



PSGSL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 11th, 2022-6pm via zoom (<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/3424103314>)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Brian Thompson

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| i. Ballers- Yes | ix. Rag Tags- No |
| ii. Broke Bats-
Yes | x. Retros- Yes |
| iii. Crazy Pitches-
Yes | xi. RoadRunnerz- Yes |
| iv. Eagles-Yes | xii. Rounders 2.0- Yes |
| v. Greyhounds-
Yes | xiii. Sandstorm- Yes |
| vi. Heat- Yes | xiv. Stingers- Yes |
| vii. Los Malos- No | xv. Thunderbirds- Yes |
| viii. Peckers- Yes | |

2. Review of December 7th Meeting Minutes

Brian Thompson

Motion to approve by Vicky and a second by Kyle- No discussion- meeting minutes passed unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report

Peter Ho

a. 2021 Review

Peter provided a review of the 2021 financials for yearend 2021. Peter shared his screen with the Fall season wrap up that showed Fall revenues were ahead of projections but the expenses exceeded the budget. We fell short \$700 for Fall season. The yearend balance in the bank was shared with the council. Full year showed a profit of \$2700 for 2021, this positive revenue for the year wouldn't have been possible without the NAGAAA Cup contribution of \$10,000. No fundraising was conducted in the Fall and in the Spring of 21 the fundraising was only \$1100.

--Vicky asked about the \$5700 Santa Breakfast expense, Scot was able to secure two sponsors to offset the hard costs which were for toys.

Treasurer report was motioned- Moved by David Binder and seconded by Vicky- passed unanimously as submitted

b. 2022 Proposed Budget

Peter shared his proposed budget with the council members.

c. 2022 Player and Team Fees

Peter proposed with the board an increase in the player fee and the team fee for the Spring season. The cost of playing softball has increased significantly because of increased field fees from the City of Palm Springs parks and recreation. Team fees are being proposed to increase \$50 from \$350 to \$400. Peter also announced a player fee increase from \$30 to \$45. He explained the cost is about \$2.50 per game per player because of the extended season. Peter explained that the insurance cost is much higher and needs to be covered by the player fees.

Vicky commented on the \$10,000 spent on the Spring awards banquet in Spring 2021. Scot explained that the awards banquet was lavish for our members as a reward for the 2020 lost year. Scot explained that we haven't increased player fees at all for a long time. Vicky commented that there is \$20,000 in the bank while the budget reflects increases in Player and Team fees. Vicky explained that she thought the increases are exorbitant.

Fernando asked for comparisons to other leagues in the area.

David asked what percentage of reserves should be kept in the bank to exhibit fiduciary responsibility.

Vicky said that we should only reserve \$5000-\$7500. Peter provided several past year's bank balances that were in line with this year's bank balance.

Vicky commented on the cost of fields and umpires increasing quite a bite. Some of these expenses almost doubling. Peter commented on the increased costs such as softballs, umpires, and cost of fields. Scot explained that USA certified umpires are even more cost per game.

4. New Ratings Process

Lenny Broberg

- a. *Observation Cards- Observation process will be in place for the beginning half of the season if a team wants to initiate a player observation request with the ratings and review committee*
- b. *Player protests- Player protest process will be in place for Spring season for the second half of game play. Email will be coming with further explanation of the process.*
- c. *Ratings Committee- A ratings and review committee will be in place with representatives from each league and no committee member will be involved in discussions and decisions that are a part of their own divisions.*

5. Ratings Clinics/Scorekeeping Clinics/New Player Clinics

Lenny Broberg

There will be several ratings clinics for the coaches, a scorekeepers clinics for those keeping the book and a new player observation and skill evaluations clinic. Dates to be released soon.

6. Spring Season Updates/Information

Scot Howard

- a. Teams/Division Declarations
A div- Rounders, B Div- Possibly Roadrunnerz, possibly Stingers, C Div- Greyhounds, Past our Prime, Los Malos?, D Div- Sandstorm, Crazy Pitches, Thunderbirds, Eagles, Peckers, Ballers, Rag Tags?, E Div- Retros, Heat, and Brokebats
- b. Season Dates/Field Allocations
8 week season starting March 6th and ending on May 8th and playoffs on May 16th, will not play on April 10th or 17th

Fields 5, 7, and 8 will be used. Most games will start at 10am.

Vangie brought up that she every year asks about Mother's Day play and we will be playing on Mothers Day again.

Monday January 31st registration will open for teams- Team fees are due on Feb. 25th and player fees are due on March 4th.

- c. Important dates (Registration, Opening Ceremonies, Fees, New Player Clinics)
Registration open Jan. 31st
New Player Clinics- Sunday Jan 23rd (for current players needing adjustments to ratings) and February 12th (for brand new to the league)- please note we do not provide ratings, only divisional appropriateness
Opening Ceremonies- Saturday March 5th at a location to be determined.
- d. COVID Policy for Spring 2022- Vaccine verification will be required for Spring season or a requirement for weekly testing to be submitted at the field to Kari each week before taking the field.

7. Open Division Director Vacancy

Brian Thompson

Nominations will be taken at the same time as this year's open position nominations. The vacancy will be filled during the normal elections process but they will take the position responsibilities immediately.

8. NAGAAA Winter Meeting

Scot Howard

Scot and Lenny will attend the Dallas Winter NAGAAA meetings and will report back

9. Upcoming Tournaments

Brian Thompson

Sin City Classic, Winter Classic, Saguaro Cup, NAGAAA Cup

10. Old Business

a. Breakfast with Santa Wrap-up

Scot Howard/Josh Russell

Josh and Scot shared that the event was a huge success and we had a lot of media coverage. The league hopes to continue the event for many years into the future.

b. Demuth Practice fields update

Scot Howard

Fields will be available for signup during the week in the month of April. You will contact the board to get access to fields.

11. New Business

a. USA Umpire Certification

Lenny Broberg/Scot Howard

League wide email will go out about those interested in being a USA certified umpire. Both Scot and Lenny went through the course. \$94 is the total cost for going through the training. League will not require the USA uniform. The certification classes will all be online going forward.

b. Marketing Committee Update

Josh Russell

The committee announced a new program for the league to establish more relationships with business across the valley. Donations to the league and to benefit individual players from businesses. Increases revenues and increased visibility will be the goals of the program. We would like to provide more value for your participation in the league. Additionally, the program will provide for more opportunities to businesses outside of the bar environment. Please reach out to the Marketing committee if you have a connection to a business that might be interested in providing infinity discounts to league members. This will increase the incentives for players and draw more participation.

c. Team Fundraisers

Brian Thompson

Stingers- Super Bowl- they are selling squares and will hold a fundraiser at Chill bar on SuperBowl Sunday.

Any others?

Next PSGSL Council Meeting: February 8th, 2021 @ 6PM via Zoom or location TBD