

**New South Softball League  
General Council Meeting - 2/9/2005**

<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>Time</b>	12:05

<b>Roll Call</b>	
Eric White	Board
Matthew Atkinson	Board
MK Laird	Board
Jim Bailey	Board
Tim Calhoun	Board
Brad Webb	No vote
Ian Smith	Kilts D
Rod Spann	Bandits D
Anthony White	Kittens
Piper	Sliders D
Caroline Walker	Kilts C
Christa Brasher	Looney Squad
Will Thomas	Steelers
Tristan Buie	Strays
Alyssa Ryan	Lifes a Pitch
Katie Bruce	Free Agents
Matt Freeman	Riot D
Preston Hargis	No vote
Alan Crowe	Sliders C

<b>Meeting Agenda Review</b>	
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<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Matthew, Christa
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Prior Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>Minutes Review</b>	
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Matthew
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Commissioner's Report</b>	
<b>NAGAA Cup</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about NAGAAA Cup - Go to NAGAAA Cup website for details and register if you want to attend</li> </ul>
<b>GSWS Recap</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap of stats from GSWS including games played and protest numbers</li> <li>2025 in Houston</li> <li>2026 Columbus</li> <li>2027 San Francisco - 50th anniversary</li> </ul>
<b>iPride Bat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can do a bulk order of 10 or more, they're \$249 regular; \$200 if bulk</li> <li>Opportunity to place 1 order per league with bulk order for 1st round of bats</li> </ul>
<b>New Database</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each individual player must create an account</li> <li>Cannot build a team or input rating until players are registered</li> <li>Requires a minimum amount of information to move forward</li> <li>Should release in March</li> <li>No 2025 ratings being input into old database</li> <li>We will set up the league and teams and then players will start registering</li> <li>Will likely impact how you submit rosters to tournaments</li> </ul>
<b>New Business from Winter Meets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 or more upheld protests or protested out, will lose a berth for GSWS</li> <li>Can protest trophy games</li> </ul>

<b>General Overview of Season</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Schedule approved - provided dates last meeting</li> <li>● 4 fields; 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00</li> <li>● Gates will all be opened</li> <li>● AED machine - garage and concession stand</li> <li>● GW wants to do more tournaments; consider hosting if you want for fundraisers</li> </ul>
<b>Tournament Submittals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any tournament roster submissions should copy Eric or Board on your submittals</li> <li>● Hard to verify teams for tournaments right now and the league to be able to verify and stand on the ratings when sending people until the new database is in</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Matthew
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Competition Report</b>	
<b>Jerseys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cannot include iPride logo on any jerseys; is a copyright infringement because Debra Jean has the license</li> </ul>
<b>Protest Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Protest cards will be made available</li> <li>● \$50 in cash handed to the home plate umpire before last pitch or before time called</li> <li>● Additional \$25 fee</li> <li>● Only filed by Coach, Manager, Scorekeeper</li> <li>● Card + Cash at same time</li> <li>● Umpire will advise Board that protest is underway</li> <li>● Game will continue, but protesting parties will be pulled aside. Protest will NOT be discussed until game is completed - DO NOT DELAY THE GAME <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Protest completed at the end of the day</li> </ul> </li> <li>● If card is submitted incorrectly, you have 60 seconds to resubmit - verifying for completion, not accuracy of the protest</li> <li>● Clarified protest vs. grievance vs. complaint - all is outlined in the Bylaws</li> </ul>
<b>Roster Submittals for Spring Season</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Team Fee (\$325) due Feb 23; can pay check, square, or cash <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can send invoice via square if cannot pay in person</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Once team fee is paid, we will send you a roster via Google drive</li> <li>● Must be submitted as document, not PDF</li> <li>● All fields must be completed on the roster - LGBTQ identifier, bday, email, preferred name</li> </ul>

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<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Governance Report</b>	
<b>Line up Cards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legible and complete</li> <li>● Team, Opposing Team, Date, Score, First Initial &amp; Last Name (names match roster), signature of each team &amp; umpire</li> <li>● Need white copy</li> <li>● Turn in before you leave - put it in the box</li> <li>● Scan and upload</li> </ul>
<b>Due Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Team Fee due 2/23</li> <li>● Rosters due 3/2 and player fees (\$75)</li> <li>● ADA Cards submitted by 3/2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Process and form on Coach's Corner</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Coach's Binder</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instead of printing a binder, creating Quick Reference Guides and will post on Coach's Corner</li> <li>● Matthew reviewed items that are planned for QRGs</li> </ul>
<b>Bylaws Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● See document provided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Question 1 - no further discussion</li> <li>○ Question 2 - no further discussion</li> <li>○ Question 3 - no further discussion</li> <li>○ Question 4 - adding term document at the start of Bylaws; no change to bylaws, but summarizing terminology throughout; motion from Piper, Tim 2nd; passes</li> <li>○ Question 5 - no further discussion</li> <li>○ Question 6 - change language in bylaws to duties of commissioner direct and enforce all NSSL P&amp;P and perform periodic reviews of league operations; Matthew motion; Eric 2nd; passes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Piper
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Finance Report</b>	
<b>Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bank changed from Regions to PNC due to fraud <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Savings account bonus</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Team fees due Feb 23 (\$325)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player fees due March 2 (\$75) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Will not take your player fee until roster is completed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Check or Square</li> </ul>
<b>Expenses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need income through sponsorships</li> <li>• Umpire costs</li> <li>• Field costs</li> <li>• Balls</li> </ul>
<b>Statements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income and Expense statements</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Matt, MK
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Communication &amp; Partnerships</b>	
<b>Recruitment Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only ratings committee and players on field; no coaches</li> <li>• Flyer posted</li> </ul>
<b>Online Store</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested items for store <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Stickers, Hats, Hoodies, fan-related merch, clap fans, enamel pins, rally towels</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Piper
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

*Matt Freeman departed*

<b>Hall of Fame Chair Report - Piper</b>	
<b>Hall of Fame</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AI's - Feb 23; 6-8 PM</li> <li>• Catering from Taco Mama?</li> <li>• Trying \$5 at door to cover food</li> <li>• Tim to create announcement for social media (see landing page from MK)</li> <li>• Wants to find a new way to send HOF message for voting, as well as engaging former HOF members no longer active in the league</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Matthew
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Tournament Director Report</b>	
<b>Meeting with CAP &amp; other Sponsorships</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want to set up some kind of event that weekend</li> <li>• Cahaba Brewing, Avondale Brewing</li> </ul>
<b>Miss Pool Slut</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instead of Miss Southern Shootout</li> <li>• Teams donate a bottle for liquor basket</li> <li>• Sunday, March 30 6PM</li> </ul>
<b>BAO Bingo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 7</li> <li>• NSSL sponsoring 3 games</li> <li>• Bring your teams and attend!</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Tim
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

*Caroline departed*

<b>Ratings Chair Report</b>	
<b>Ratings Sheets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be redone</li> <li>• iPad available</li> <li>• 2 fields reserved - hitting on 1, fielding on other</li> </ul>
<b>Ratings Reviews</b>	Will monitor players, especially if suspect of sandbagging
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Piper
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Old Business</b>	
<b>Bylaws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Matthew, Tim
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Questions or Comments for Upcoming Season</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further discussion</li> <li>• New Bylaws voted for approval. Vote passes.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Suggestions for Bylaws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to 6.1.3.B to change "51%" to "majority".</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change 3.4F from “perform quarterly reviews of the Boards of Directors” to “performs periodic reviews of league operations”</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 9 at George Ward</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Eric, Tim
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Adjourn</b>	
<b>Time</b>	1:03