



America's Finest City Softball League Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 13th, 2023

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
Bart Bauer – Open Operations
Sara Sica – Women+ Operations
Michael McCarthy – Open Division Rep
Kim Yuhos - Women+ Division Rep
Veronica Rivera – Marketing Coordinator
David Drew - Social Media / Events Coordinator
Sandi Diaz – UIC (Optional)
Calysta Brown - Intern

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm PST.

II. Roll Call

Joel Trambley – Open Commissioner
Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner
David Carlos – Assistant Commissioner
Joel Lillegraven – Treasurer
Douglas Hotaling – Secretary
Bart Bauer – Open Operations
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III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of March 9th Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve the March 9th Board Meeting minutes.

SECONDED.

APPROVED unanimously

IV. Old Business

a. Spring 2023 Season

i. General Discussion

1. Rules

The was discussion over rules not being followed (non-players on fields, uniforms, player approaching umpires, sportsmanship). There are players who may have played without playing their participant fees. We should err of the side of teams having enough players to play and having people play. There was discussion on having the Board member who opens the field follow up on non-paying participants. There was discussion on allowing a participant playing in both sections. This would discriminate against Open participants. We may want to revisit this. Non-paid participants playing in a game is a \$50 fine the first offense, a forfeit the second offense. There was no Participant Waiver this season, only the Code of Conduct. We will need a Participant Waiver for all seasons going forward. Team Managers and Participants who have violated rules should be notified of the infraction(s) and issued a warning. All Managers should be advised of the type of violations we are seeing. The Policies and Procedures should be modified to address issuing a warning before a fine. We could possibly give new teams an additional week to comply with the uniform policy. Player Operations should email Managers that we are not going retroactive with fines, but going forward there will be no warnings, only forfeits. There was concern over the number of forfeits already this season and what is allowable. The Peacocks forfeited with sufficient notice last weekend. The Scorpions and Brokeback Bears forfeited with insufficient notice last weekend. There was



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discussion over the causes of the forfeit. Enforcement should be equal and based on the circumstances. We should lean toward not enforcing on this occurrence. There needs to be clarification in the Policies and Procedures for the forfeit fee of \$50 per occurrence and enforcement. Is occurrence per week or per game? David Carlos will work on the modification to the Policies and Procedures.

MOTION to waive the penalty fees for the Scorpions and Brokeback Bears for not following the Policies and Procedures regarding forfeits.

SECONDED.

REJECTED 4 in favor, 5 opposed. Policies and Procedures will be enforced.

2. Umpires – Delaying in Game Start Times

There was an issue in Open Section 3 games that were delayed last Sunday, due to umpire(s) showing up late. David Carlos requested information on the specific games so that he can have a conversation with Sandi Diaz, Umpire in Chief. There was further discussion on establishing standards for our umpires.

ii. Pub Crawl

David Drew has provided a schedule for the Pub Crawl and is working with and coordinating with the sponsors. In the future, the Pub Crawl could be used as a recruiting event to capture interest. There are business size cards with a QR code available to pass out.

iii. Skills / Pitching Clinics Session

The Open Section had a pitching clinic, with limited success. These skills clinics may be more successful to hold before the season, after a clinic. The Women+ Section pitching clinic had 30 participants total. There were around 12-13 wanting to learn to pitch and 6 pitchers that were assisting. Our marketing and targeting for these skills clinics should include everyone and catering to both Sections.

iv. AFCSL Connects

The intention is to get the Board and participants involved. We are doing a great job so far.



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v. Picture Day (Women+ April 16th, Open May 7th)

Emails have gone out to all participants with information about Picture Day, along with the schedule for team photos.

b. Board Laptop Computers

New laptops are need for the Secretary and Treasurer. There was discussion over the need and requirements of the laptops. Microsoft Office would be a separate subscription. We should determine if the Google applications are sufficient. Both Microsoft Office and Google Drive would allow us to share documents. We should research further and determine one final price that can be presented to the Board for approval.

MOTION to purchase 2 new laptops for the Treasurer and Secretary. Joel Lillegraven will determine an acceptance cost as he sees fit, by June 1st, 2023.

SECONDED.

APPROVED unanimously.

V. **New Business**

A. March 2023 Financial Report

Joel Lillegraven reviewed the March 2023 financial statements. The account balance is \$113,176. March is our busiest month. There was \$43,000 in income and \$8,000 in expenses. All team fees have been paid. Joel Lillegraven explained how financial transactions for the ASANA World Series appear in the general account. There was discussion on ties to corporate sponsors needing to be approved by the Board prior to a final agreement.

B. Autumn Classic

a. Tournament Rules

There was discussion over the tournament rules. The rules are current and updated for the Women+ Division on the website. Joel Trambley will further review the Open Division rules. Joel Lillegraven asked that requested updates to ratings and dates be considered. There was discussion on the Women+ Division to require past consecutive tournament winners to play up a division. It is acceptable to make this rule retroactive.

b. Saguaro Cup Marketing



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Bart Bauer is going to pick up Autumn Classic 2023 fliers to distribute at the Saguaro Cup.

c. **AC 2024 Dates and Fields**

David Carlos discussed issues with scheduling fields for 2024. SportsPlex may only be available the first week of November or during Comic-Con weekend. Other complexes are not scheduling 1 ½ years in advance. During Comic-Con weekend, hotels would be not be able to offer reasonable rates, due to high demand. There was concern that the November 2024 date is too close to the GSWS and many teams that normally come may not be willing to travel. We need to determine if a smaller tournament is financially feasible.

8:01pm PST: Jessica Sica, Sara Sica and Kim Yuhos have left the meeting. As there is no longer a quorum, the meeting cannot continue.

It was later determined that there was still a quorum.

C. **ASANA Series Update**

Not discussed due to lack of quorum.

D. **Whaddup Pitches Issue**

Not discussed due to lack of quorum.

E. **Other New Business**

a. **Hall of Fame Committee**

Not discussed due to lack of quorum.

b. **Election Committee (Nominations open May 7th – 28th)**

Douglas Hotaling will establish the Election Committee through an email vote.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm PST

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11th, 2023 at 6:30pm PST