sure they have accurate and current ratings for that player. Teams must use the ratings that are in the NAGAAA database.

Bye Weekend:

Scot asked if any teams knew when they would like to have their bye weekends. Greyhounds - March 17 & 24th / Stingers - March 3rd / Orphans - May 12th. Saguaro Cup weekend will be a league wide bye. Teams that do not need a bye weekend advise Scot via email.

World Series Berths:

There will be five berths for the world series not counting the Masters and A division. A Division - 1 / Masters - 1 / C Division - 2 / D Division - 2 / E Division - 1 and E division is an open roster. We can receive an extra berth if all teams attend the world series. Team Rosa plans on attending. World Series will be in Kansas City, MO September 1st - 8th.

Opening Ceremonies:

Opening ceremonies will be at Demuth Park. Scot asked for input about doing a pot luck similar to what has been done in the past. He would like to divide up the food varieties as follows; 4 teams bring main dishes, 4 teams bring sides/salads, 2 teams bring deserts, 2 teams bring beverages, 1 team brings plates and napkins. Assignments to be made at February meeting. Vicky gauged interest in doing a virtual food drive. There was not a large positive response in regards to the food drive. Vicky will investigate further for information.

Inter League Play:

A & B Division - San Diego is hosting inter league play this year. Proposed dates are for the end of April. Once a team count has been established, they will set up dates.

C & D Division - Long Beach is asking for interest in playing inter league play for C & D division. This would be in addition to the regular league schedule. Possible sites would be in Orange, California area. Both Division reps were interested in more information. Scot will follow up with Long Beach. Games do count as World Series eligible games.

Umpire Evaluations:

Stephenie asked if there was any interest in doing umpire evaluations by coaches or teams. Rick advised that Eric/Chris/Larry are the core three umpires. There are not a lot of extra choices in this area. Mike Landin is being added to the rotation as a fill in. Possibly look into a year-end review if needed. Rick confirmed that was a practice used in the past. Steve Gomes also mentioned to Rick that there is a chance for PSGSL to nominate our umpires to

participate in the World Series if they were interested. Stephenie will move forward with the evaluation/questionnaire.

New Player Clinic Dates:

There will be two new player clinics. Both clinics will be at Demuth park, tentatively field 5. The first will be Sunday, February 3rd at 9:00AM and the second will take place on Sunday, February 17th at 2:00 PM. All new players should attend one clinic.

Hall of Fame:

Stephenie confirmed that they now have all participants for the HOF committee. Nominations can be made on the web site.

Fundraising Committee:

Steve Gomes asked about doing another bowling night fundraiser. The next bowling night will be planned during the fall season once the schedule is set. Steve also brought up the topic of an All-Star game. There have been bigger ideas in regards to event. A committee would need to be formed. Dennis had the idea of getting local celebrities involved for the game to draw a bigger crowd and media coverage. We need a lot of league support for this event if we move forward. The next fundraising meeting will set a time table for the All-star day. We need to gauge team interest.

Old Business:

Jimmy B. spoke about a new public radio station KGAY-106.5. Stephenie still has a few gloves that were left over at field 8 from the last day of the fall season.

New Business:

Steve Gomes advised the league will be printing out our own line up cards for the spring season. These will be used by all teams so we have a uniform lineup card for every team in the league. Also, we will be using sign in sheets again for spring season in order to keep track of players eligible for the World Series. These need to be used for all teams even if the team itself is not going in case a player gets picked up by another team.

We will be designing a new PSGSL Logo. The logo can be updated and/or changed. The fee is approximately \$350.00 dollars. We are looking for suggestions for updating the new logo.

The Stingers will be holding a Superbowl Fundraiser party at Chill Bar on Sunday, February 3rd. Time will be determined.

Scot, Vicky and Steve will be attending the NAGAAA meetings in Kansas City, MO at the end of the month.

Robert K. was looking for clarification on players changing teams. Wanted to know if we were still encouraged to advise the players to stay with the teams they were currently on. Robert was advised that the players in question were advised that they need to go to their original teams' coach and advise them of their decision. The communication should be put on the player looking to make a change to communicate to the team not coach to coach.

Stephenie brought up a lesser registration fees for non-players. In order to be on the field, you must be registered, coaches and players alike. This also applies to voting rights. A \$15.00

fee was agreed upon. Rick made a motion to accept the new non-player fee, Joel seconded the motion. Vicky will add the option to the web site.

A motion was made by Carl to adjourn the meeting, Rick seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.