

GREATER LOS ANGELES SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Women's Division League Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING: March 3rd, 2013

APPROVED: _____

Board Members Present:

Commissioner	Monica Aguilar Curry
Co-Commissioner A/B	Rosie Romo
Co-Commissioner C	Stacey Robinson
Co-Commissioner D	Rose Eustachio
Treasurer	Katrina Nason
Secretary	Rosalyn Bugg

Team Representatives Present:

Chix With Stix	Jennifer Young
Deuces	Karen Blair
Envy	Carrie Brandon
Five Hole	Laura Sherman
POW	Anne Marie Herrera/Elizabeth Perez
LA Bandits	Christy Lee
LA Wildcats	Carrie Selman
Looking To Score	Sandy Gonzales
Lucky Strikes	Sabrina Vargas
LA Diablas	Mildred Rodriguez
MadBatters	Tyrie McCulley
Really Though	Melissa London
Playerz	Emily Malapira
Rebels	Dina Black
Sandlot	Audrey Sandoval/Marla Ciuffetelli
Sofa King Good	Angel Racicot
Wicked Women	S.O.

Team Representatives Not Present:

ALL REPS PRESENT

Call to order

12:34 pm

I. Meeting Open

- a. Commissioner Calls meeting to order

II. ASANA Report

Commissioner Aguilar discusses the key information from the ASANA meetings, held in February in Portland.

- ASANA is celebrating 5 year anniversary and it was reported that the ASANA website will have documents available on-line for download such as meeting minutes.

- This year's theme was Innovation...think outside the box. Kelly Oberle was a facilitator and she did a great job at presenting but it wasn't anything innovative or new. Same topics as past meetings and the finance committee believed it wasn't worth the cost. ASANA paid for her airfare and meals. She roomed with treasurer in a comp room so we did not have to pay for hotel cost for her.
- The Operations Director position was opened because of a last minute resignation. Dani Gilmore from San Jose was appointed interim Operations Director.
- ASANA Board moved some of their duties around.
- ASANA was 20K over budget for San Diego world series. There were a lot of long discussions in the meeting as to how to prevent this in the future and for explanations of why it happened. Finance committee got involved and made good suggestions to prevent this from happening again.
- There were a series of Rule Changes
 - ASA moved to 70 foot bases and ASANA did as well. Board noted this was an agenda items for GLASA later in the meeting.
 - Other adopted changes:
 - Sunglasses can be worn on top of your head.
 - Hat or visor may be worn backwards.
 - Team must be accountable for the conduct of their players and fans.
- For this year's Series in Portland, the rule regarding the number of berths allow for a given city has been suspended, so any teams willing to pay can attend, and you no longer have to petition for extra berths.
- The ASANA Database will now be opened up for other leagues to view, especially with the travel and transfer between cities as well as the open pick up rules.
- A player from a team already playing can play for another team as long as they get permission from manager a league commissioner, so players can play for more than one team at series as long as the league approves it.
- The ASANA Board is not allowed to submit a protest against teams participating in the World Series if they feel a team is not playing in correct division.
- Two [2] players per team can now register the day of bracket play at World Series, as long as it occurs before their first scheduled game. Said players would already have to be on submitted team's roster.
- Classification
 - ASANA tried to implement a new standardized form to conduct player classification. It was voted down because cities wanted to test this first and put it in to place before having to be forced to do so. There was a second motion that asked cities to use the form/process on their World Series Bound teams for evaluation. This motion passed. This would mean that our classification committee will be tasked with reviewing our WS teams in addition to the work they

currently have. After reviewing the form, it is not that far from our form but the committee will report back to GLASA board regarding hardship. We currently have 10 teams who have expressed interest in Series, so they will be the target teams.

- Rates for World Series 2013 Portland
 - Alaska Airlines will provide 5% discount.
 - Dollar Rent a car will provide 5% discount.
 - Doubletree will be host hotel
 - \$104 single, double, triple or quad per night. Includes free parking and wi-fi.
 - Hotel deposit of \$225 is due on July 15
 - Hotel reservation cut off date is on July 26. If you cancel after this date you will be charged \$100 per reservation. If you cancel within 72 hours or are a no show hotel will charge you \$100 fee plus one night of hotel cost.
- Opening ceremony will be within walking distance of host hotel.
- We will be playing at Delta Park which has 7 fields. All divisions will be playing here. Beer will be available as well as food trucks.
- FYI - Compression machines will be used to test all bats prior to the series starting in Portland and moving forward. It was noted that GLASA Open division has purchased a compression machine and are testing their bats in their league as well.
- It was announced that the 2014 World Series would be held in Las Vegas in late October/early November. This caused some issues within the meeting as multiple cities identified that they wanted to bid the 2014 Series, but they were discouraged from doing so, or told that it was not available. ASANA board noted that the surveys of the leagues identified that Las Vegas was again the number one location requested by the players.
- GLASA Commissioner noted that at this time at the meetings she identified that this would be a problem for GLASA given that the late date of World Series hampers our leagues ability to draw teams to our Las Vegas tournament in January, and this impacts us financially as a city.
- There was cross talk regarding this issue and that the GLASA board was not happy with this situation and the potential problem it causes for our teams. It was noted that the upcoming fundraising presentation would show the issues that loss of revenue from this event will cause for teams.
- Completing the report, it was also noted that the ASANA board is looking to fill Event Director and Hotel Coordinator positions. They are also looking to utilize the Sin City Shootout hotel [Tropicana] and the Tuscany.
- For World Series 2015, it was noted that three cities: [Kansas City, Austin, and Orlando] plan to make bids.

