

**New South Softball League  
General Council Meeting - 3/23/2025**

<b>Call to Order</b>	
<b>Time</b>	10:15

<b>Roll Call</b>	
Eric White	Board
Matthew Atkinson	Board
MK Laird	Board
Jim Bailey	Board
Tim Calhoun	Board
Brad Webb	Kittens
Nick Blackmon	Kilts D
Pam Slovensky	Riot E
Alyssa Ryan	Life's a Pitch
Christa Brasher	Looney Squad
Claude Hosch	Bandits
Rod Spann	Ratings Chair (no vote)
Will Thomas	Steelers
Alan Crowe	Sliders C
Preston Hargis	Ratings Chair (no vote)
Katie Bruce	Free Agents
Jen Jones	Strays
Caroline Walker	Kilts C
Shea Cameron	FKM

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

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

<b>Commissioner's Report</b>	
<b>Make Up Games</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 options presented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Move all missed games to the end</li> <li>○ Move 1 week to the end and add games intra-season</li> <li>○ Decision was to spread games throughout the season where possible</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Rosters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reminder that when you're adding a player, you MUST complete all fields, including name, LGBTQ status, DOB, email address, and ratings details</li> <li>● Roster must be completed for the player to pay</li> <li>● Roster and payment must be completed prior to the player stepping on the field</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	MK, Matthew
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Competition Report</b>	
<b>Rosters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Additional reminder about completing rosters</li> </ul>
<b>Player Registration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Players should have completed online registration at <a href="http://newsouthsoftball.com">newsouthsoftball.com</a></li> </ul>

<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Tim, Matthew
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Governance Report</b>	
<b>Bylaws</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated and available online in Coaches' Corner</li> <li>• Password for Coaches' Corner is pinned at the top of the Coaches' GroupMe</li> <li>• JJ questions about the submitted bylaws changes; these were retrieved by MK and shared with the Board for review and consolidation.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed Amendments Process</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew directed the General Council to the bylaws to review the amendment recommendation process</li> </ul>
<b>Season Stats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stats may take a little longer than usual in the season due to the splitting of D division</li> <li>• All teams will need an opportunity to play divisional opponents to be ranked (ranking only occurs within the division)</li> <li>• If necessary will utilize percentage of wins, runs allowed, runs scored</li> </ul>
<b>Line Up Cards</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line up cards must be turned into the box every Sunday, in addition to uploading a picture of the line up</li> <li>• Line up cards are uploaded via Coaches' Corner</li> <li>• Please print legibly for line up cards</li> <li>• Line up cards must contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Player Name (First Initial. Last Name is fine)</li> <li>○ Player Number</li> <li>○ Date</li> <li>○ Both Team Names</li> <li>○ Score</li> <li>○ Signature of umpire</li> <li>○ Signature of each coach</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>League Disciplinary Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Simmons - League suspension until 12/31/25</li> <li>• Carl Ray, Carri Ray, Jacob Burdette, Justin Boyd, Cody Messer - League Probation until 12/31/25 - may play in the season, but may not attend any iPride tournaments</li> <li>• Matt Freeman - League Probation until 12/31/26; may play in the season, but may not attend any iPride tournaments; ineligible to coach until 12/31/25</li> </ul>
<b>Protests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of the protest cards were provided</li> <li>• The full protest guidelines are available in the bylaws</li> <li>• A protest cheat sheet is available within Coaches' Corner</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All steps of a protest must be completed correctly, or the protest is considered null and void.</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Tim, Jim
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<Shea arrived>

<b>Director of Finance Report</b>	
<b>Financial Statements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed financial statements, which were through February end</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Matthew, Tim
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Director of Communication &amp; Partnerships</b>	
<b>Social Media</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminded teams to continue sharing social media posts to attract crowds</li> <li>Thanked those who had shared and generated interest in the league</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Matthew, Alyssa
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Hall of Fame Chair Report - Piper</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report</li> </ul>

<b>Tournament Director Report - Brad</b>	
<b>Team Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 C Teams</li> <li>17 D Teams</li> <li>Cancel E Division due to low enrollment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Miss Pool Slut</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminder that Pool Slut is at Al's</li> <li>Sunday, March 30 6PM</li> <li><i>Amended 3/26 - Pool Slut has been canceled due to low</i></li> </ul>

	<i>participation</i>
<b>Dugout After Dark</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday night of Shootout</li> <li>• 7-10PM at Workplay</li> <li>• <i>Amended 3/26 - Dugout After Dark has been canceled</i></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>Team Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Southern Shootout team fees are due April 5</li> <li>• Special B'ham-only payment link available on Coaches' Corner</li> </ul>
<b>Motion to Approve &amp; 2nd</b>	Tim, Christa
<b>Vote</b>	Passes

<b>Ratings Chair Report</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul>

<b>Old Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No old business</li> </ul>

<b>New Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new business</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 13 at George Ward</li> </ul>

<b>Adjourn</b>	
<b>Time</b>	10:45