



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND NOTES

AUGUST 3, 2021 @6pm via Zoom (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/3424103314>)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm- Teams indicated with Yes were in attendance with a representative, manager, or coach:

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| i. Ballers- ABSENT | viii. Los Malos- Yes |
| ii. Broke Bats- Yes | ix. Peckers (Spnsr: Roost Bar)- Yes |
| iii. Crazy Pitches- Yes | x. Retros- Yes |
| iv. Gorillas- Yes | xi. RoadRunnerz- Yes |
| v. Greene Machine- Yes | xii. Sandstorm- Yes |
| vi. Greyhounds- Yes | xiii. Stingers- Yes |
| vii. Heat- Yes | xiv. Tiki Warriors- Yes |

2. Review of June 7th Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Steven Lisante to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Vangie Weems. The minutes were called to question and passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Peter provided a detailed report summarizing his Fall Budget proposal for the upcoming season. He indicated the budget proposal was based on 200 players with the player fee remaining consistent at \$30 for the fall. The team registration fee is being evaluated by the board and e-mail notification will be sent in the next couple of weeks regarding the proposed team registration fee for fall 2021.

Motion made by Vicky to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Steve Lisante. The motion carried unanimously to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

4. 2021 Gay Softball World Series

- a. Teams per Division
- b. PSGSL Teams

Fernando confirmed for the league the number of participating teams in each division for the Gay Softball World Series for 2021. He also confirmed the participating teams that are confirmed to represent the PSGSL. That information is summarized below:

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| i. A/B: 30 teams (8-A / 22-B) | Rounders 2.0 |
| ii. C: 59 teams | RoadRunnerz / Stingers |
| iii. D: 84 teams | Gorillas |
| iv. E: 32 teams | N/A |
| v. MC: 12 teams | Greyhounds |
| vi. MD: 24 teams | PS Heat Strokes |

Fernando mentioned that Masters C will not begin pool play until Wednesday. He said he would check on Masters D division and get back to that team.

- c. Opening Ceremonies t-Shirts

Peter and Fernando are collaborating on a design for the opening ceremonies shirts. Teams will be able to pick up their shirts at a proposed sendoff party to be held at Hunters or Chill on the Wednesday prior to the World Series (August 25th) at 6pm. More information to follow. The entire league is invited to help say good luck to the teams heading off to Columbus.

5. NAGAAA Summer Meeting

a. Proposed Changes

Steve Gomes our NAGAAA representative provided a lengthy summation of the proposed ratings changes as well as a proposal to allow International teams an opportunity to participate in the GSWS. More information will be sent out regarding the exact verbiage and proposed changes via e-mail. One particular change involves altering the base running questions to remove question 14 as the NAGAAA ratings committee believes the rule to be unquantifiable. Another rules change involves reworking of the low, medium and high velocity questions. These rating changes would alter the threshold for certain demonstrated abilities to be as low as 5% from previous 20% thresholds. Additionally, the ratings changes would alter the distance measure for certain questions. Steve asked for feedback for these rating changes as he stressed that many players might be shifted up a division should these changes go into effect. Please read the more detailed information that will be provided and reach out to Steve Gomes should you have additional questions or feedback.

6. 2021 Fall Season

a. New Player Clinics

New Player Clinics: Sep 19 @ 9AM on Demuth Field 7

b. Participating Teams

In order for the board to best plan the divisional layout for the Fall Season, Brian conducted a roll call of all teams to ask which division they planned to compete in. The coaches answered accordingly:

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| i. Ballers- NOT PRESENT | ix. Peckers (Spnsr: Roost Bar)- D Div |
| ii. Broke Bats- E Div | x. Retros- E Div |
| iii. Crazy Pitches- D Div | xi. RoadRunnerz- C Div |
| iv. Gorillas- D Div | xii. Sandstorm- D Div |
| v. Greene Machine- D Div | xiii. Stingers- C Div |
| vi. Greyhounds- C Div | xiv. Tiki Warriors- two teams- D Div & E Div |
| vii. Heat- E Div | |
| viii. Los Malos- D Div | |

Divisional totals: 4- C division teams (including the newly forming team with the Rounders, 7- D division teams, 4- E division teams

Scot pointed out that the list of teams for fall no longer includes the PS Eagles as they have indicated a desire to dissolve the team going forward, however the Eagle 501 bar is looking to sponsor a team for Fall Season and beyond. They would like to use their uniforms and request that the team sponsored visit their establishment after games on Sundays.

