

PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6th, 2021

Board Members:

Scot Howard – Commissioner

David Binder – Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Gomes – Open Division Director

Peter Ho – Treasurer

Clay Peterson- Absent/Brian Thompson (proxy) – Secretary

Roll Call Attendance by Team Reps:

Ballers D – Absent/Will be sitting out Spring Season

Ballers E – Absent/Will be sitting out Spring Season

Broke Bats – David

Crazy Pitches – Vangie

Eagle 501 – Leo N./ Lenny

Gorillas – Kevin

Green Machine- Mike

Greyhounds – Nabil /Billy

Los Malos – Steve G

PS Heat – Stephenie

PS Retros – Brian T. / Dennis

Roadrunnerz – Richard

Rounders 2.0 – Jeff

Sandstorm – Nick

Stingers – Steve L

Tiki Warriors – Antonio/Kyle

1. Review of last meeting's minutes

Scott presented the meeting minutes from the last league council meeting. Leo moved to approve the minutes and Steve seconded the motion. The motion passed to approve the meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report

Peter presented the treasurer's report as well as the accompanying financials document. Amount reflected was compiled prior to the Rounders withdrawal posting/clearing. Peter reviewed the financials and explained that the balance will change once it clears. Stephen Gnomes expressed a concern about the ending calculations, Peter will look into the formulas to ensure they are correct.

Leo moved to accept the report and Jeff seconded the motion.

3. Spring Season / Opening Day

Kari Little- still in the hospital but is doing much better. She appreciates everyone who participated in the video messages that were sent to her sister.

Opening Day: Sun, Apr 18 – No Opening Ceremonies will be conducted

Total Teams: 12

C Div: 4 Teams – Greyhounds / Los Malos / Roadrunnerz / Stingers

D Div: 5 Teams – Greene Machine / Gorillas / PS Eagles / Sandstorm / Tiki Warriors

E Div: 3 Teams – Broke Bats / PS Heat /PS Retros

Schedule: Received the latest, as of 4/4/21- changes to the schedule were sent out

Subject to change based on field availability. Best players/teams “keep Sundays open”- some days we may only have two fields and games will be consolidated and times moved later into the day. The names of the fields are also not accurate.

Website will be updated the Thursday before Sunday’s games with latest changes

BLD Covid Protocols available on website, under Coaches Packet

Team Fees: Deadline was 4/4

Player Registration Fees: 4/16 – 5PM by check / 4/17 – 12PM (electronic)

Players paying on Sun 4/18 will not be eligible to play on 4/18

Team Check-In: 8AM

Must submit completed BLD Waiver, which will be cross-checked with your roster. (Suggestion made to list players in alphabetical order on the BLD Waiver so that it is easy for the board to cross reference the list). Any player not included or hasn’t signed will not be eligible to play (BLD Rule). Any team failing to submit a completed BLD Waiver will not be eligible to play (BLD Rule)

Coaches/Managers will receive: Scorebook / Line-Up Forms / Player Sign-in Sheets

A sample line up sheet will be provided so that they are completed correctly

Make sure all players sign in to ensure playoff and World Series eligibility

4. New Player Clinic / Free Agents

23 Participants in the 3/21 New Player Clinic

48 Free Agents / New Player Inquiries – Placed all but 2- 38 placed onto teams in the league

4hr long Clinic on a very hot day- many people involved in making that day a success.

There is interest in starting a women’s division to the league. Scot will continue to explore this possibility with a committee of women from the league.

A question was posed by Los Malos regarding the rule that coaches and managers aren’t allowed at the New Player Clinics. In other leagues coaches and managers are allowed to attend. The board’s response included a past precedent where coaches would actively recruiting players for their teams before the clinic was even concluded. It became a distraction. They wanted to prevent this activity.

A concern was raised by Los Malos about how to address inaccuracies in ratings after the clinic’s divisional placement recommendation.

5. Team / Player Registration Fees

All teams have paid their fees for the Spring Season
28 players who still need to pay their fees
6 players need to register via the website.

6. Rosters & Ratings

Ratings Review/Change Process- lowering of a players rating must come with documentation for why the rating is being lowered. There will be an opportunity to submit updated ratings and changes after a few games of the spring season.

Have only received 10 teams' rosters with the ratings (Retros, Greyhounds, Warriors, Brokebats, Gorillas, Roadrunnerz, Rounders 2.0, Heat, Stingers, Sandstorm, Los Malos)

Stephanie raised a concern about rating players whom the coaches haven't seen at a practice. The board's response was to make your best estimate for ratings purposes prior to the start of the season and then make corrections/updates after a couple weeks of the Spring season.

If you need current NAGAAA ratings please contact Scot or Steve.

7. PSGSL Rules and Regulations

Rules will be updated following Council Meeting

Motion to Amend Rule:

Should the long-standing PSGSL rule allowing teams to begin a game with 8 players be increased to 9 players, which is the minimum required NAGAAA/USA Softball.

