



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 5th, 2022-6pm @ Mizell Center – Hearst Room

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- i. Ballers- absent
- ii. Ball Busters – Burt Short
- iii. Bombers- Tim Komazec
- iv. Boozehounds – Dee Siliga
- v. Broke Bats – Doug Smith
- vi. Cruizers- Rafael Lopez
- vii. Eagles- Kyle Bushnell
- viii. Greyhounds- Billy McGinnis
- ix. Heat- Vicky Harrison

Scot Howard

- x. Party Bois – Ryan Markovich
- xi. Past Our Prime- Richard Reid
- xii. Peckers- Josh Russell
- xiii. Retros- Dennis Wodzisz
- xiv. Roadrunnerz- Richard Miller
- xv. Rounders 2.0- Jeff Hermann
- xvi. Sandstorm- David Binder
- xvii. Stingers- Cory Jacobs
- xviii. Thunderbirds- Rick Kulek

Board – Scot Howard, Lenny Broberg, Brian Thompson (via Zoom), Peter Ho, Greg Verbeck
Guests – Aaron Butcher (Sandstorm), Antonio Dominguez (Eagles)

2. Review of March 1st Meeting Minutes

Scot Howard

Howard presented the meeting minutes. Harrison motioned to approve the March meeting minutes and seconded by Kulek. The meeting minutes passed unanimously as presented.

3. Treasurer's Report

Peter Ho

Ho presented his treasurers report and announced that we have higher projected revenues because of increased number of players; over 275. We are projecting a lower loss for the Spring season as NAGAAA meeting line item as travel didn't happen. Binder moved to approve the treasurer's report and was seconded by Harrison. The report passed unanimously as presented. Harrison asked for season ending bank balance. Ho mentioned that he would follow up on this request.

In a special announcement, Josh Russell shared that that he had secured \$3,250 in donations from new sponsors and will be picking up checks for the league.

4. PSGSL Board Appointment

Scot Howard

Howard introduced and thanked Greg Verbeck for stepping up as interim Open Division Director

5. Spring Season Updates

Scot Howard

- a. *Team USA Cards – all paid teams are registered with USA Softball and in the past, cards had been sent to distribute to the teams' managers. Cards were not issued and sent last year, and it is yet to be seen if they will be issued this year. GSWS and some tournaments require proof of USA Softball registration, and the cards were an easy way to show proof. If a team is attending a tournament and needs proof, the team manager should reach out to Howard or Ho.*
- b. *Schedule Revision – Bye/forfeit games in the D division were shifted to the end of the day and created some schedule changes. By shifting the bye/forfeit games, this afforded the league to create seamless schedules for umpires and fields.*
Howard asked the D division coaches/managers if there would be opposition to playing games on field 8. This shift would also afford more efficient umpire scheduling, as well as games being played on adjacent fields 7 & 8. The D division coaches/managers approved this request.
- c. *Championship Playoffs – scheduled for May 14 for B division so they may participate in interleague play in Long Beach on May 15th. For C, D & E division, playoffs are scheduled for May 15th.*

6. Team/Player Ratings Update/Observation Cards

Lenny Broberg

Broberg thanked coaches/managers for their observation card submissions. The ratings committee received 1 card in week one and then received the bulk of them in weeks 2 & 3. At the peak, there were 43-players under observation with (1) each in C & E divisions and (40) in D division. Broberg thanked his team of observers for their time and dedication to the process. Broberg emphasized that an accurate and detailed scorebook is key for a coaches/managers' defense of their player when it comes to appeals and challenges.

Howard read a letter from AFCSL (San Diego) that was sent to SoCal league commissioners. In the letter, it states

that AFCSL has chosen not to rerate their players using the new NAGAAA player rating criteria until their 2022 Spring season concludes.

--Siliga suggested and requested a class for coaches/managers on how to file protests in general at tournaments. This will be arranged with a date and time to be announced for those interested to attend.

--Lopez raised questions and concerns about rating clinics and attendance. Stated that not all team coaches/managers attended. Further asked if every player rating question is reviewed when a player is being observed. Broberg responded that only questions submitted on an observation is being observed.

--Markovich inquired about inconsistencies and/or clerical errors on an observation sheet that he received on one of his players. Broberg addressed his question stating that it was a clerical error as the ratings committee would not remove points on observed players.

Broberg continued with an explanation on the appeals process and suggested that coaches/managers submit to him a request for an extension, if needed. He would honor any extension requests taking into consideration the Saguaro Cup tournament on April 9th & 10th. For appeals, the committee will accept player data from the start of the previous season (2021 Fall Season), including tournaments between then and now, for consideration.

The league received their first player challenge on Sunday, April 3rd. The challenge was denied as the proper process was not followed. Howard explained the challenge process as written to the group.

