



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA- Minutes/Notes

September 14th, 2021-6pm via Zoom (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97927521740>)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Brian Thompson

PS Rounders- Jeff

Greyhounds- Nabil

Los Malos- Steven

Roadrunnerz- Richard

Sandstorm- David

Stingers- Stephen

Crazy Pitches- Michelle

Eagles- Kyle

Peckers- Rafael

PS Ballers- Leo

PS Ragtags- Ryan and Ivan

Thunderbirds- Mike Landin

Brokebats- David

PS Heat- Vicky

PS Retros- Dennis

2. Review of August 4th Meeting Minutes

Brian Thompson

Motion to approve the meeting minutes made by Vicky Harrison and seconded by Steve Lisante. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the council.

3. Treasurer's Report

Peter Ho

Peter provided his treasurer report by referencing his e-mail that contain the current Budget for Fall season as well as the current bank balances. Some council members expressed concern over the high amounts of cash that is sitting in the bank right now as a result of the cancelled Spring season as well as the financial contribution from hosting the NAGAAA Cup this past Spring. Some members felt the money should be earmarked in some way for the members. The board agreed to reevaluate after the Fall season is complete and will solicit feedback on how these funds should be use to benefit our teams/members. Please begin to think of ideas on how our league could use some of these funds.

4. 2021 Gay Softball World Series

Fernando Rodriguez

a. Wrap up report

Record number of protests; PS team not on either side of the table

Fernando commented on how wonderful the camaraderie was between teams as well as many of the other cities watching our teams play. A wonderful time was had by all.

b. Congratulations to all! Way to go Greyhounds!

Nabil shared about their experience fighting hard as a team with only 11 players many of whom were injured but they persevered to a championship win in the Masters 'C' Division.

They also announced that a celebration party and trophy presentation will occur at their sponsor- Hunters Palm Springs on September 19th at 5pm. Please encourage your players to attend.

5. NAGAAA Summer Meeting

Stephen Gomes

- a. Summary and wrap up report

*New Partners for the NAGAAA organization- reach out to them and look for additional sponsorship
National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
Major League Baseball- IE 66ers, Lake Elsnore Pirates, Rancho Cucamongo (Local Teams)*

*New Member Cities-
Salt Lake City*

235 teams- record number- growing at a high rate. More money and fiscal concerns. Possibly adding a player fee for the GSWS. Possibly increasing the team fees for GSWS.

Host hotel revenue to the GSWS- percent at the host hotels are going down, so they need to recoup some of those costs

They are looking for consistency across all tournaments with only 2 nonrated players being eligible. They will allow new player additions to the open database.

Committee involvement available at the NAGAAA level.

A division declining in participation, B Division declining in participation, C division is steady, D division is growing, E division is growing, and Master's division is growing greatly.

Any tournament using a NAGAAA rating system must have in place a protest system.

A/B teams can pick up two players from another organization out of the 4 allowed pick up players.

Sin City Classic will use the new rating system. Changes to the ratings are outlined below.

Summary of NAGAAA-passed Changes to Player Ratings Questions 3-5, 11-14

1. Change to Ratings Questions 3-5, which will:

- *Remove current question 5 (Able to place hit the ball), move current question 4 (hit a fly ball over 300 feet) to be the new question 5, and change the threshold to 5% instead of 20%.*
- *Split old question 3 (Hit a fair ball with high velocity) into two questions – one with a threshold of 20% (new question 3) and one with a threshold of 60% (new question 4).*
- *Players with new question 3 would not be allowed to play in the E Division and players with new question 5 would not be allowed to play in the D and E Divisions.*

2. Change to Ratings Questions 11-14, which will:

- *Q10 didn't change*
- *Change definition of Q11, replacing "3.75 seconds" to "4 seconds"*
- *Change definition of Q12, replacing "3 seconds" to "3.5 seconds"*
- *Change definition of Q13 to "From a stopped standing ready position, runs from home plate to first base, one base to the next, or third base to home plate (70 ft.) in less than 3 seconds"*

- For Q14, remove the words “Division &” from the definition and add to the end of the definition, “measured as follows: 1) Batter reaches first, runner goes from first to third or runner goes from second to home; 2) Batter reaches second, runner goes from first to home”

