

**GREATER LOS ANGELES SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Women's Division Meeting**  
**Glendale Sports Complex Meeting Room**

**MINUTES OF MEETING:**

**February 21, 2010**

**APPROVED BY LEAGUE: Mar 14, 2010**

Board Members Present

Interim Commissioner	Lesley Goldberg
Co-Commissioner A/B	Rosie Romo
Co-Commissioner D	Ros Bugg
Treasurer	Nancy Nomura
Secretary	Amalie Brown

Not Present

Co-Commissioner C	Diana Parkinson (attending ASANA Winter Meetings for GLASA)
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Team Representatives Present

All Chicks, No Sticks *	Susan McKenna
Chix with Stix	Katrina Nason
Envy	Barb Robles
Hit 'N Run	Maria Ramirez
I'd Hit That	Tiffany Ray
L.A. Bandits	Christy Lee
L.A. Wildcats	Angeline Huang
Lucky Strikes	Jill Poe
Misfits	Jamie Baclesse
Nemesis	Anita Hasten
Playerz	Kathy Butterworth
Really Though	Monica Aguilar
Rebels	Dina Black
Sandlot	Nancy Cook
Screwballs	Catherine Danford
Wicked Women	Suzanne

\*NOTE: *All Chicks, No Sticks* changed team name post meeting; new team name is WTF

Not Present

Ball Crushers

Call to Order

12:35 pm

Announcements (Amalie)

- It was announced that the purpose of this meeting was to provide information to the Commission on the activities of the Executive Board following the Sin City Tournament and in preparation for the Summer 2010 season.
- Effective January 30, 2010, Suzzy Parker resigned the position of Interim Commissioner. As per the By-Laws, with less than half the term remaining for this office, the Executive Board appointed a new interim commissioner, Lesley Goldberg (then serving as A/B Co-Commissioner). Suzzy initially was appointed to fill the A/B Co-Commissioner position, but resigned shortly thereafter. With the present A/B Co-Commissioner term effective October 2009, more than half the term remains and therefore on January 31, an email was sent to the Commission requesting nominations for the position. The nominations closed at 5 pm on February 13. One nomination (and second) was received. The nomination was for Rosie Romo (Rebels). Therefore, by acclamation, Rosie was duly elected to serve remainder of the term of office for A/B Co-Commissioner until October 2011.

Julie Faagau Award (Amalie)

- The Executive Board authored a Motion to establish a spirit award to honor the memory of Julie Faagau. The description of the award was read and, owing to the need to incorporate the funds for the award as a line item in the budget, a *Motion to Approve* was needed; the motion was made by Dina Black and seconded by Jill Poe.  
*Vote: Yes (13) No (0) Abstain (1)*  
With passage of the Motion, the Description of award will be posted on the league website

### Treasurer's Report (Nancy Nomura)

- The Budget was explained with notations attached to specific items including explanation of the team fee for Summer 2010 registration, ASA fees, and Insurance.
- All teams are required to carry liability, however, there is an opt-in for full medical which would be paid for by each of the teams requesting this. The opt-in cost is \$120.
- There was discussion regarding the cost to send 7 teams to Series 2010 (two teams have automatic berths), summer awards, and the cost of the newly developed website. It was explained that the old website had lost much functionality and left little room for growth. The new website was to be launched Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 5 pm
- The challenges left in the wake of the passing of Julie were outlined by Nancy, including the inaccessibility of the account for several months and the inclusion of Sin City 2009 financials in the joint tax statement filed with GLASA Men's/Open Division. Answering the question regarding the lack of a formal budget since July 2009, Nancy explained that she will be performing an audit over the next several weeks to ensure that the budget is reconciled.

