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Description automatically generated **NSSL General Council Meeting – 02/05/23**

**Team Representatives**

Bandits C – Alan Crowe Life’s a Pitch – Melanie Arellano

Bandits D – Rod Spann Sliders E - Mary Kate Laird

Legends – Greg Little Moodswings – Jennifer Morris

Twisted Kilts – Logan Walker Looney Squad – Judy Perkins

Riot – Blake Beard Sliders D – Stephen Hudson

11:07 Meeting called to order

Jim motions to adopt the agenda. Eric seconded. No opposed.

Jim motions to approve minutes sent out via e-mail. Jennifer seconded. No opposed.

**Commissioner** – Eric White

* Winter NAGAAA Meeting
  + Rosters for World series due 8/1/23
  + NAGAAA Cup is doing Masters division for NAGAAA Cup (C&D)
  + 8.1 Million dollar impact to Dallas
  + 36,000 bottles of water consumed during world series.
  + 85 Umpires used for world series. No issues
    - New umpire rule. Courtesy runner cannot be a substitute on the roster. Must be an active player in the game.
      * Will adopt for spring
* Hall of Fame
  + 2 New South members up for nomination.
    - Rod and Butch
* Pick a stick for world series potential new vendor.
  + Monsta contract expiring this year.
* Qualifying Teams capped per division per league.
* NAGAAA adopting “LGBTQ+”
* ADA Rule:
  + ADA Status based off of verifiable disability.
  + ADA designation with rule modifications
  + An injury alone doesn’t qualify for an ADA
  + Must be a permanent disability
  + Doctor must provide information to qualify for ADA
* Players can only declare one city as their qualifying city.
* “Hali’s Rule” - When a player is protested in GSWS and the protest is upheld the specific questions that were upheld will have to remain on your rating for two years to coincide with the no repeat rule for GSWS – PASSED
* No more than 4 players from a GSWS championship team can play on a team in league, travel, and GSWS play.
* Eric motions to allow Sliders E rostered players to play in E as long as no more than 4 players are on a team in league play. Sliders E can remain a team as long as no more than 4 players from the GSWS roster are on the team. Jim calls to question. Josh seconded. Motion PASSED
* Jim motions to accept commissioners report. Rod seconded. Passed

**Assistant Commissioner** – Christa Brasher

* Early registration ends February 14
* Need an e-mail from all coaches to let us know exactly who is playing in spring.
* Season starts March 5.
* Ratings Day – February 12
  + Any players rated an 8 or 12 need to attend ratings day for the running questions.
  + Only running questions will be rated for those players.
* Spring season will run 14 weeks (12 weeks with 2 rain out)
* Holidays: Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Fathers Day, Pride weekend, July 4th (possible)
* We want to do a float for the parade.
  + We will ask for volunteers from each team. If there aren’t enough volunteers then we will ask coaches to help.
* Joe motions to accept Assistant commissioners report. Rod seconded. Passed

**Treasurer** – Jim Bailey

* $1370.03
* $250 for Birmingham teams in Shootout.
  + April 3
* $100 for liquor fee
  + April 3
* Invoice for fields increased.
  + Last year $5000
  + This year $8100
    - Doesn’t cover southern shootout.
* Riley motions to accept Treasurer’s report. Logan seconded. Passed

**Secretary** – Edwin Kuzma

* Submit rosters after ratings day so they can be uploaded to NSSL website and updated in NAGAAA database.
* 501c3
* Jim motioned to accept Secretary’s report. Eric seconded. Passed

**Public Relations** – Zack Carpenter

* Two PR chairs formed.
  + Josh Kirk -
  + Fundraising chair still open
* Recruitment day
* League store should be up between recruitment day and first week of season play
* Pride and Pride Float. Eric has a trailer and Logan has a truck.
* Magic City Acceptance Academy for Serve Day.
  + Recommended to go through the Acceptance Center.
* Edwin motions to accept PR report. Eric seconded. Passed