The Impact: With an out recorded each time the vacant position in the batting order is scheduled to bat, an increase to 9 means that only the 10th spot in the line-up would be recorded as an out versus both the 9th and 10th spots, as the PSGSL rule currently stands. In other words, an inning where the defense only needs to make 1 out to end the inning for the offense is possible.

Motion to amend rules document made by Scot, League Commissioner and seconded by Brian from the Retros

***Discussion: Steve G- Provided clarification that this rules change doesn't have to apply to the Fall season, there can be a stipulation that 8 players is sufficient to prevent forfeiture and the team can pick up two players to prevent the required "outs".

Council Voting Results: Roll call vote was taken- Motion Passed Unanimously

8. 2021 GSWS

Teams interested in competing for one of the 2 berths available in both C and D Divisions must declare their intent and pay their \$250 commitment fee by May 4 (next Council Mtg)
Reminder for teams that earn a GSWS berth, the hotel deposit is \$500 or \$600.

9. Hall of Fame Committee

Nominations are now closed for the Hall of Fame committee. If you'd like to be on the Hall of Fame committee please message Steve your e-mail.

We will set up a meeting in the next month or so to discuss nominations.

Congratulations to Jeff Herman for being inducted into the NAGAAA Hall of Fame, he will be recognized at the GSWS in Columbus this year.

10. Board Nominations

Nominations for League Secretary

Current nominations include: Brian Thompson

Scot opens floor for new nominations. No new nominations presented. Nominations are closed.

Nominations for Open Division Director

Current nominations include: Fernando Rodriguez

Scot opens floor for new nominations. No new nominations presented. Nominations are closed.

Nominations for Vice Commissioner

Current nominations include: Lenny Broberg

Scot opens floor for new nominations. No new nominations presented. Nominations are closed.

Nominations for 2021 PSGSL Board Positions are now CLOSED.

11. Old Business

March Madness Fundraiser: Winner – Travis Page – not as successful as the NFL fundraiser

2021 NAGAAA Cup: Memorial Day Weekend – 21 Teams- 24 Team cap- everything will be at BLD

The most highly skilled players and teams will descend upon Palm Springs for three days of amazing softball. Approximately 300 softball players will be in town. The whole NAGAAA Cup committee has been working on this for over 20 months. Riverside should be into the yellow tier by this date allowing for spectators at the NAGAAA Cup, all are encourage to attend or volunteer.

Please reach out to Peter if you want to volunteer at the NAGAAA Cup. Sign up for a shift on the website. Day, time, and activity is listed on the website. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt.

PS Summer Extravaganza (a.k.a Winter Classic): June 11-13- Registration is currently open

12. New Business

Palm Springs Heat: Motion to Allow Special Circumstance – D Div Player play in E Division- Motion made by Stephanie of the PS Heat and seconded by Kevin from the Gorillas.

***Discussion:

Vangie from Crazy Pitches recused herself from the vote since she is the player in question.

Steve G.- Clarified that motion isn't to lower the players rating but for an exception allowing a D rated player to play in the E division until ratings changes are processed.

Scot H. – Added that the PS Heat agreed that if any coach/manager felt the player was playing at a level not consistent with the E league they were willing to face the “force forfeiture” requirement outlined in our league rules and regulations.

Brian T.- Asked for clarification that the player will only play as a “D” rated player for a few weeks since they will have an opportunity to request a ratings change after the first week of Spring season play.

Roll Call Vote was conducted and the results were: (11- Yes, 0-No, 3- Abstentions)

Broke Bats – David- Abstain
Crazy Pitches – Vangie- Abstain
Eagle 501 – Leo N./ Lenny- Yes
Gorillas – Kevin - Yes
Green Machine- Mike- Abstain
Greyhounds – Nabil /Billy- Yes
Los Malos – Steve G.- Yes
PS Heat – Stephenie- Yes
PS Retros – Brian T. / Dennis- Yes
Roadrunnerz – Richard- Yes
Rounders 2.0 – Jeff- Yes
Sandstorm – Nick- Yes
Stingers – Steve L.- Yes
Tiki Warriors – Antonio/Kyle- Yes

A/B Inter League: Sun Apr 25 – 9 Teams from 5 Cities competing at BLD- PSGSL League games will immediately follow the A/B Inter league play.

PSGSL Spring Season Awards Banquet

Date: June 19 (Sat) or 20 (Sun)- The council agreed that Saturday is an option.

Location: The Margaritaville Resort Palm Springs

Divisional Winners: 1st and 2nd Place Trophies

Most Valuable Player: We would like a new ball cap from each team that will be embroidered with Team MVP Spring 2021 for that player to wear

Most Improved Player: Will not be recognized this year

Commissioner’s Award: Will not recognized this year

Stingers Fundraiser: Sat, April 24th at Chill Bar- including a cornhole tournament- \$20 buy in
Greyhounds – New Sponsor: Hunters Bar
Blackbook – Continue as PSGSL Sponsor

May 1st- Roadrunnerz fundraiser from last year will be held on this date- same location- more details to come