



August 2024

LAS VEGAS GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE | Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 27<sup>TH</sup> 2024 | 6:30pm | MICROSOFT

TEAMS

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30pm

**APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES:** <Motion to Approve: Patric, seconded by Theo>

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

• **COMMISSIONER**

- After discussion regarding October 13<sup>th</sup> or October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have to make October 13<sup>th</sup> the BYE week for the League, as the GSWS will be using Doc Romeo fields for World Series practice. October 20<sup>th</sup> will be added to the field allocation that has been granted. If your team was planning on playing the 13<sup>th</sup>, please make sure to reach out to Julie for any changes. Julie has been informed by Dave regarding this change.
- Another question – does anyone know what the plan is for the Misfits? Will they be changing to D or staying in E? If anyone has any information regarding this, please reach out to Dave.

• **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

- 23 participants for the Ratings Clinic, great turn out for being a Monday night. Appreciate everyone being out there and helping out.
- By-laws change Request: Regarding Change to when newly elected board members take office.
  - **Open Discussion:**
    - Patric said this would be a great idea.
    - Bret advised that this was changed several years ago as there were issues with transitioning information in the database and this is why it was changed in the By-Laws.
    - Dave advised that the latest the World Series can happen is the week that it is happening this year 10/13-20, which makes the deadlines for clerical items that commissioners & assistant commissioners need to be done by September 1.
    - Motion to close discussion – Patric Motioned, seconded by Justin.

- **Voting:**
  - By-Law Change
    - Yes: 11 out of 13
    - No:
    - **Passes: Yes**
  - Vote to Make By-Law change effective immediately:
    - Yes: 11
    - No:
    - **Passes: Yes, unanimously.**
  - With the By-Law changes, Lisa – Lower Division Commissioner and Jon – Treasurer will both take over at the next Board Meeting, Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **TREASURER**
  - **Deposits:** \$420
  - **Withdrawals:** \$ 2432.30
  - **Escrow:** \$19572.75
    - **Includes Neon Classic:** \$6940.00
  - **Balance:** \$59685.45
  - Deposits are coming in nicely using ZELLE - [treasurer@lvgsi.com](mailto:treasurer@lvgsi.com)
- **SECRETARY**
  - No Updates
- **WOMEN'S DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - Not present
- **UPPER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - No Updates
- **LOWER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - Not present

### Committee Reports:

- **Ratings Committee**
  - Thank you to all who came out on a Monday evening. Outcome was better than anticipated.
  - Good to see a wide skill of talent on the fields, more players than just the E Division and good to see some D rated players to grow the league a bit more.
  - Reminder of Ratings Clinic at Lorenzi Park – Saturday at 4pm.
- **Tournament Committee:**
  - **Potential Date:** March 2025
  - **Field Allocation:**
    - Shadow Rock
    - Sunset Four Plex
  - We will need a tournament director, John Bernardi had expressed interest in the past, but that was quite some time ago. Dave will touch base with him to see if he's still interested in this.
  - Getting through the World Series prior to diving into Neon Classic set ups.
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- **Outreach Committee**

- Upcoming event: LV Pride 2024, parade is scheduled for 10/11, step off 7pm. The Pride festival is moving downtown – 4<sup>th</sup> & Bridger. Would like to staff a booth at PRIDE, festival is from 11am – 11pm. Iris & Kerry will be setting it up and will open it up to the league for staffing the booth.
- Is there a budget set aside for PRIDE?
  - \$500 Budget is already set aside.
  - The funds were not used last year, Kerry is asking if they can be combined into this year's budget? Per Dave, it needs to be voted on this for it be appropriated. The board has the ability to appropriate as much or as little as needed.
  - The funds for registration would come from the full \$500 that is allocated for PRIDE.
  - Any funds leftover would be used for decorations for the float in the parade and the booth for the festival.
  - Estimated cost of decorations & swag is around \$700
  - Budgets don't roll over from year to year, but, the \$500 is already allocated to be used.
  - Nate motioned to increase the budget allocation for PRIDE to \$750 from \$500 for the 2024 PRIDE Events. Patric seconded this motion.
    - No Discussion was had regarding this increase.
    - **Voting:**
      - Yes: 12
      - No:
      - Pass: Yes
  - SWAG – stickers and flyers – a QR Code will be included on the flyers that will direct people to our website.
  - There are speakers that haven't been used in our storage unit and are available to be used for this event per Nate.

- **Sponsorship / Fundraising Committee**

**Old Business:**

- N/A

**New Business:**

**Open Floor:**

- Lisa – needs assistance with getting Lower Division commissioner email set up. Per Nate, he will assist.
- Theo – asked about updates for the Fall Schedule on when it will be available. Per Dave, it will be available a few days prior to season starting as we don't know how many teams we will have. Once the draft is completed, the schedule can be finalized.
- Justin - Are there any updates regarding the rule change for ratings? Dave has not heard chatter regarding that. Currently not an agenda item regarding rating changes. We can expect that what was already voted on will go into

effect in Spring 2025. Follow up Question – As there are a couple of players with the Hustlers & Side Hustlers that are trying to decide if they want to play in E or D. The barrier is that as the rule stands that you can only sub on a team in the Fall if the team is in need and can only pick up if they have less than 10 of their own players. It is being proposed that we allow players that are rated a 7 to be allowed to pick up regardless of rostered numbers. (Per Dave, currently we require women to register twice if they're playing both Co-Ed and Women's division, and it is suggested to determine whether or not the player wants to play up is to practice with those who are already playing D and have Hustlers & Side Hustlers do a joint practice). Would there be an appetite for teams to pick up and get them to 12 players instead of 10. There are specific instances where this could come into factor with the cap being at 10. Justin is motioning for a temporary change to the by-laws that has a set sunset date that is the final date of the Fall Season that would allow players who are rostered in D but rated for E to pick up. This rule will only apply to those who **DO NOT** have question 3.

- Voting will be done by Simple Majority per Commissioner.
  - Voting for Rostered D Players to pick up in the E Division if they are rated for E and pick up to get your line up to 12 players.
    - Yes: 9
    - No: 2
    - Pass: Yes, effective start of fall season 2024.

**Meeting Adjourn:** Motion by Dave, 7:47pm, seconded by: Theo.