



America's Finest City Softball League Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 25th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm PST

Location: Google Meet

Type of Meeting: Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Douglas Hotaling

Invitees: Joel Trambley – Open Commissioner
Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner
David Carlos – Assistant Commissioner
Joel Lillegraven – Treasurer
Douglas Hotaling – Secretary
Rick Nafis – Open Operations
Sara Sica – Women+ Operations
Carlos Salazar – Open Division Rep
Shelly Brilmyer – Women+ Division Rep
Veronica Rivera – Marketing Coordinator
David Drew - Social Media / Events Coordinator

Sandi Diaz – UIC
Bart Bauer – Incoming Open Operations
Michael McCarthy - Incoming Open Division Rep

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm PST.

II. **Roll Call**

Joel Trambley – Open Commissioner
Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner
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III. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

a. **Approval of July 14th Board Meeting Minutes**

MOTION to approve the July 14th Board Meeting minutes.

SECONDED.

APPROVED unanimously.

IV. **Old Business**

A. **Autumn Classic**

The tournament spreadsheet has been updated in preparation for Autumn Classic 2022. Rules for the Open Division were sent out for review and comments. There was discussion on lowering the protest fees. David Drew is already working on events. Board members were asked for their availability to serve as Field Representatives. The need for bracket boards and water was discussed. Sycuan may be interested in partnering with us at SportsPlex locations. There was discussion on how to identify approved ADA players. All items on the tournament spreadsheet were reviewed to ensure tasks were assigned. There was discussion on not including the year on the logo, so that merchandise can be sold in subsequent years. We should find a sponsor to cover the cost of scorebooks. Items that will need to be purchased (trophies, individual awards, volunteer hats, manager bags, umpire gifts, coins, wristbands, etc.) were discussed. Registration deadline is Sunday, September 11th, 2022.

B. **2022 Fall Ball**

- C. There are 8 Open teams and 9 Women+ teams. The deadline to register is September 1st. Games start September 11th. Sandi Diaz requested a copy of the rules for Fall Ball. The snack bar at Mount San Miguel should be open for the Fall season.

V. **New Business**

A. **July 2022 Financial Report**



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The beginning balance was \$61,825. The end balance was \$48,807. Major expenses were NAGAAA and ASANA team fees, hotel deposits and USA cards. In and out transaction were from team fundraising. Income was from Hall of Fame Dinner, Autumn Classic team fees and Fall Ball fees.

B. GSWS

a. ASANA

Following a last-minute change to divisions just prior to the ASANA GSWS, the ASANA Field and Team Operation Committee has been tasked with figuring out fair ratings and divisions. There was discussion on how this could affect the GSWS in San Diego in 2023. Memphis will host in 2024. Jessica Sica was inducted in to the ASANA Hall of Fame. There was a successful protest at the ASANA GSWS.

b. NAGAAA

No items were discussed.

C. Committee Updates

a. Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was a success. The Committee has completed its' service and will be disbanded. Per the new Policies and Procedures, Hall of Fame nomination are accepted beginning September 1st. We are a little behind. Douglas Hotaling will email all participants soliciting volunteers for the next Hall of Fame Committee.

b. EDI Committee

There was an incident at one of the "Dust Off the Cleats" events where disparaging remarks were made against the trans community. There was discussion on how we should approach this and what we should do when it is encountered. We are an inclusive league. There should be zero tolerance, but we need to have a plan in place (policy, review board, code of conduct, etc.). David Carlos will look into finding us a resource to assist us on how to address such situations.

D. Marketing Update

Dust Off the Cleats events have been successful. There is another one this Saturday.



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E. Social Media / Events Update

Upcoming events are Dust Off the Cleats, Fall Ball and the Autumn Classic. Information on any other events or fundraisers should be sent to David Drew so he can post them.

F. Other New Business

a. Open Player Representative

There was a brief discussion on attendance and participation. David Carlos will speak to Carlos Salazar.

b. 2023 Plans

David Carlos would like to begin planning for 2023 and not wait until year-end. There needs to be separate meeting to discuss Spring, Fall, Autumn Classic, ASANA GSWS and other events. Meeting invitations for a planning session will be sent to all Board members. Finalization of the plan could be done at a Board retreat in the Fall.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm PST.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8th, 2022 at 6:30pm PST.