

GREATER LOS ANGELES SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Women's Division League Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING: Sept 16th, 2012

APPROVED BY LEAGUE: _____

Board Members Present:

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

Team Representatives Present:

Chix With Stix	Jennifer Young
Deuces	Tracy Goldberg/Trudy Dehner
Envy	Donna Werling
POW	Liz Perez/Anne Marie Herrera
LA Bandits	None
LA Wildcats	Carrie Selman
Looking To Score	Rosalyn Bugg
Lucky Strikes	Sabrina Vargas
MadBatters	Tyrie McCulley
Nemesis	Claudia Pizaro/Andrea Deluna
Playerz	Nikki Sul
Really Though	Monica Aguilar
Rebels	Dina Black
Sandlot	Audrey Sandoval/Marla Ciuffetelli
Sofa King Good	Angel Racicot
Wicked Women	Amalie Brown

Team Representatives Not Present:

LA Bandits

Call to order –

12:30 pm

I. Welcome

New commissioner Monica Aguilar welcomes all teams to meeting, and introduces the new officers, Stacey Robinson, C Division; Katrina Nason, Treasurer. Commissioner also introduces Nancy Nomura as Fall Season UIC. Also recognizes two new teams, Sofa King Good in C Division, and MadBatters in D Division.

II. Winter Season Information

a) Registration Process

Process for registration is reviewed and explained to teams. Rosters are due at the end of the meeting, along with payment of fees. Teams should pay treasurer at the end of the meeting.

b) Discussion on potential new clinic team

There is a discussion about the possibility of a new team being formed from the clinic players. It is noted that in order to allow team to form after the payment deadline, there must be a motion to allow this team an extension.

Motion to allow new team a one week extension for registration and fee payment

Monica Aguilar

Second

Amalie Brown

Approval of Motion:

Majority vote

c) Rules Recap

Board reviews all of the fall season rules, especially the pickup player rules for Fall ball.

d) Forfeit Field Usage

In order to allow fair access to teams when a field becomes available due to forfeit, any teams who are interested in utilizing these fields if they become available should notify their division chair of possible interest. If a field becomes available, teams on lists will be notified and will have ability to request the open field.

e) Playoff Discussion

There is a discussion regarding the format for Fall Playoffs. There are two options available for voting:

1) One Pitch Tournament the final week of play [All teams play]

2) Standard Playoff format – only top teams play

Vote on format was held [15 teams present/2 teams with board representation did not vote/Board did not vote]

8 teams voted – one pitch tournament

5 teams voted for playoff format

One Pitch Tournament format was voted in, per majority vote.

f) Schedule

Board noted that the schedule would be produced and released by September 19th/20th. It was also explained that there would be three official bye dates: October 7th [Autumn Classic]; November 4th [Glendale has fields]; and November 25th [Thanksgiving weekend].

III. Classification Process

Classification Chair explains the process for classification, and identifies that committee will be ready to go first week of play.

IV. Open Division Report

It is noted that Commissioner is working with Open Division Commissioner to get both sides more in sync and more familiar with each other. Women's Division will provide the open division one week of play on Field one to start this moving in the right direction. Also, commissioner requests that representatives get the info about the Open First Pitch party out to their players, and that we have a contingent attend their event. During the discussion, it was suggested that the women's division create a committee to work with the Open and begin to make ourselves more visible to their board and their players. It was noted that this was attempted in the past, and because we were not consistent in our efforts, that there is no confidence in the Women's Division's ability to do so. It was determined that we would take baby steps with the field allocation and attendance at their event and see where it goes.

V. Finance Heads Up

Treasurer identifies that she is working through all of the current materials, and that a new budget will be presented for review and voting at the next meeting in October.

VI. Autumn Classic

Commissioner notes that a few of our teams will be participating in the upcoming Autumn Classic Tournament in San Diego, and that GLASA has put together a team called "Free Agents" to participate as well.

VII. Sin City Shootout

Sin City Women's Division Representative identifies that after registration opened on September 1st, that the tournament has over 12 teams, a first for our division. It was recommended that teams from Los Angeles who wanted to participate get their registration and payments in as soon as possible, as the space would be limited. The scope of the Sin City Tournament was also outlined, identifying all of the other sports that were now part of the event. In addition, it was explained that the committee was trying to set up a women's specific event for the Saturday evening of the tournament.

VIII. Old/New Business

Fundraisers:

- a) POW was selling tickets to the Dodger game on Wednesday, October 3rd, and still had 5 remaining tickets for purchase.
- b) Looking To Score asked if teams would be more interested in supporting an event on September 30th, or a Halloween event on October 28th. Feedback was overwhelming for a Halloween event.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Second

Approval of Motion:

Jennifer Young

Dina Black

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:23pm: