

PSGSL  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2019

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:**

Scot Howard - Commissioner

David Binder - Assistant Commissioner

Stephen Gomes - Open Division Director

Vicky Harrison - Treasurer

Clay Peterson - Secretary

**Team Reps:**

Ballers - Absent

Broke Bats - Peter

Coyotes - Luis

Gorillas - Danny

Greyhounds - Billy

Guys & Dolls - Luis G.

Eagle 501 - Leo N.

Big Horns - John

PS Heat - Stephenie

Retros - Dennis

Roadrunnerz - Gabe

Rounders 2.0 - Absent

Sandstorm - Nick

Stingers - Steve L.

Tiki Warriors - Gene

**Minutes:**

Clay reviewed the meeting minutes from the previous meeting. Stephenie made a motion to accept the minutes. Gabe seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted at 6:10 PM.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Vicky reviewed the treasurers report. Vicky advised that we do still have some costs coming in but overall, we did better than anticipated due to fundraising and player fees. Income was up and game costs were down since we were not billed from the city for Demuth. There were still a few expenses from pride left out as well. In a better situation than projected. NAGAAA Cup is completely separate. Gene made a motion to approve the report. Dennis seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

### **Turkey Shootout Wrap Up:**

Scot congratulated the teams that participated in the Turkey Shootout. The Big Horns finished 1<sup>st</sup> and the Gorillas finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in D Division. He also congratulated The Stingers, Sandstorm, Roadrunnerz, The Heat and the Eagles. The Turkey Shootout contributed a significant amount of money to the league.

### **Sin City / Winter Classic:**

Scot spoke about upcoming tournaments. Sin City is the next tournament up January 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. The rosters are due December 20<sup>th</sup>. The board will need a copy of those before submitting them. The Sin City roster is a little different than the PSGSL roster. The Sin City Roster does require you to mark the LGBTQ status on the roster. The Winter Classic is February 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>. Early bird registration closes on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The price jumps up significantly after that. The PS Heat are participating as a women's team for Sin City.

### **Player Ratings:**

Steve Gomes spoke about ratings. He asked for coaches to get the new player ratings turned in to him ASAP. New player ratings are due at the end of the season. John - Big Horns asked about clarification on a fielding question. John also asked about where a coach can find a current players rating. Existing players that are having a ratings change must be submitted prior to spring season. Steve Gomes must be emailed directly in regards to lowering a point or points from a current players rating. Any changes will need to come with justification, reason, stats, etc. Steve also reminded everyone that the ratings are done by the ratings committee and not any one individual. NAGAAA rating only changes one time per year, usually July. The NAGAAA Database is currently locked out.

### **New Player Clinics:**

David Binder spoke about new player clinics. David has several people in addition to the 60 people or so that signed up for softball at the pride booth. There are two new player clinics scheduled. The 1<sup>st</sup> one on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Demuth Park. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a Sunday in February, date TBD. The fields are booked for most dates but David will advise once that date is locked down and confirmed.

### **Marketing:**

David Binder spoke about Marketing. There is an event called Info-A-Go-Go on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Riviera from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. It is a great opportunity to have a table or booth and try to recruit more players. David will be looking for volunteers to man the event.

### **Fund Raising Committee:**

Clay spoke about the latest fundraisers. The bingo night at Toucans Tiki Lounge was a success. There was a really great turn out. We were able to raise \$1375.00. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a great time and we will add this to the fund-raising rotation. There are no other fund raisers that are PSGSL specific on the horizon as it stands currently. Scot added that teams that are doing their individual team fundraising should let the board know so we can broadcast. All January and February fund raising efforts will be focused on NAGAAA Cup. Dennis and Steve L. announced that the Stringers & Retros will be doing a collaborative fund raiser at Chill Bar on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. The event is called "Hits and Heels."

### **Hall of Fame Committee:**

Steve Gomes spoke about the Hall of Fame nominations. Nominations will be open as of the week of December the 9<sup>th</sup>. He advised that the criteria for the Hall of Fame nominees can be found on the league website. Also, the previous inductees can be found on the website also.

### **Old Business:**

Scot announced that the Gay Desert Guide is now a new silver sponsor for NAGAAA Cup. They will be providing the maps, wrist bands and creating an APP to be used on their phones. GDG will also be going to the Gay friendly restaurants/businesses and negotiate the discounted rates for players wearing the wrist bands. They have also expressed interest in sponsoring a team in the spring. They would be a league sponsor.

Scot spoke about the NAGAAA Cup update. Friday night there will be a Home Run Derby and registration at BLD. Games will be at both Demuth fields 5 and 7 and BLD. Games will be starting at 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM at Demuth and 8:00AM until 9-10:00 PM at BLD. Sunday should be the same start times but games should end around 2:00 PM. Championship game will be at BLD. Closing ceremonies will be at Chill Bar on Sunday night. Saturday night will be hosted by Toucans Tiki Bar for a sports themed night.

David Binder spoke about volunteers for NAGAAA Cup. Volunteers will be blocked down to 2-hour shifts. It will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be 100 - 2 hour shifts.

Tournament teams have to be 50% of Palm Springs League players to be able to represent Palm Springs.

Leo N. suggested that we have a copy of PSGSL By-Laws

**New Business:**

A/B Division Inter League - Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - It's Palm Springs turn to host for the southwest region. There is also the possibility of including an E Division tournament.

Phoenix has expressed interest in doing a C - Division inter league tournament with the southwest region. Tournament would be held in Phoenix.

Stephenie G. advised the PS Heat are breaking into two teams. One E - Division and one D - Division.

PSGSL Spring Season will start Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> and is tentatively planned to go through Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. NAGAAA Cup weekend and Saguaro Cup ( Easter Sunday ) weekends will be off weeks. Games will be from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Demuth on fields 5/7/8 as it stands.