6. 2021 Fall Season

Scot Howard / Brian Thompson

a. Participating Teams

i. Team Counts- 14 teams currently registered for Fall season

ii. Divisions breakdown for Fall

Upper Division – 5	D Division - 6	E Division – 3
Greyhounds	PS Ballers	Broke Bats
RoadRunnerz	Crazy Pitches	PS Heat
Stingers	Eagles	PS Retros
Los Malos	The Peckers	
Sandstorm	PS Rag Tags	
	Thunderbirds	

A Div Players Available:

- i. Jeff Hermann – Sandstorm- **Team agreed to take A player for Fall**
- ii. Duke Kulas – Los Malos **Team agreed to take A player for Fall**
- iii. Anthony Siciliano – RoadRunnerz **Team declined to take A player for Fall**
- iv. Matt Oclarit – Greyhounds **Team agreed to take A player for Fall**
- v. Jason Bradshaw-Lopez – Stingers **Team agreed to take A player for Fall**

b. Schedule proposal- need input on dates

- i. Input from Council: Play 11/28 or 12/5- **Voted and we will play on 11/28**
- ii. Games at Demuth 10/3, 10/17 & 10/24 will begin 10AM
- iii. Dames at BLD 10/31, 11/14 & 11/28 – Schedule based on availability

c. Registration / Rosters Due

- i. *Team Registration: 9/15*
- ii. *Initial Rosters Due: 9/17 (so we can determine teams needing players)*
- iii. *Final Rosters Due: 9/24*
- iv. *All team registration fees and player Fall season fees are due by 10/1*

d. Player Registration open- please send roster invites

Deadline: 10/1 (Any player not reg & paid will not be eligible on 10/3)

- *Checks the day of will not be accepted*
- *If paying by check, it must clear by 10/1*

e. Competition – Fall Rules (See PSGSL Rules for Details)

- i. *Games shall utilize the five (5) run per inning rule, with unlimited runs allowed after the completion of the fourth inning.*
- ii. *Teams may bat their entire roster. All extra hitters must be included in the official line-up and may bat in any spot in the order.*
- iii. *Pickups within your division or lower are allowed and not required to play RF or C, in the upper division you can only pickup an ‘A’ division player to replace another absent ‘A’ division player.*
- iv. *Teams are allowed two (2) courtesy runners per inning*
- v. *A pitching screen will be utilized in Upper Division*

- f. Face-offs
 - i. Upper Div: Each Opponent 3x
 - ii. D Div: Each Opponent 2X + 3
 - iii. E Div: Each Opponent 6x

7. Old Business

- a. Turkey Shootout Update Peter Ho
Peter provided a detailed report of the current status of the Turkey Shootout tournament. He indicated that there is currently a waitlist for 'D' Division. There is one spot remaining in the 'E' division. There are a few spots remaining for 'C' division. If you haven't paid, please do so very soon or risk losing your spot to another team on the waitlist. Also if you are no longer planning to participate please let Peter know ASAP so he can open up the spot.
- b. Executive Committees Brian Thompson
Brian stressed the importance of asking our members to please get involved in one of the executive committees for the board. We especially need assistance with Fundraising, Social Media, and the Pride parade. Please reach out to Brian if anyone has players that are interested in participating in any of the committees.

8. New Business

- a. Kari Little will be assisting PSGSL for Fall Season Scot Howard
Scot announced that Kari will be present at the fields and assisting us with the management of game days. She will be available if any players need anything and a board member isn't available. She is feeling better and we are excited to have her back for Fall.
- b. New Player Clinics Lenny Broberg
 - i. *Any player without a rating must attend the clinic, this Sunday September 19th from 9am to 11am*
 - ii. *1 rep from each team permitted to observe clinic*
 - iii. *Reps may approach players after the clinic*
 - iv. *All coaches/managers will be provided contact info for "available" players afterwards*
 - v. *Board will give more detailed guidance on an initial rating, not just a division placement*
- c. Upcoming tournaments Brian Thompson
If you are participating in any upcoming tournaments please remember all rosters require PSGSL sign-off prior to tournament submission. Note that Trny Directors do contact the Board to review each roster.
- d. New Ratings Review Process Scot Howard
A discussion of the proposed new ratings process was conducted and many council members/coaches provided feedback regarding the boards suggested process for ratings going forward. The board took all of this discussion into consideration and a revised ratings process will be sent via e-mail from Fernando, the Open Division Director. Please see the forthcoming e-mail to provide feedback about the process.

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: Sept 28, 2021 @ 6PM Hunters (or via Zoom)