

HSL Winter Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2018

Members Present - Tim, Bleu, Jeff, Jay, Ron, Joe, Annette

Meeting called to order 11:11 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - January 18, 2018

Motion to approve - Jeff

2nd - Ron

Vote - Unanimous

2017 Teams/Divisions - Bleu

A B C D divisions with 31 teams expected. Laid Back requests to play in D Division and requests a limited schedule so they may play tournaments. Thought process that Laid Back's games would not count in standings for GSWS play in D Division.

Schedule Request deadline is Friday February 16th. An email will be sent out to the former Outlaw team members to see if they need assistance finding a new team. 3 2017 players are returning without teams, 2 have been placed at this time. Team Registration Update 18 teams have registered.

Communications to Team Managers/Coaches - Jay/Tim

Team payments are due February 16th. All team payments must be received prior to the start of the SDM in order for the team to have a vote at the meeting or host an extra innings.

Host Bar Award Process - posted on the Information Tab. Deadline Friday Feb 23 at 9 p.m.

JRC Nominations - Feb 17th. Spring Delegates Meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Midtown on February 24, 2018.

Placement Day Sunday February 11th - Terry & Apryl

- Need Volunteers to shag fly balls field and meet & greet new players.
- Discussion on the day's process and how we will conduct the day this year. It will be very similar to last year
- The Hideaway will host a 4-7 Beer Bust after the new player placement day with No Charge to the New Players.

JRC Appeal Player

Blake Howell Player rated 10 prior to appeal

Q23 Based upon evidence provided by Blake with complete stats from 2017 showing a .444 batting average, the Exec Council voted 6-0 to remove the question.

NAGAAA Winter Meetings - Bleu - a Recap will be posted near the Minutes on the website

2018 GSWS Bids

VOTE

Tim Clancy moves to award the 5th GSWS Bid to the C Division for 2018 Ron Leathers Second Unanimous

Tim Clancy moves that if HSL is awarded a 6th GSWS Bid, the Bid will go to a C or a D Team, but be determined and voted upon after week 4 of the Season. Ron Second Unanimous.

A Motion by Tim Clancy - GSWS Bid Deposit

All teams with intent to accept a GSWS bid will submit a \$300 Refundable Cash or Cash Equivalent deposit by May 1st of the current year, in order to be qualified. Teams that are disqualified will be refunded no later than the End of Season Party. Teams that do not submit their deposit by the May 1st deadline will be deemed ineligible and forfeit their right to a bid. Ron 2nd Vote unanimous.

Sponsorship Update - Annette

Lips will be a League Sponsor

Ameriprise is considering

A motion from Jay to provide a \$400 Budget for Business Dev in the 2018 Season. Ron 2nd vote unanimous.

Chipotle is offering a Fundraiser day for the League

Crowne Plaza Midtown will be the Big Peach Host Hotel - \$15 per day parking

JRC Nominations are Due no later than February 17th

Team Photo Date - March 25

Social Events Coordinator - Joe

SEC will meet 2/15 to finalize Jersey Party. Details for Ad are due Feb 19. Jersey Party attendance needed 7 from each team to qualify for GSWS funds.

Charity

Jay moves that Pride School Atlanta be the sole charity for 2018 Ron 2nd vote unanimous.

Rules & Regulations Changes - Ron

A motion to approve the Rules & Regulation Changes as listed below by Tim Clancy 2nd by Annette 5 yes 1 abstain

Throughout Rules & Regulations

- **To CHANGE all references of ASA to USA Softball**
- **To CHANGE references of NAGAAA IOG to revised NAGAAA governing manual**

Section 4

To REMOVE - the limitation of the non-residency of players to be consistent with the changes to the NAGAAA rules

Section 6

To ADD - for qualification for GSWS, a player must declare Atlanta as their qualifying city at registration unless the team is considered an open rostered team under NAGAAA guidelines

Section 7

To ADD – to require all schedule requests are submitted by the due date of the team fees

Section 9

To ADD –the Winter Council will annually determine the use of pick-a-stick and to provide penalties consistent with NAGAAA rules for using, or removing non-league bats from the field

Section 12

To REMOVE – oversight of JRC from the Competition Coordinator

Section 13

To CHANGE – Unsportsmanlike conduct to be addressed by Executive Council (currently addressed by the Softball Council)

Section 16

To ADD - Bonus berth for sending maximum teams will be allocated by Executive Council no later than 2 weeks prior to the end of the season

To CHANGE – Allocation of fines to players who are protested at the GSWS to 50% (HSL) 25% (player) and 25% (Coach) (Currently 33%)

To CHANGE – Additional fines assessed for excessive (multiple) players, or teams moved up a division will paid by HSL

Tim - an email will be sent out to all 2018 Leaders in preparation for the Spring Delegates meeting which includes all Rules and Regulations changes as passed by the Winter Council and all Proposed Changes to the Constitution. In an effort to improve Time and Efficiency at the SDM the Winter Council with majority approval agrees to this measure.

Financial Report Jeff -

The 2018 Budget along with 2017 Actual Financials will be posted to the Information Tab prior to the February 24th SDM.

There will need to be cuts made to the budget based upon confirmation of the number of teams for Spring Season.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 4 p.m. by Jeff Langer Second by Jay Malloy Unanimous.