



October 2024

LAS VEGAS GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE | Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 22nd, 2024, | 6:30pm | MICROSOFT

TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER: 630pm

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: Motioned: Theo; Seconded: Jon

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

• **COMMISSIONER**

- World Series just finished up, there was a lot to like about it, there was also a lot to not like about it. Issues that occurred will be addressed in the Winter Meetings in January taking place in Houston, TX. Fines will be appealed to that were a result of the database flaws. Fines that were incurred as a result of non-database flaws will be paid.
- Reminder regarding updated rules regarding pick up players for the fall season, teams can pick up players to get their roster to 12 as long as the players being picked up are rated appropriately.

• **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

- Prior to WS – met with Parks & Maintenance team to install dual base pegs for 1st base on fields 5, 6, 7. Single pod with 2 pegs, evenly spaced out and a concrete block. Replaced all of the other pods on the fields as well.
- We did get some new bases for 1st base line, they are a standard white bag and the safety bases already attached. The league did not have to pay for the bases. This is a huge cost savings for the league.
- First Base, field 6 – Devin Y. was able to pull the concrete block out. Nate is going to take a look and investigate.
- Signs will be placed at each field on 1st & 3rd base side to identify the length of base placement.
- Thank you to Kerry & Iris for taking the lead on Pride, great turn out this year and can't wait to see what we do next year.

• **TREASURER**

- **Deposits:** \$3588.49
- **Withdrawals:** \$4177.17
- **Balance:** \$52612.34
- **Escrow:** \$19900.75

- **SECRETARY**
 - No Updates
- **WOMEN'S DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - No Updates
- **UPPER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - No Updates
- **LOWER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - No Updates

Committee Reports:

- **Ratings Committee**
 - No Representative
 - Coaches & Ratings committee chair need to sit down and do a full-scale review of players in the off season – Coaches: Keep your scorebooks and log everything possible for making a case – Per Dave.
- **Tournament Committee:**
 - Dates: March 15th & 16th, 2025
 - Fields: Shadow Rock & Sunset Sports 4-Plex
 - Tournament Director – Conard Franz is interested
 - Possibly move to 2026 – but this is yet to be determined.
 - We have up to a month before hand to release fields without penalty.
- **Outreach Committee**
 - Recap on Pride, thanking everyone to who came out to support and help out.
 - Festival was great – interacted with a lot of people in the community that had no idea that we (LVGSL) was in the community.
 - 41 people signed up for the League Newsletter.
 - We gave out a lot of swag, but still have some leftover and can use it for next year.
 - Now that GSWS is over, Kerry will be looking into events for the League such as Animal Rescue and Veteran's Village.
- **Sponsorship / Fundraising Committee**
 - N/A

Old Business:

New Business:

- Waive forfeit bond for LVGSL Teams 10/20
 - Original schedule had us playing on the 13th and then have the 20th off. The World Series ended up needing those fields and this resulted in confusion and teams didn't realize how tired they'd be after participating in the WS. Teams should not be penalized for forfeits.
 - Discussion: Theo asked about the Forfeit bond as it relates to the rules/regs listed on the LVGSL website. Per Dave, this rule won't be considered for this circumstance. Randy – the rule posted on the website was created for teams that forfeit or don't show up without prior notice.
 - Votes: 10 in favor of waiving, **so moved to waive forfeit bond only for**

10/20.

- Trophy Purchases
 - Discussion:
 - B Division – No teams in the Fall
 - C Division – No trophies, per Nate.
 - D Division – No Trophies, per Randy
 - Votes: 7 votes in favor of no trophies for D Division.
 - E Division – 1st & 2nd place trophies to be awarded.
 - Randy Motioned – 1st & 2nd place trophies for E Division only, seconded by Nate.
 - Votes: 7 votes in favor of trophies for 1st & 2nd Place trophies.
 - Women's Division – No Trophies
 - Spirit Award
 - Most Improved Player Award
- Bar of the Week: Joe's – there was less than usual attendance, but the owner was aware and chose that week as the Bear's were also on a buy week.

Open Floor:

- Nate: Asking coaches to remind their players that they can receive text notifications for emails that have been sent out. iPride scorebooks – how much room do we have in them, or do we need to make new ones soon? Per Dave, we will want to create new ones for the Spring Season. When will we be doing the budget for 2025, per Dave, we will most likely do it in January 2025.
- Randy:
 - Thank you to all who supported the Royal Flamingos in the WS
 - We would like to meet with the board to discuss an audit committee or how to do things a bit better.
 - Get the ratings committee to sit down with Coaches to better understand and get on the same page. Not waiting to move teams up.
 - Something that we can all really stick to and get it hammered down in time for the World Series and not getting caught unaware of what is happening.
 - QUADZ is offered to maybe do a fundraiser to help pay for some of the fines that were incurred and heal a little bit. Get people together outside of softball – maybe do a trivia night
 - Bar of the Week: Quadz had 4 people show up outside of the flamingos and the bar owner was very upset. If people aren't going to support, then we just stop doing it.
 - Make introductions now for E Players that need to move up, introduce them to D Coaches or make the introductions in the last couple weeks of the season.
 - Dave will send out information at the end of the season so coaches are aware of who may need to move up.
- Theo:
 - After fielding multiple questions from the team regarding ratings. If a player has question 10, they are automatically going to lose a point.
 - If you don't have question 10, the rating does stay the same.
 - The cap does change with the ratings update
 - If you're rated a 7 and above, you have to move up, etc.
 - If you're rated 7, but loses rating 10 – remains in E.

- Per Nate, this is a complex discussion and needs to have a focus session to determine each player rating.
- Tami:
 - Piggyback off of Randy's comment regarding ratings. I would prefer to have the conversation to ensure players are properly rated. We need to do a better job, and the concern is that people are going to try and rate E players back down specifically players that should be moved up to D.
 - Tami would like to have the discussion sooner than later.
- Tony:
 - Touchbase with Nate regarding ratings and try to come up with a fair process moving forward. Then discuss with each coach the reason why and how.
 - Bar of the Week for Warriors also had a low attendance, suggesting that maybe the Fall is not the best season to have bars of the week.
- Travis:
 - GSWS Bats will be changing from Monsta to Miken. When the new Miken is released for WS, they will be giving an opportunity to leagues to purchase the bats. Travis would like to discuss purchasing the new world series bat ahead of WS to give people time to practice with that bat.

Meeting Adjourn: 7:40pm

Motioned by: Randy

Second: Theo