--Verbeck mentioned that March 26th was the deadline to change player ratings.

--Markovich asked for clarification to the ratings committee regarding player ratings. He stated that it appears the ratings committee is not in place to verify or lower players ratings as submitted to by coaches/managers.

--Binder asked for clarification on NAGAAA player ratings question 14. Broberg addressed the question by stating that there is a 60% threshold versus one-and-done when it comes to awarding this point to players. He went on to state that it should be awarded to a player who advances as far as the batter plus one base. (i.e. it would be awarded if a base runner is on first and makes it safely to third base if the batter hits a single and is on first base).

--Question arose when existing players ratings can be adjusted. Answered at the conclusion of the spring season. There will be a meeting scheduled on May 22nd at Margaritaville Resort during the day before the award banquet.

7. Player Attendance Update

Greg Verbeck

Verbeck stated that he is caught up with player game attendance. It's a long process and managers/coaches are making it harder for him to reconcile as game line-up sheets are not being completed as requested. Game line-up cards should list a player's last name, first name initial, and jersey number.

8. Scorekeeping Clinic

Lenny Broberg

A scorekeeping clinic will be scheduled with date and time to be announced.

--Hermann also reminded the group of the tools on the league's website, as well as the link to the videos

9. Nominations for PSGSL Elections

Scot Howard

Howard stated that the offices on this springs ballot are for: Commissioner, Treasurer and Open Division Director

The following nominations were received, seconded and accepted prior to tonight's council meeting:

Treasurer: Aaron Butcher (Sandstorm)

Open Division Director: Greg Verbeck (Eagles)

Commissioner: Tim Komazec (Barrack's Bombers)

The following nominations were announced at this meeting:

Open Division Director: Doug Smith (Broke Bats) – nomination received electronically by B Thompson, nomination seconded by Binder, candidate Smith accepted the nomination

Commissioner: Kevin Vinnes (Party Bois) – nomination by Markovich, nomination seconded by Short, election committee to reach out to candidate to verify acceptance of the nomination

Elections will be held on May 14th for B division and May 15th for members in all other divisions.

10. 2022 Awards Banquet

Scot Howard

Date and Time: Sunday, May 22nd @ 6:00P

Location: Margaritaville Resort, Palm Springs

RSVP: Will be done electronically

Cost: No cost for current league members and invited VIPs; \$10 for guests of league members

Raffle: tickets will be sold with an opportunity to win two prizes: 1) Monsta NAGAAA Bat and 2) Custom softball glove – donated by V Armenta (Cruizers)

11. PSGSL Hall of Fame Nominations

Scot Howard

HOF nominations have been extended to April 24th; after this date, nominations will be closed for 2022.

12. NAGAAA Hall of Fame Inductees – 2022

Scot Howard

Two 2022 inductees are connected to Palm Springs:

--George Kessinger

-- Jeff Stewart

13. 2022 GSWS – Dallas TX (8/29-9/3)

Scot Howard

- a. Intent received by team: Rounders 2.0 (A), Boozehounds (B), Roadrunnerz (B), Stingers (C), POP (MC), Greyhounds (MC), Sandstorm (MD), Thunderbirds (MD)
Howard stated that intent is not necessary for E division open roster team.
- b. Allotments – Howard reviewed the number of team allotments allowed based on our league size
--Binder informed the group that NAGAAA does allow open roster teams if a league does not send a team in that division (i.e., D division)
- c. Deadlines: June 1, 2022 – team rosters locked in NAGAAA database; July 1, 2022, GSWS rosters and hotel deposit (\$600 per team) due. Howard clarified that GSWS teams must pay and stay for at least 15-room nights at the host hotel to receive the hotel deposit refunded post GSWS. Host hotel this year is Hilton Anatole Dallas

14. Old Business

Scot Howard

- a. Demuth Practice fields in April mentioned
--Howard thanked Heat for accommodating Rounders 2.0 request for practice day/time
--Komazec mentioned that lights were not working on Tuesdays during their practices in March
--Howard stated that any light issues should be directed to him
- b. Light repair at Demuth – city has scheduled for new LED lights to replace existing fixtures soon
- c. A/B interleague play-Long Beach – scheduled for May 15th – (4) games
- d. C division interleague play – Long Beach – let Scot know if your C team is interested in participating in June. LB is fielding interest now to see if they have enough participation before they set date/times.

15. New Business

- a. PSGSL Governing documents

Scot Howard

Howard introduced the updated documents and explained the differences between by-laws, rules and the new policies and procedures.

--Kulek raised a concern about the 70/30 rule within the documents and how it appears that some are not abiding by this rule. Additionally, Kulek mentioned that some of these non-gay players have played USSSA D division ball at Big League Dreams. He further clarified that USSSA D division ball and players are equivalent to NAGAAA B & C division levels of play and players.