*Motion to Approve the Budget*      Dina Black  
*Second*                                      Monica Aguilar  
*Yes (15) No (1) Abstain (0)*  
*Approval of the Treasurer's Report*

### Elections (Amalie)

- Positions open include Commissioner, C and D Co-Commissioners, and Treasurer
- Elections will be held in accordance with the By-Laws, a date to be set once the Play Schedule is complete
- The Secretary will organize the election *pro forma* with a committee comprised of representatives from each division

### Player Classification (Lesley)

- Owing to the re-classification actions taken in February 2009 and the need to work within the broad guidelines for player classification outlined by ASANA, the Executive Board met on February 14, 2010 and decided the following: (1) to adopt the guidelines provided by ASANA (2009) with any updates forthcoming from the 2010 Winter Meeting in Las Vegas; (2) to adopt the Player Classification Rubric developed by Susan Baughn and Shanta Freeman (Wicked Women) which utilizes the five core skills suggested by ASANA but which provides detailed information on each skill, a summary table for use by a classification committee, and a summary table for the Board; and (3) to support the decision of Interim Commissioner, in accordance with Article 8.01, to create a Committee, independent of the Executive Board, to review all player classifications. The Committee members would include an umpire and representatives from the A/B (1), C (2), and D (1) Divisions. Frank Gerencser (umpire) was selected to head the Committee. Members of the Committee, in turn, were chosen by Frank.
- Two issues were raised: (1) Peggy (Bandits) suggested that there should be two representatives from the D Division owing to the size of that Division (2) Katrina asked why just the Executive Board made this decision. In response to (1), the Committee was amended to include a second representative from D and (2) according to the Bylaws Article 8.01, the Commissioner can appoint a Committee with a specific purpose. Owing to the time sensitive nature of player classification and season start, the Executive Board approved the decision by the Commissioner to move ahead with the appointment.

### Summer Season

#### *Registration and Number of Teams* (Amalie)

- Twelve of eighteen teams had registered as of February 21, 2010 including roster submissions. There are: (1) A, (2) B, (5) C, and (10) D teams.

#### *Games and Start Time* (Lesley)

- A fourth game was added to each Sunday for the Summer 2010 Schedule as per a decision by the Executive Board. This would entail starting games at 0800. GLASA has use of the fields starting at 0730 and with 18 teams, there was the possibility that teams could face only 10 games for the season. The four game format was perceived to be a solution to this dilemma. There was much discussion about the earliness of game start time with concerns raised by Nancy (Sandlot) --- what led the Board to make such a decision; Maria (Hit 'N Run)---how many teams are there in the league; Barb (Envy)--- expressed a desire to talk more about the schedule. The Executive Board responded that it would examine the schedule further during the coming week.

#### *Rules of Play and Sportswomanship* (Nancy)

- Rules of Play remain the same as those of 2009. The 10' arc of pitch was not adopted by ASANA
- New bat rule: if there is a flat side or rattle in the bat, it will be removed by the umpire
- All umpires will be ASA certified
- There will be zero tolerance of abusive language and behavior towards umpires, players, and spectators. Umpires will use the ASA standards to determine the nature of abuse. This item prompted much discussion: (1) Maria (Hit 'N Run) "what is zero tolerance?" and "Will we be given a warning?" (2) Susan (WTF) "Is there a standard?" Answers to (1) were 'zero tolerance means' abusive behavior will not be tolerated and 'the warning is given now' (Nancy); Answers to (2) were "ASA rules" (Frank)

*Meeting Attendance* (Lesley)

- Teams were reminded of Article 5.04 that attendance at League meetings will be taken and with (2) absences, teams will be “penalized and/or disqualified from League play and/or NAGAAA (ne ASANA) championship play.”

ASANA Series 2010 (Lesley)

- Seven berths are available to GLASA. Two teams (Really Though and Nemesis) already have qualified owing to their participation in Series 2009 in Madison. There was much discussion about (1) the use of league funds to support teams that have qualified, yet may not win their divisions this year and (2) the automatic berth granted to the A team since it is the only team in that Division. These items are to be addressed at a future meeting once details from ASANA have been cleared about the level of support GLASA is to give to these teams, the number of declared intentions for participation, and the award of funds for division winnings.

Other Business

- Teams were encouraged to support the Men’s/Open portion of GLASA. Given the level of monies raised by this arm of the League during 2009, participation by the Women potentially will help with funding for Series.
- Managers were encouraged to log on to the new GLASA Women’s website being launched at 5 pm on February 2010.
- A reminder to managers to have their player membership forms ready for registration on March 14, 2010, the start of the Summer Season.
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Next League Meeting

*Sunday, March 14, 2010*

*Glendale Sports Complex meeting room*

*12:15 pm (or immediately following the last game)*

Meeting Adjournment

*Motion to Adjourn*

Jamie Baclesse

*Second*

Tiffany Ray

*Pass*

Unanimous

*Adjournment*

1:18 pm