Scot also mentioned that the league is compiling a C Div team of Rounders 2.0 and other players – perhaps D players that want to benefit playing with and learning from Rounders. Fernando commented on how great an opportunity this is for a lower division player to learn from a great coach and play with the best in the league. He encouraged any player to reach out to him via e-mail should they have interest in playing on the newly forming team for just fall season.

c. Schedule

i. Demuth: 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24

1. Field 7: 10AM Start

2. Field 8: 11:30 AM Start

ii. BLD: 10/31, 11/7, 11/14

Note: Games on 10/10 will only be for teams not participating in Autumn Classic tournament

Fall Season will run from 10/3 to 11/14 with no off weeks currently. It was brought to the attention of the board that the Neon Classic Tournament in Vegas will be held October 23rd and October 24th, providing a potential conflict for teams planning to participate in that event.

d. Registration / Rosters Due

i. Team Registration deadline: Tues, Sep 7th

ii. Rosters deadline: Sun, Sep 26th

iii. Player Registration will start on September 7th

e. Procedures Overview for New Coaches

Brian explained that new coaches and returning coaches can now access online a coach's packet tab on the website that will provide links to all the pertinent forms and league documents to help them as they start the new season. In addition, he explain that it is paramount that coaches and managers utilize the new PSGSL Roster Form for 2021 that will be made available soon. The new form will calculate player and overall team ratings. Below is a link to that coach's packet section of the website.

<https://psgsl.org/content/18428/Coaches-Packet>

7. Old Business

a. NAGAAA Database: 2021 Ratings

Fernando and Scot explained that all 2021 player ratings were successfully uploaded to the NAGAAA database and all ratings are up to date for the GSWS.

b. Turkey Shootout Update

Peter as the chair of the Turkey shootout announced the dates for the Turkey Shootout tournament here in Palm Springs which will be November 19th to the 21st. Registration will open in the next couple of weeks. Registration will be available to 16- C Division teams, 16- D Division teams, and 4- E Division Teams. All games will be played at Big League Dreams in Cathedral City.

c. NAGAAA Final Financials Update

Vicky the Treasurer for NAGAAA Cup 2020 in Palm Springs provided the detailed financials for the final budget of NAGAAA Cup. Below is a summary of those figures. She indicated that the tournament generated a very good amount of money and is the largest fundraiser to date for the league. Scott provided recognition to the NAGAAA committee as well as the army of volunteers for their outstanding job in hosting the teams from across the country.

i. PSGSL to NAGAAA: \$15,714 (\$7.5K cash)

ii. PSGSL to 2022 Host City: \$1K

d. PSGSL ByLaws Update

Brian provided a brief update that the committee continues to explore proposed changes to the bylaws which haven't been updated in many years. As such the committee is taking a close look at these new changes and will provide an update at the next meeting and hope to vote on a new set of bylaws for the league the October meeting.

8. New Business

a. Umpire USA Certification

Lenny provided an update regarding the proposal to have our league umpires undergo USA certification training. He has been speaking with Eric our UIC for the league and hopes to provide an update regarding this opportunity for the umpires in our league.

- b. San Diego Autumn Classic
Brian provided an update about a great local tournament for teams of the PSGSL: October 8th to the 10th
Registration now open- visit <https://www.autumnclassic.org/>
Masters and E division will only take place on Friday October 8th
Open E- only one team registered currently
Masters D- only two slots open
Open C- 8 slots open
Open D- Waitlist now open (20 teams)
Women+ D- Waitlist now open (8 teams)
Women+ C- 4 slots open
Hotel is Marriott Mission Valley

- c. PSGSL Pride
No booth this year, only walking in the parade
Seeking members to get involved in the Pride Committee, please email Peter Ho
More information to come at the next meeting

- d. Executive Committees
The committees of the PSGSL will begin to provide updates to be shared with the league members during council meetings monthly. Those committees include the Hall of Fame, Pride, Fundraising, and Marketing/Recruitment committee. The board encouraged managers and coaches to reach out to team members to ask for their involvement in the league through these committees. The board is seeking a chair for the fundraising and other committees moving forward. Please reach out to Brian should you have any interest in becoming more involved in a league committee.

- e. PS Heat Team Update
Vicky announced that they are currently seeking support and assistance with the coaching of the PS Heat E Team as their coach, Stephanie G. is stepping down due to Medical procedures and recovery efforts after the surgery. Please reach out to Scot or Vicky should you be interested in coaching this team of developing players, many of whom are brand new to the league.

9. Team Announcements

- a. Stingers World Series Fundraiser- August 21st from 2-6pm at Chill Bar (Raffles, Beer bust, Jello shots)
- b. RoadRunnerz World Series Fundraiser- August 21st from 7-9pm at Crazy Mel's Burgers
- c. Greyhounds World Series Fundraiser- August 22nd at Hunters- More information to come

10. Tournament Teams Recognition

Scot wished congratulations to all teams competing in tournaments over the Summer representing PSGSL in events such as the Winter Classic, Emerald City Classic, and Knoxville. Congratulations to our Rounders 2.0 who placed 1st in both the Emerald City Classic and the Knoxville Tournament. Finally, Scot wished best of luck to all the teams playing in the Gay Softball World Series August 30th to May 6th.

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: Sept 7, 2021 @ 6PM Hunters (or via Zoom)