

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: **February 13, 2011**

APPROVED BY LEAGUE:

Board Members Present

Co-Commissioner C	Monica Aguilar
Co-Commissioner D	Ros Bugg
Secretary	Amalie Brown
Treasurer	Faviola Resendiz

Board Member Not Present

Commissioner	Nancy Nomura
Co-Commissioner A/B	Rosie Romo

Team Representatives Present

Chix with Stix	Stacey Robinson	Nemesis	Anita Haisten
Deuces	Traci Goldberg, Karen Blair, LaQuanda Foster	Really Though	Monica Aguilar
Fooligans	Jen Duvally	Sandlot	Nancy Cook
L.A. Bandits	Christy Lee	Wicked Women	Shanta Freeman
L.A. Wildcats	Carrie Selman	The Envy	Carrie Brandon

Not Present

Hit N Run	Lucky Strikes	Playerz	Rebels	Screwballs
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Call to Order

12:30pm

Minutes of December 5, 2010

Motion for Approval	Stacey Robinson
Second	Carrie Selman

Approved

Budget

Favi Resendiz distributed the Budget and Finances information. She indicated that she has requested the removal of the \$15 monthly online fee being charged to the account. She suggested that owing to the low interest rate accrued on the league's CD that she would like to explore other opportunities to gain greater interest.

Motion for Approval	Jen Duvally
Second	Stacey Robinson

Approved

Instruments of Governance (IOG)

- Ros Bugg announced that the IOG were in the process of revision and needed to be examined by the Executive Board following today's meeting. She indicated that she would send the IOG via email to managers for their review to identify legality of rules, procedures, etc. The goal is to have the IOG ready for summer season 2011 start.

Fields

- The Executive Board reviewed potential **field alternatives** to Glendale. Ros Bugg indicated that of the Los Angeles County fields, only Arcadia Park (Arcadia) and Petit Park (Granada Hills) responded with fields that would meet the needs of the league. Arcadia Park offered a 9 am to 2 pm venue with fields laid out back to back. Petit Park offered back to back fields with no fences and a maintenance level similar to Hjelte. Enquiries to contacts in Westchester, etc. did not factor into the review owing to a lack of response or inability to accommodate the schedule. Sylmar's El Cariso was mentioned during the discussion and was met with strong opposition by managers. Ros also mentioned that there were other fields in the County, but that the league would be forced to play at several fields geographically removed from one another.
- Rosie Romo and Nancy Nomura met with Glendale and the league was offered two free fields (Glorietta and Montrose) with no financial impact on the budget. Two extra time slots could be accommodated at these fields with play extended to 130 pm. Nancy Cook asked for clarification on the hours of play and Ros Bugg indicated that play times would be 0845, 0955, 1105, and 1215 on Sundays. Therefore, the Board decided to not move fields this season and to take a survey of players regarding location---possibly a survey conducted at registration or later.

Summer 2011

- **Start of Summer 2011 Season** is set for March 6.
- Nancy Cook asked for clarification regarding how many checks should be submitted (team, players, etc). The Board indicated that all money is due on **February 27**, with three checks required: (1) \$450 team registration (2) Check for player fees (\$30 per player to cover summer and winter 2011) and (3) Forfeiture fee (\$52). Ros indicated that the Forfeiture check will be cashed and held by the league until such time that a team dissolves
- **Line-up cards.** Ros explained that Line-up cards should be filled out properly, with Last Name and First Name (no nicknames or partial names) together with the jersey number associated with each player. Managers were reminded that umpires can reject a Line-up card if not filled out properly. Anita Haisten asked that if a fine was imposed for improperly submitted cards, how could it be collected? The Board will need to address this question.
- **Insurance.** All teams are covered with liability in the registration fee. However, Full Medical coverage can be purchased for \$124. This insurance acts as a primary for players with no medical insurance and as a secondary coverage for those players who carry insurance. Amalie will send an email to all managers asking if they wish to purchase the coverage. If purchased, a check then would be submitted to Favi Resendiz for the \$124.

