

PSGSL  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2018

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Scot Howard- Commissioner  
Stephen Gomes- Open Division Director  
Vicky Harrison- Treasurer  
Stephenie Gherardini- Secretary  
Carla Umbehocker- Assistant Commissioner

**Team Reps:**

Ballers-Kirk and Bill  
Desert Dogs- Rick  
Gorillas- Carl  
Greyhounds- Nabil  
Heartthrobs- Leo  
Orphans- John Mulchahey  
PS Heat- David  
Retro's- Dennis  
RoadRunnerz- Martin  
RoadRunnerz B- Joel  
Rounders- Jeff  
Scorpions- None (No team for fall)  
Stingers- Travis  
Tiki Warriors- Robert

The minutes from last week's meeting were reviewed and Carl made a motion to accept the minutes, Jeff seconded and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Vicky reviewed the treasurer's report and reported an expected reduction in revenue due to a reduction on the number of teams expected this season. We also paid for the insurance and finally paid BLD. Total we are down about \$7000 from last year. Robert made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Leo seconded.

### **Rules of Conduct:**

New coaches were encouraged to read the rules and regulations and bylaws for the league. Coaches were also encouraged to have their players read them as well. There was special emphasis placed on the zero tolerance for unsportsmanlike conduct that could be ground for immediate expulsion from the league. These policies are available on the website for everyone to read.

### **Registration and Payments:**

Most teams have registered for the spring season. Teams and players need to be registered and paid by the next meeting, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Players can be added until halfway through the season, but to be eligible to play in the playoffs or the World Series, they must play in 50% of the team's games.

### **World Series:**

This year's World Series is in Tampa, Florida. Teams need to begin thinking about if they want or will be able to attend. If so, funds for the intent to attend are due by the April meeting. Teams must have at least 8 of their own players, can pick up 4 players and can only have 3 non LGBT players on the roster. Rick asked if teams with bids (Masters team or A team) need to pay intent funds and Scot answered no.

### **Clinics:**

At this past clinic, 4 players attended and 2 players already rated were there as well. One B rated player, one C rated player and 2 D rated players are available for teams. As of now we have 2 players signed up for the next clinic on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Opening Day:**

Opening day is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, games to start at 2pm, hopefully. There is a tournament at BLD that weekend and it may delay starting time. We will be holding a food drive and asked coaches to remind their players to bring non-perishable foods. There will be bins located in front of BLD for the collection.

Sponsor booths will be there for the Hearthrobs. The Gorillas and Heat may have their sponsors their also. All teams were encouraged to invite their sponsors out for opening day.

Leo's employer will be holding a promotion with a \$5000 total prize. \$2500 will go to the league, \$2500 will be divided among the winners of the pithing contest. One player from each team will be randomly drawn to participate.

Each team's photo will be taken before opening ceremonies. Philip will sing the National Anthem. We are still contacting the Hall of Famers about throwing out the first pitch.

### **A and B Division Interleague Play:**

Jeff is working on this.

### **NAGAAA Winter Meetings:**

The winter meetings were held in Tampa, FL. Steve and Vicky attended. There were several items discussed:

Marketing- NAGAAA would like for leagues to use a link to NAGAAA on their social media pages.

World Series 2018- The World Series for 2018 will be in Tampa, FL Sept 3-8. The Master's games will be on Wed. There are three host hotels approximately 20-25 minutes apart and 5 complexes that will host games. Teams need to prepare not only for accommodations, but transportation as well. The World Series is looking for individual sponsors. See Steve for more information if you want to donate. There is a 5 day Caribbean Cruise after the World Series with discounted rates for folks that are interested.

Proposals-Masters changed from 1 courtesy runner per inning to 2. The legend champ cannot repeat. If a team has more than 4 players from the previous year's champion, they will be moved up.

There was a proposal for eliminate the courtesy foul, but it failed. Another proposal was to up the number of non LGBT players from 3 to 5, but it failed, but the proposal to exclude protests for sexual orientation.

The proposal to change the ratings passed for 2019. The "clean" version of the ratings has not yet been released, but will be soon. Question 16 and 17 have been moved to 15 and 16 and question 23 was removed. Steve stated that these changes will help eliminate the ambiguity and the new threshold will be 60% for performing skills. The only outlier is the homerun. That will have a 20% threshold and this can be protested based on one game.