Motion to accept ASANA report: Rosalyn Bugg
Second: Stacey Robinson
Approval of Motion: Unanimous

III.2013 Summer Season

a. Registration

Teams were informed that we would be following the standard registration procedure for Summer Season, and that a roster of at least 10 players, team information form and payment for league fee as well as player fees for those listed on roster were due at the end of the meeting. All players who were not listed on the roster will need to turn in paperwork on the first day of play and be added to the roster, and all players must sign the roster on their first day of play. Any players who are added to the roster will need to pay the league their player fee at that time.

b. Rules Discussion

Piggybacking on the discussion from the ASANA meetings, there was a discussion regarding moving the bases back from our current pegged 60 ft bases and playing at 70ft with throwdown bases. The city of Glendale does not have 70ft pegs at our fields. Reps discussed the pluses and minuses of playing with heavy throwdown bases vs. pegged bases, and the safety factor for the league.

Motion to keep bases at 60ft for league play:

Second:

Voting:

Rosalyn Bugg

Dina Black

13/7/1

Motion Passes.

Second discussion occurs regarding just having the upper teams play at 70ft on fields 1 and 3. There was some concern expressed by UIC on how to manage this with umpires, and on how the loose bag rule is interpreted by some. Upper teams noted that if they were going to have to play tournaments and at WS with long bags, that they should play it as much as possible, while other upper teams identified that safety would be more important to them. Upper teams only allowed to vote on this issue

Motion to allow 70ft bases for upper division only:

Second:

Voting:

Elizabeth Perez

Melissa London

8/3/0

Motion Fails.

c. B Division Play Date with Other ASANA teams

It was noted that Long Beach and San Diego are trying to schedule a round of games for their B teams on May 5th or another later date to give B teams more competition going into World Series. Rosie Romo is tasked with finding out which dates are good and getting back to LB representative who is coordinating this effort.

d. Forfeit Field Usage

Teams were reminded that if they want access to fields that might become available due to late forfeits, then they need to send their names to their division commissioners so they can be put in the pool.

e. Schedule

The creation of the schedule was discussed, and official bye dates were identified as May 19th [Glendale], May 26th [Memorial Day] and June 9th[Glendale and Pride]. Target number of games this season was identified at 15. Because of the fluid nature of the upper division, it was also noted that the uppers would play a first round and all 11 teams would play each other once, giving classification a chance to work. The released schedule would have 10 games for each team prior to the release of a second half schedule.

f. Opening Party Discussion

Board asked if teams would be open to having an opening party on March 24th instead of the opening week because of possible scheduling issues with venues because our opening day conflicts with St. Patricks Day. Teams were ok with the change.

IV. Finance Report

- a. Kat distributed financials and discussed financial plan moving forward.

V. Fundraising Presentation

- a. Secretary made presentation on the state of fundraising in relation to our current financial status
- i. Identified that we have been consistently spending more than we bring in based on upping the number of games per team
 - ii. GLASA has been utilizing their surplus for the past 4+ years and fundraising will need to be a requirement or cuts will need to be made
- b. Discussion ensues regarding the hows and whys of what it should be, and what the amount should be. It is noted that it should be decided and voted that teams should raise money and the details can be determined at a future time.

Motion to require that all teams raise \$200 for 2013 Summer Season:

Second: Rosalyn Bugg
Katrina Nason
Voting: majority vote yes/number lost

Motion Passes.

- c. Second Discussion occurs regarding cost cutting in other areas. Members discuss why we give out awards when we don't have money for them, as other wonder why teams should play if there are no awards.

Motion to suspend 2013 Summer Season awards until league can guarantee funds are secured to give awards without losing money:

Second: Marla Ciuffetelli
Angel Racicot
Voting: majority vote yes/number lost

Motion Passes.

- d. Board calls for creation of committee to explore fundraising options and present to body at next meeting. Carrie Selman, Carrie Brandon, Jennifer Young and Sabrina Vargas volunteered to be a part of this committee.
- e. Teams were told of a potential team level fundraising opportunity via working for the Long Beach Convention Center. Secretary notes that she will send information to team representatives, and if teams are interested and ready to commit to this, they will be passed to the volunteer chair at the facility. Secretary will make contact with the chair to make sure of the payment process and then contact team reps with information.

VI. Classification Process

- a. Teams were informed that the classification committee will be given a list of classifications based on the upcoming submitted rosters, so they will be able to start the first week of play. All outstanding reviews from last year will be added to the list as well so they don't need to be resubmitted.

VII. Open Division Report

- a. Commissioner identified the Open Division will be having their first pitch season kick off party on March 9th at Micky's in West Hollywood.
- b. Secretary identified that the Open Division's SwitchHitters Ball will be held on April 20th, 2013 at Avalon, and the Board would like to get more women's division players to possibly attend, and if there was a team who wanted to participate, that they should contact the Board.

VIII. Old/New Business

- a. Board asks that any upcoming fundraiser information be sent to the secretary so we can get info out to all of the other teams

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Second

Approval of Motion:

Dina Black

Carrie Selman

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:37pm:

NEXT MEETING DATES:

April 7th, 2013

May 12th, 2013

June 2nd, 2013