Classification Committee

- Shanta Freeman was introduced as the interim co-chair of the **Classification Committee**. Dina Black is the other committee co-chair. The one year term of Frank Gerenscer expired and he is no longer on the Committee. Shanta is preparing "bylaws" (procedures) by which the Committee will function. These procedures include a rubric and standard for evaluation, classification request rules, etc. Shanta indicated that there will be two representatives from each Division, with the *proviso* that no D Division committee members will evaluate upper division players unless those committee members have played at a higher level. Shanta asked for committee volunteers. She stressed that the volunteers should be reliable and do the work. She can be contacted at reclassification@lagaysoftball.com. This email functions also as the conduit for classification requests. All requests should be submitted by February 27.
- Anita Haisten directed a question to Shanta regarding the reclassification of the Rebels between summer and winter 2010 seasons. She asked if the Committee members at that time were part of the team reclassification or if Frank Gerenscer did the reclassification by himself. Shanta replied that the reclassification of the Rebels was done by Frank and that the Committee was not consulted. Anita further asked if the committee co-chair Dina Black was a manager on the Rebels and should managers be a part of the Committee? Shanta's reply was 'yes' Dina is a manager. The answer to the remainder of the question was not answered, but placed under consideration for the committee.
- Stacey Robinson and Traci Goldberg asked if the Committee was going to be independent of the Executive Board and if the Committee was going to re-evaluate the classification of the Rebels. Anita Haisten and Nancy Cook asked if the Executive Board would have the final say in classification of players and teams. The reply was that the Committee will act separate from the Board and that the final sign-off will be by the Commissioner (Nancy Nomura). Shanta and Ros indicated that requests for classification should be submitted through the email (above). Traci Goldberg asked if a team can request that another team be evaluated?
- It was announced that all players in the league will be reviewed within a set period of time. Ros Bugg indicated that this process would be in the first few weeks of the season. Traci Goldberg asked if managers could see player classifications. Ros replied 'no' except for players rostered for teams associated with individual managers. Amalie indicated she had compiled a list of league players and their classifications for 2007-2010. This list will be forwarded to Shanta.
- Further, Shanta indicated that she was talking with members of the Long Beach league regarding their standards for classification. Ros Bugg is talking with Philadelphia regarding their standards for classification. Shanta said that she is looking more globally regarding player classification. This is a response to the struggle faced by GLASA teams when they compete outside the league.

Game Schedule

- There are 9 upper division teams (1 B team and 8 C teams) and 6 D teams. Initially, Ros Bugg scheduled for 16 teams (18 games for upper division and 15 games for the lower division), with 12 doubleheaders on the books. The prognosis was to end the season by July 4.
- No **BYES**. Ros Bugg indicated that with 15 teams, it will add a 1215 pm game on two fields, with 6 upper division teams having doubleheaders and the lower division teams playing every week. The numbers appear to be 16 B/C games and 15 D games. Game times: 0845, 0955, 1105, 1215. Ros said that if there is a request from all teams to not play, e.g., Easter, then she would see what she could do.
- **Fields are unavailable:** May 22, 29, June 5, 12

Announcements

- It is the 20th Anniversary of Women's GLASA in 2011. Ros Bugg asked if we could schedule a celebration and have volunteers to put together an event---maybe a party.
- The Men's GLASA opening party is March 5 at Capitol City on Highland. Managers asked for a flyer.

Final Comments

- Anita Haisten asked if we could have a schedule on February 27. Ros Bugg said that all team money must be submitted in order to do that. Anita further asked when a schedule would appear. Ros said that Favi Resendiz would deposit all checks on Monday, February 28, and with check clearance, a schedule could be released on Wednesday, March 1. Following discussion, Ros agreed that she could release a schedule on February 27 covering the first week of play.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn	Stacey Robinson
Second	Jen Duvally
Pass	Unanimous
Adjournment	1:18 pm

Next League Meeting

February 27, 2011 at 1215 pm. Glendale Sports Complex meeting room.