There will now be 5 division A-E. If a player has question 3, they will not be allowed in D division. The new divisions would have the following limits:

E- 9 Ind max, 85 team max, D- 13 Ind max, 120 team, C- 16 Ind max, 150 team max, B- 20 Ind max, 180 team max and A has no limit. The new ratings will not be the same as the current ratings and got rid of the "gimme" questions. Pitchers will be rated on strikes thrown and multiple pitchers. Pitchers can easily be "rated out" E division.

NAGAAA would like for the teams that attended last year's World Series to rate their roster with the new ratings and submit it to the board. NAGAAA will examine the data to see how this would affect those teams. Robert pointed out that several teams have a range of players on their teams and these new ratings may disrupt these teams. Scot explained that the purpose of this new division is to give players that want to play, fun less competitive, "rec" softball and the D division was getting to competitive. Those looking for the less competitive softball will now have place to play. Steve added that some of those players will now get more playing time.

The board would like to start this new rating system in fall of 2018, so that we will all be ready for the spring season when the new ratings take effect. Teams will not be disrupted in the fall, but this will prepare teams for the changes coming in the spring. Jeff reassured everyone that these changes occur from time to time and things will even out.

The entire league will start with a clean slate and everyone will be rerated with the new ratings system. There will be a coaches rating clinic to help understand the new ratings. There will be a shuffling of players and teams once the reratings are finished.

The World Series for 2019 will be in Kansas City and 2020 bids are in for the bay area or Columbus, OH.

Several leagues in NAGAAA hire their own scorekeepers and pay them a flat fee per game. The scorekeepers keep score on tablets and use the IScore app. It is used to score the games and keep stats. Steve asked if the league was interested in trying it out for the spring season to see if it is worth us keeping. The cost would be approximately \$2000 for the season. We would purchase tablets and pay the scorekeepers. The scorekeepers would undergo training and Steve will serve as the head of the scorekeepers. Jeff suggested using the Game Changer App. Both apps will be tried out to see which one the league will use. Leo made the motion for the league to further investigate hiring scorekeepers and Martin seconded.

### Ratings:

#### B Teams:

Roadrunnerz B- New players on watch list. 1 Request to increase the rating of Phillip Frank from 17-19.

Desert Dogs- 70% 50+ team with B players. 1 Error will be corrected. Vicky expressed concern about the safety of some players playing in B. Rick assured the board that those "lesser" players would not play against the stiffer competition and they will not play in the interleague games but will play C teams. Arturo Ruiz- stay at 12, questions 4 and 23 need to be changed in database. Kevin Cameron, no change, has questions 9 and 16 in NAGAAA database. Scot Howard, 12, needs question 22.

#### C Teams:

Greyhounds: Mark Delo, hitting question- stays as 14. Two new players Edward Sedderth from Seattle and Eric Cervantes from Long Beach, both are 14s.

Orphans: Andre Williams, 13, wants to go to Masters division, remove questions 12.

Roadrunnerz: David Moreno-remove question 9, add question 16- no objection. Richard Miller drop question 17, no speed, in lineup for bat, but does run aggressively. Jeff suggested adding 23 but dropping 17. This will be revisited.

Stingers- Justin Bliss-drop question 9 and add HR question. He has no range and can only field balls hit right at him. Chris Delgado- drop rating from 14 to 13. Has trouble fielding and throws with an arc, drop question 9. It was decided to drop question 4, but keep 9.

#### D Teams:

Gorillas- Raising two player, "Clay" Kenneth Peterson from 7 to 9 add question 2 and 16 and Kevin Vinnes to 10 add question 10.

Retros- Increase Dawn. Craig up to a 9 from an 8 and give Mark Question 3.

Tiki Warriors- Increase Jared.

Heartthrobs- Thomas Ball- leave as is, do not add hitting question. Joe- remove fielding question 9. Adrian, remove question 17 and add question 21.

Heat- George Barron- removed questions 3 and 21 lowering him from a 10 to an 8. Jimmy Boegle remove question 3.

Carl asked about protests for future players and he was advised that any protests should come to the board.

**Old Business:**

The Hall of Fame Committee a couple member from Retros. Fundraising committee needs a member from the Ballers. There was discussion of skills clinics for newer players like had been done in the past. Team were asked to get feedback from their players and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Tiki Warriors have having a fundraiser on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Toucans.

A motion was made by Scot to adjourn the meeting and MRick seconded, meeting adjourned at 815pm.

Next meeting will be Feb 27th at 6pm.