**Bylaws** – Jennifer Jones

* Opening Day March 5
* Lineup cards should be listed correctly. First Initial, Last name
* Lineup cards track participation. This is how we will track participation for GSWS qualification. Coaches need to ensure they are submitting lineup cards properly.
  + There will be a box to drop them in and a board member will be there to accept it.
  + Participation report will be updated every week.
* Standings will be updated weekly.
* NSSL Bylaws 2023 updated and uploaded on site.
* Edwin motions to accept Bylaws report. Eric seconded. Passed

**Hall of Fame** – Rod Spann

* No report

**Tournament Director** – Robert Simmons

* 23 teams registered
* Spread the word
* Jim contacted USA umpires
* Sent out sponsorship information to all of the coaches.
* Tiffaney doing coaches bags through Ole Smoky
* Volunteer list from coaches
* Non NAGAAA rated players
  + No non NAGAAA rated players allowed to participate.
* Host hotel $119/night
  + Hilton Doubletree
* Team fee $250 Liquor fee $100
  + Due by April 3
* Roster deadline
  + March 24
* $310 for new/first year teams coming to Birmingham
  + $100 discount.
* NAGAAA scorebooks w/ ratings questions.
  + Try to work out getting one for each team.
* Eric working on ADA process
* Potential cornhole location to bring in more money for the tournament.
* USA/ASA umpires
  + Still in the working stages
  + Joe, Jim, and Eric to be on conference call to lock it down
  + For our league, each team will have to pay $25 fee for USA/ASA
    - 2 Umpires per game
    - $40-50 per umpire per game
  + Southern Shootout
    - All teams must be USA/ASA certified
    - Round robin with 1 umpire – umpire will be paid more
    - $30-40/game negotiated during tournament play
    - Umpires won’t pay for rooms.
      * Prices may go up per game if we can’t provide rooms
  + Will be getting Quitta recertified
* Christa motions to accept Tournament director report. Edwin seconded. Passed

**Dewight – Birmingham Fields Director**

* Must go to Legion field, gate 17 to reserve fields at George Ward or Cooper Green.
* Fees increased from $15/hour to $25/hour.
* Reserve early in the week.

**Ratings** – Tiffaney Piper

* 11-11:30 players needing new ratings will warm up.
* Any current NSSL players looking to have running rated
* Those players who do not attend will have 1 additional running question added.
* 11:30-12:30 – 2 sessions for ratings.
* 12:45 until – live batting practice for ratings committee to watch
* Players already on a team can leave and the ratings will be shared to the coaches.
* New players looking for teams will stay around and be placed on a team.
* Ratings committee members, Tiffaney will reach out on Monday 2/6
* JJ motions to accept report. Eric seconded. Passed

**Old Business**

* One reprimand for not attending meetings. Will be fined after that.
* Need to have quorum for voting
* Tabled to next meeting so we can prepare proposal for general council.
* AED given to us by a fire department.
* Christa motions to accept Old Business. Eric seconded. Passed

**New business**

* Team league fees went up to $300. Comes out to $25/month
  + Fee covers a year.
  + January is new fiscal year, fees need to be paid before Spring season
  + New teams will be prorated if they form during the fiscal year.
  + Intent to play fees are due by February 19.
  + Players fees are due February 26 - $75
  + Eric motions to accept. Logan seconded. Passed
* Accept LGBTQ+ language
  + Josh motions to accept. Jim seconded. Passed
* Adoption of ADA process as governed by NAGAAA.
  + Zach motioned to accept. Josh seconded. Passed
* New Coaches Groupme for communication.
  + Need to have a coach or team rep added that can pass information along to each team.
* 5 Players from Sliders E want to be an exhibition team in league play. They will forfeit every game and will not count toward the standings. They have zero intentions to travel or to go to GSWS. They just want to play. They are requesting an exemption to the NAGAAA rule declaring no more than 4 people can play on a team and travel.
  + Requesting signed affidavit.
  + Motion for exhibition team to compete without counting toward standings. Josh seconded. Motion passed.
* Truck offered to be Fundraising chair, but requested a committee be created from the teams.
* Spread positive word about the league and reach out to teams from other cities about coming to Shootout.
* Angels in the outfield banner.

1:36 adjourn.