

PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 8th, 2022-6pm via zoom (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/3424103314>)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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| i. Ballers- Yes | x. Party Bois- Yes |
| ii. Broke Bats- Yes | xi. Past Our Prime- Yes |
| iii. Crazy Pitches- Yes | xii. Retros- Yes |
| iv. Eagles- Yes | Roadrunnerz- Yes |
| v. Greyhounds- Yes | xiii. Rounders 2.0- Yes |
| vi. Heat- Yes | xiv. Sandstorm-Yes |
| vii. Komazec C Team- Yes | Stingers- Yes |
| viii. PS Cruizers- Yes | xv. Thunderbirds- Yes |
| ix. Peckers-Yes | xvi. WST- Yes |

2. Review of January 11th Meeting Minutes

Moved to approve by David B, and seconded by Vicky. Minutes approved unanimously as submitted.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Update PowerPoint

PowerPoint recapped many of the questions addressed from last meeting and any received via email.

b. 2022 Proposed Budget- Revised

Budget was submitted for approval based on feedback received. Trimmed some of the expenses including the Spring Banquet and the cost of umpires/fields/etc. The new budget shows a loss of \$3500 for the entire fiscal year. These are based on the assumptions about the expansion of the turkey shootout, increased in the team fees and player's fees.

c. Budget Discussion and Approval

Moved to approve the submitted budget by David B and seconded by Clay P. The floor was then opened for discussion about the submitted budget. Scot motioned to move to vote. The budget was approved unanimously as presented with no amendments.

4. Spring Season Updates/Information

Need all teams to register so that schedule can be created and finalized.

a. Player Registration/Verification

The goal will be to hold a player registration and verification event so that players can give their vaccine documents and update their contact information.

b. Opening Ceremonies

Announced that no formal opening ceremonies will be conducted this year however there will be a Super Saver Saturday event at BIG 5 sporting goods to bring people together prior to the season

starting while supporting one of our league sponsor businesses. Players will also be able to show their vaccine verification at that time and update their contact information in the online system.

Scot clarified that the Big 5 location is in the Smoketree commons shopping development. The event would be either inside or outside. No social aspect at all other than shopping.

Other options were discussed by various council members. Some said they preferred Sunday still. Some commented that they wanted a social aspect such as a bar event or a cookout event on Saturday. David B commented that his team would most likely not come on another day as to not occupy their entire weekend.

There was a lot of discussion regarding the vaccine requirement and whether that policy as presented on the agenda would be voted on by the council. Scot indicated that the policy is not up for discussion and has been adopted already by the board on behalf of the league. Council members questioned what has changed since the last two seasons that have been played. Recommendations were made to allow folks to upload their vaccine documents via the registration website or other electronic means.

b. Important Dates

Player Fees due by Saturday March 5th at the registration event. Team fees are due by Feb. 25th when rosters are submitted.

d. Roster Deadline with new ratings for all players

Announced that the roster ratings deadline would be Feb, 25th at 5pm. You must send your rosters to the board in particular Lenny Broberg by the deadline with all new ratings for the Spring 2022 season utilizing the new ratings questions. If roster isn't submitted at that time you will not be able to play opening day. Once the season begins you can make roster adjustments up to March 25th since after that date a player wouldn't be eligible for the GSWS. Ryan made a point that if a player doesn't want to go to GSWS can't they still join the league after that date. Council asked about being able to turn in whatever they have completed by the due date. Scot clarified that you must have 12 rostered players to submit and officially be a team. Once you reach 12, you can submit what you have. Adjustments and additions can be made through March 25th.

5. New Ratings Process

a. Updates on the New Ratings Changes- Reminder: Skills questions changes go into effect Feb. 20th, 2022

Lenny presented information regarding the PowerPoint that was sent explaining the new ratings. The PowerPoint was shared and Lenny explained some of the changes with the ratings. Lenny explained that if a player is protested out of the division the team would then be playing with an ineligible player and they would forfeit the games from that day. Vicky pointed out that 7 questions are changing and that many changes will occur. David asked about a fresh start for all the ratings to make the process easier. The board agreed to a fresh slate for the ratings. Kyle brought up extensive concerns about the need for stiff penalties for players who get protested and rated out of the division. He felt the player shouldn't be able to continue for that season in the higher division. Concerns were also raised that maybe all the previously played games with that ineligible player should be forfeited as well. Counter discussion was provided that we are inclusive league and shouldn't be preventing

players from participating based on a rating that was submitted by the Coach. Josh brought up concerns regarding the timeline of being able to find certain players teams based on their new ratings.

6. New Player Skills and Observation Clinic

Clinic will be conducted from 8am to 9:30am at Demuth park field 7. After the clinic we will hold another coaches clinic demonstrating the new ratings guidelines and visuals for these skills. Some teams expressed concerns about established and well-rounded teams picking up players when some new teams are in high need for players. They asked that coaches be courteous and provided a first right of refusal to the new coaches before picking up players.

7. Nominations for Open Board Positions

a. Election Timeline/Elections Committee

The board announced that this year we are opening nominations a little early in March because we have a vacancy to fill with the Open Division Director. Instead of the normal April meeting as dictated in the bylaws. Brian explained the nominations process. The secretary is the chair of the Elections committee and needs three volunteers to serve on the committee. Nominees must accept the position and be seconded at a board meeting. Brian explained the terms for the open positions of Treasurer, Commissioner and Open Division Director.

8. NAGAAA Winter Meeting Updates

Vicki represented the PSGSL at the NAGAAA winter meetings. The main topic of conversation was centered on the unsustainable growth of the GSWS. They are in the process of evaluating some proposals to help slow down growth at the World Series. The GSWS isn't profitable and have recorded many years of losses. So NAGAAA is proposing a player fee of \$30 for the GSWS at player registration on site. The team fees will be reduced to \$500 to offset the player fee increase. The last GSWS had a record number of protests and the majority of those were in the E division. Up to 48 member cities in NAGAAA. There are 4 more being looked at to add to the list which would bring us to 52 member cities. A new name and branding is coming during the Summer meetings. There are going to be 600 more bats from Monsta Bats for NAGAAA and we get \$40 per bat. The Portland league donated \$500 to the Ken Scarce memorial fund and challenged other leagues to match it. Any tournament that uses the NAGAAA ratings database must have a defined protest process. They spent a lot of time revising the current definition of the term accuracy for the ratings process. So the definition needs updated. The motion to allow higher rated A and B players to play on the masters C team was resoundingly defeated with only Palm Springs voting in favor. The other leagues sited safety concerns.

9. Old Business

a. Marketing Committee Update

Josh reviewed provided PowerPoint about the new sponsorship levels that were created for the league. Additionally, he asked for council members to provide any potential business contacts for the Marketing committee to forge a potential outreach campaign to these businesses close to members of the league.

10. New Business

a. Commissioner Announcement

Scot announced that the position of Commissioner is available for the upcoming election term and cycle. He encouraged anyone interested in the position to express their interest so they can be nominated. Scot announced that he doesn't plan to continue in the role if a nomination is made on his behalf.

b. Team Fundraisers

Stingers- Super Bowl Sunday Fundraiser at Chill Bar (50-50 raffle, jello shots, etc.)

Retros- Will be holding a March Madness bracket fundraiser

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: March 1st, 2022 @ 6PM via Zoom or location TBD