

**New South Softball League
General Council Meeting - 1/12/2005**

Call to Order

11:10 AM

Roll Call

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| Eric White | Board |
| Matthew Atkinson | Board |
| MK Laird | Board |
| Jim Bailey | Board |
| Tim Calhoun | Board |
| Brad Webb | Fire Breathing Kittens |
| Ian Smith | Kilts D |
| Rod Spann | Bandits D |
| Shea Cameron | Whatever her team is |
| Anthony | Sliders D |
| JJ Jones | Strays |
| Christa Brasher | Looney Squad |
| Caroline Walker | Kilts C |
| Will Thomas | Steelers |
| Tristan Buie | Strays |
| Alyssa Ryan | Lifes a Pitch |
| Katie Bruce | Free Agents |
| Matt Freeman | Riot |

Agenda

Eric presented agenda

MK Motion

Matthew 2nd

Accepted

Minutes

There are no minutes to approve

Commissioner's Report

- Bylaws
 - 45+ hours of work into Bylaws changes
 - Coach's Meeting will be held in Feb to dig into depth of the changes; today's focus is initial presentation of Bylaws changes
 - Identified Board positions and responsibilities could streamline and consolidate, so the Board's focus was simply that - consolidate responsibilities, create an odd number on the Board, and reduce the number of required roles. We also aligned this with iPride positions.
- Miken/Worth is now doing all bats and balls; bats are already available for preorder
 - Can order 10 to get a discount off bats; could consider purchasing bats for league and teams purchase from league
 - Balls - for league play, we still have balls used last year. Will use these balls for LEAGUE play until we run out and then will purchase new balls
 - Shootout will use the new Worth balls
- League is close to hitting next tier of league association; today we are considered a medium-sized league, but once we hit 20 teams, we are considered Large-sized league
 - With changes to ratings, we could see a reduction in E-division teams
 - If we have a need for additional E teams, and you're ready to coach or want to support coaching, please step up
- Executive Board purchasing iPad for league for ratings day, grievances, protests, etc. so all is electronic directly to Google drive
 - For ratings, will continue to do paper, and then a link in the coach's corner to input the ratings
 - Protests - easier to have what we need to make the immediate changes after a protest
- Income and Expenses
 - No more Venmo or Cash App payments, so will only accept payments via Square
- Communication
 - GroupMe for all Players; strictly for information to all league members
 - Only admins of the group will be able to post. This will be for league information only and will not allow others to post or comment.
 - Link to the new League GroupMe - Coaches should share with their team or add their own team members to the GroupMe.
 - https://groupme.com/join_group/105219459/4UjS1Bor
- MK Motion to accept Commissioner's REport
- Matthew 2nd
- Passes

Assistant Commissioner

- Spring schedule presented - still awaiting approval from the City (see schedule provided with agenda)
- Highlighted due dates for Teams and Players payments and Rosters
- New Roster format presented
 - Eric added - plan to align with bylaws without discriminating
 - Coach, Manager, Team Rep - can be 3 different or same people as responsible parties for the team
 - For meetings, we expect one of the named parties to be present; a team may name a proxy for team, but **must be** a member of the team; cannot allow someone from another team to represent as proxy for your team
- New Ratings
 - Should have received an email of the spring roster with new team ratings (see agenda handouts)
 - These rosters are your SPRING 2024 rosters with ratings changes made so you can get a picture of your team's position; there were no FALL 2024 rosters
 - Running question and batting averages for E were main changes
- Tim motion to accept
- Matthew 2nd
- Passes

Bylaws

- Presented with new board positions and realigned duties
- Compared NSSL Board to iPride Board
- Reviewed grid of duties as presented; no core duties were removed or added, but primarily adjusted to fit the new positions
- Bylaws changes will be voted at next meeting; not today; Bylaws voting will be ALL or NONE
 - If revised bylaws are accepted as changed, we will move forward with new bylaws and will continue to enhance and revise as league needs dictate
 - If revised bylaws are not accepted as changed, we will have to rewrite the bylaws with more input from the General Council
- A submission form is available on Coaches Corner with which will allow Bylaws Change Questions to be submitted ahead of the next meeting; priority will be given to questions submitted ahead of the meeting.
- Presented Bylaws Summary of Changes (see posted summary and full bylaws)
- MK motion to accept
- Eric 2nd
- Passes

(JJ departed 12:15)

Finance

- Jim presented end of 2024 balances
- Jim presented proposed Annual Budget for 2025

- Jim presented proposed Expenses for 2025
- MK motion
- Matthew 2nd
- Passes

PR

- Recruitment Day
 - Highlighted recruitment date; advised that more communication will be available once dates are confirmed by the City
 - Teams should be actively recruiting more players, and ensuring the players meet the mission and guidelines of the Bylaws
- GroupMe for League
 - Reminded about the new GroupMe for communication
- Coach's Corner
 - Reminded about resources available in Coach's Corner
 - Password: **Putmeincoach1!**
- Marketing
 - Plan to have an online store in 2025
 - Need ideas and marketing/fundraising chair
- Vote to accept report
 - MK motion
 - Matthew 2nd
 - Passes

Hall of Fame

- Tiffany was unable to attend, and emailed notes; MK delivered the report
- HoF members, 1 team rep, and executive board
- Can vote for 1, none, or all
- Voting open until Jan 25
- Sun, Feb 16 is target for banquet - details to come
- Voting ballot sent to qualifying individuals
- Vote to accept report
 - MK Motion
 - Tim 2nd
 - Accept

(Shea and Matt departed 12:30)

Tournament Director

- Caroline is assistant director
- Deadlines highlighted
- Team fees are \$350; NSSL teams will receive \$100 refund after team members fulfill volunteer responsibilities by working Shootout events; sign up will be posted before Shootout

- Fundraising
 - Miss Southern Shootout Pageant, 1-2 weeks prior to Shootout
- Vote to accept report
 - MK Motion
 - Tim 2nd
 - Passes

Ratings Committee

- Rod said revised ratings sheets to be adjusted and sent out
- If a person is protested at a tournament or in league
 - Rating change as a result of protest will stick in accordance to bylaws
 - Player can follow appeal process in accordance to bylaws. If appeal is lost, revised rating will stick
 - Will follow bylaws for re-rating process
 - Rod would like to consider how protests in other cities may impact this process
 - Eric noted that the Tournament Director or Commissioner should advise the home league of a protest, but this doesn't always happen
 - Eric asked to cc: him when submitting rosters for tourneys so he's included in conversations
- Vote to accept report
 - MK motion
 - Jim 2nd
 - Accept

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Next meeting - Feb 9

Adjourn

12:42 PM