--Kulek asked the board on their opinions about this rule and each board member stated their stance:

Verbeck, Howard, Broberg, Ho and Thompson (via Zoom). The responses were as follows:

1. Scot Howard, Commissioner: The League should follow the NAGAAA Guidelines and honor the vote of the PSGSL members in 2018 of no more than 3 non-LGBT members per team.
2. Lenny Broberg, Assistant Commissioner: The League members previously voted on this issue and we should honor their decision of only 3 non-LGBT members max per team.
3. Greg Verbeck, Open Division Director: I believe we should do what the members want and that was to limit the number of 3 non-LGBT players per team to no more than 3
4. Peter Ho, Treasurer: It shouldn't matter if a player is LGBT or not, as long as they are properly rated
5. Brian Thompson, Secretary: Agreed with many of the sentiments that Peter stated but also added that the vote conducted 4 years ago only reflects the temperature and beliefs of those in the league at that time. He also stated that he felt that allies should always feel welcome in our league.

- b.

--Floor was open for discussion on this issue

--It was decided that a committee be formed to make recommendations to the board on how to address the gay/non-gay issue. Broberg asked for volunteers and the committee consists of: K Bushnell, G Verbeck, B Short, D Siliga, R Kulek, J Russell, D Wodzisz, and B Thompson

- c. Proposed Motion: Pitcher Safety

Lenny Broberg

Broberg raised concern for pitchers in the D & E divisions and raised the following motion:

Create a pitcher's box for the D & E division games only whereas if a batter hits a ball in and/or through the

pitchers box, the batter is automatically out. The motion was seconded by: S Howard

--Floor was opened for discussion

--Motion: **Tabled to next meeting**

d. Proposed Bylaws Motion A- New Exec. Board Position *Scot Howard*

e. Proposed Bylaws Motion B- Divisional Reps Committee *Scot Howard*

A motion was made by Howard to have these bylaw amendments added to the spring ballot to be voted on by the league's membership. The motion was seconded by Harrison.

--Discussion about the two motions and explanations presented by Howard

--Howard stated that he felt it was important for the league to consider adding the Business Development position to the board as the Council had previously voted not to do any fundraising for the League. --Binder

stated that a track record is necessary for this type of position and the Council asked if Biz Dev couldn't be established as a Committee, not requiring a member vote.

--The Council voted NO to including the creation of a Biz Dev Director as a new Board Position on the 2022 ballot.

--The Council voted NO to creating a Division Rep Committee, stating this committee can be established without a Council or membership vote

16. Good of the Order/Team Announcements

Scot Howard

McGinnis mentioned a potential fundraiser at Hunters for the Greyhounds where a representative from each team would have a player enter as a contestant and Hunters' drag queens would be the judges.

MOTION TO ADJORN THE MEETING BY David B. and Seconded by Vicky H.

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: May 3, 2022 @ 6PM – Mizell Center, Room TBA

Motion A: Bylaws Amendment to: Add Business Development Director Position to PSGSL Executive Board

Committee: Marketing

Submitted By: Scot Howard

Description:

Add a new Executive Board position responsible for the financial growth of the League by identifying and developing new business opportunities as well as expanding public awareness of the League.

Rationale:

It is the role of the Marketing Committee to increase the public's awareness of the League and efforts to do so typically, despite best efforts, only become a top-priority at the onset of the Spring and Fall seasons to attract potential new members. In recent years, the growing lack of enthusiasm to do fundraising for the League has had a dramatic financial impact on the League. The Marketing Committee has taken on trying to secure sponsors for the League in response but efforts to do so typically only become a priority during a specific event or timeframe.

The creation of this position would make pursuing revenue opportunities and increasing public awareness of the League a year-round focus. Transitioning a committee responsibility into an Executive Board position that oversees the Marketing Committee, the League benefits from that individual's 2-year commitment of identifying and pursuing opportunities that generate revenue for the League and contribute to its financial wellbeing.

Cost: None

Governing Manual Changes:

Article VI and Article X: Both pertaining to the number of Executive Board members and the responsibilities of a Business Development Director

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Motion B: Bylaws Amendment to: Create Divisional Representatives Committee

Submitted By: Scot Howard

Description:

Create a new Executive Committee consisting of 1 representative from the League's A/B, C, D and E Divisions.

Rationale:

The number of PSGSL teams is growing and often times these teams have challenges, concerns and opportunities unique to their division. The creation of this Executive Committee will allow each division the opportunity to interact with the Executive Board, and vice versa, on these issues outside and in addition to the monthly League Council meetings.

Cost: None

Governing Manual Changes: None

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