



January 2025

LAS VEGAS GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE | Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 21st, 2025, | 6:30pm | MICROSOFT

TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Motioned: Theo Seconded: Julie

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

• **COMMISSIONER**

- Invited to speak at the monthly lambda gay chamber of commerce luncheon in January. Will be speaking again at the February meeting and giving a full presentation about our league.
- IPS meetings are this coming meeting, Nate & Dave will be attending this meeting in Houston. The only agenda item is for us to request refunds for the money we were fined at the GSWS.
- Spring Season date allocation has been released from Clark County – they are as follows:
 - Sunset Park Allocations:
 - March 2nd
 - March 9th
 - March 23rd
 - March 30th
 - April 20^{th**}
 - May 11^{th**}
 - May 18th
 - *** Holiday's, preferred to use for rainouts only***
- January 22nd will be a city meeting to get field allocations. It has been requested to get Doc Romeo & Lorenzi. More to follow on city field allocation.
- The website has been updated for registration to allow for players when registering to select any of our 24 teams that have declared.

• **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

- Attending the IPS winter meetings in Houston with Dave Mondt.
- Updated the website that it is an online form when requesting governing document changes. It will no longer be a fillable PDF. The ability to export the online request is in progress.

- The ratings document is also in progress of being updated.
- Elections this year will be moving to an electronic format, everyone gets a unique and secure link to vote and will go based off of email provided upon registration.
- **TREASURER**
 - Deposits: \$7705.00
 - Withdrawals: \$3968.31
 - Included payment to:
 - iPride GSWS fines: \$2200
 - iPride Registration Fee: \$362.00
 - City of Las Vegas Business License: \$50
 - USA Softball Fee: \$780.00
 - RFD to Warriors: \$489.31
 - Starting Balance: \$47695.29
 - Ending Balance: \$51,431.98
 - Escrow: \$19736.06 (which includes \$6940.00 for Neon Classic)
- **SECRETARY**
 - No Updates
- **WOMEN'S DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - ASANA is in Myrtle Beach – first weekend of February, will be bringing back information received from that.
 - The sooner we can make decisions on new teams, the sooner the schedule will get completed.
 - BYE Weeks and Bar of the Weeks as soon as that information can be submitted, the easier for building the framework of scheduling.
- **UPPER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - No Updates
- **LOWER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
 - No updates

Committee Reports:

- **Ratings Committee**
 - Ratings Chair has not yet been selected.
 - Coaches need to submit each team chair for who is representing
- **Tournament Committee**
 - NEON Classic – no tournament until 2026.
- **Outreach Committee**
- **Sponsorship / Fundraising Committee**

Old Business:

New Business:

- Guest Speaker: Beth Hoff – Clark County Family Services, Foster Care Recruitment.
 - Connect with everyone in the community on how critical the need is for Foster Parents.
 - They want to connect with the LGBTQ community as there are quite a

- few kids in the community that identify.
- 2nd Annual Foster Care event – specifically aiming to the LGBTQ Community.
- More information to be emailed to the League.
- Spring Season
 - Team Declaration Review
 - **B Division:**
 - Mean Girls – Denver Based
 - Army of Skanks – Denver Based
 - Lazer Sports
 - **C Division:**
 - Grease Monkeys
 - Fun Hog Ranch
 - **D Division:**
 - Side Hustlers
 - Fire Hawks
 - Lightning
 - Royal Flamingos
 - Diamond Dynasty
 - Grease Monkeys
 - Warriors
 - Hebrew Nationals – straight team coached by Neil Popish, will not qualify for GSWS participation.
 - **E Division:**
 - Hustlers
 - Hustlers 2.0
 - Grizzlies
 - Diamonds
 - Misfits
 - Renegades
 - Warriors
 - Pirates
 - Golden Girls
 - **Women's Division:**
 - Beavers
 - No Mames
 - Ratings Clinic Dates
 - Allocation dates are not yet available and won't be available until the last Wednesday of January for requesting February dates.
 - Roster Due Dates
 - Dave to send email to coaches urging to get a list of names of those who are planned to be on the roster, prior to ratings clinic.
 - Umpire Fees
 - Joey M. (UIC) inquired about raising umpire fees \$1 an hour. Currently making \$27 per game, paying \$6480 per year. Raising to \$28 per game would be a total of: \$6720 and \$30 would be \$7200.
 - Motion passes to move umpire fees to \$30 beginning with the spring season with 10 Yes votes.

- Mask Policy
 - Review of mask policy was requested by Joey M. (UIC) concerned mostly for the lower division as the same player was hit twice in the same season.
 - All players sign the waiver knowing the risk that they take
 - Would the league provide the mask and if they don't have a mask, are they just not allowed to pitch. It's been brought up at multiple IPS meetings and has yet to be passed.
 - Jonathan to speak with insurance representatives to see if requiring a mask would affect our insurance policy costs.
- Rule Change Proposal
 - Essentially to increase the roster size for spring season to 20 from currently at 17. Also to create an exemption for active-duty military.
 - IPS does have an exemption for active-duty military, but, that you have to play $\frac{1}{2}$ of the games to qualify for GSWS.
 - With the ratings change there are multiple players on the bubble, now players are being forced up to the D Division leaving a limited number of places to play because they want to stay together as they've grown together.
 - Active-Duty Military – players are deployed or occupied with active-duty that will keep them away from softball. If a player is going to be missing $\frac{2}{3}$ of the season, what's the point in someone registering.
 - Unanimously voted to table 2nd portion re: military exemption.
 - Tabled to get more information on how this would affect rosters and how we would want to update this amendment request.
 - Roster cap remains in place at 17 players. Motion fails.

Open Floor:

Meeting Adjourn: 8:04pm

Motioned by: Jonathan

Second: Julie