



SCSL Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Meeting Date:	January 16, 2012	Time:	7:30 PM EST
Facilitator:	Craig Coppaway	Recorder:	Tom Swartz
Location:	Shepherd Wellness Center		

Attendee List: (X) indicates that the member was present.

Name	Position	Phone #	Email	Attended
Craig Coppaway	Commissioner	412-417-8372	ccoppaway@gmail.com	X
Brad Nagle	C Division Asst. Commissioner	412-600-8239	cdivasstcommish@steelcitysoftball.org	Absent
Rebecca Powers	D Division Asst. Commissioner	412-551-3456	ddivasstcommish@steelcitysoftball.org	X
Frank Winn	Treasurer	412-303-5861	treas@steelcitysoftball.org	Absent
Tom Swartz	Secretary	216-990-2849	sec@steelcitysoftball.org	X
Matt Krause	Field/Operations Chairperson	412-390-9446	Fields@steelcitysoftball.org	X
Robert Michael	Marketing/Fundraising Chair	412-580-6892	marketing@steelcitysoftball.org	X
Owen Baker	Membership Chairperson	412-337-6295	membership@steelcitysoftball.org	X
Team Name	Representative		Additional Representative	
Brewers C (Twisted Angels)	Mike Gerst			
Brewers D (Dirty Dozen)	Jimmy Stumpf			
Crush	Absent			
Falcons	Absent			
Families Like Ours	Diana Paulson			
Home Wreckers	Jenn Ramus			
Missed Connections (UHauls)	Matt Jenkins			
Ninjas (Raptors D)	Joe Magdic			
Peacocks	Absent			
Raptors C	Absent			
Rogues	Absent			
Shepherd Boys	Hattie Hunter			
Six Pax	Mike Sweeny			
Square Ducks	Absent			
Steel Fagnolias	Ben Violet			
The Marys	Meghann Wilson			
Trojans	Alan King			



Annotated Agenda & Minutes:

TOPIC: Opening of Meeting – Craig C.

Craig opened the meeting at 7:35pm.

TOPIC: Financial Update – Frank W.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Budget:** Frank was unable to attend the meeting but sent a copy of the 2012 proposed budget for approval by the board of directors. Becca motioned to vote on the budget. There was a question concerning the travel for NAGAAA. Craig explained the requirements for NAGAAA included that in addition to sending at least one team to the world series, the commissioner, or representative must attend both the winter meetings in January and in August. The travel budget is for the commissioners travel costs. A motion was made to vote on the budget. Quorum has been met. All present voted on approving the budget
- b. **Operating Funds:** Frank provided a current ledger and account balance.
- c. **501(c)(3) Update:** Frank has submitted the preliminary paperwork to the attorney and we now have to wait for government approval.

TOPIC: Fields/Operations – Matt K.

DISCUSSION:

- a. Matt proposed the following ideas and asked for any thoughts and feedback:
 - a. Using fields in North Park and South Park only.
 - b. Using the fields at North Park fields only.
 - c. There was a suggestion that if we did use the north park and/or south park fields to organize a car pool arrangement to help facilitate the drive.
- b. Matt explained his reasoning for wanting to schedule more games at North Park or South park is because the pricing for the county fields are \$20 less per hour than the city fields.
- c. A comment was made that although the distance is the same for mileage, the traffic makes south park harder to get to with traffic. Route 88 is always congested. Another concern is that they are going to start working on the tunnels.
- d. It was recommended to schedule most games at the North Park fields and use Devlin and West Penn for rain in case of emergency. We can keep Sullivan for the end of the year.
- e. Matt and Craig are going to North Park on February 1st to submit the league's application for the field permits. All comments will be taken into consideration during the decision and scheduling process.
- f. An inventory of the shed has been completed. Items that were ruined/broken/damaged have been discarded. Matt is in the process of replacing the necessary materials needed for the softball season and will review at the meeting.
- g. New keys to the shed will be given out at the next manager's meeting.

TOPIC: Membership – Owen B.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Membership Drive:** Owen was not able to attend the meeting. Craig reported for Owen and shared Owen's membership drive plan. In previous years we schedule the membership drive in March and basically spend every weekend night in a bar promoting the league. Although we ask teams to share the responsibility of the membership drives, the membership chairperson and members of the executive board attend most event and this becomes daunting. According to the bylaws all teams must participate in one night of the annual league membership drive. Any team that does not participate will lose their first round draft pick. Team participation does not mean just showing up at the bar or location. Participation includes handing out materials and having a team representative at the information table. Unfortunately this occurred last year by many teams and most of the work was done by Owen. In fact, last year when Owen asked one team manager to please ask some of their



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team members to help man the station, he was told they were doing shots and socializing together and refused.

We are asking this year that teams do not volunteer to work their sponsor bar and to ensure team members are helping with the membership drive.

Additionally, in the past we have received complaints that the membership drives seem to only be at bars and we have league members who are not always interested in going to a bar. To help expand our membership drives and meet the needs of all individuals Owen is suggesting all teams decide where they want to sponsor a membership and contact Owen with possible dates and the location. He will then contact the establishment and coordinate the membership drive. Please contact Owen within two weeks and let him know where and when you're team would like to have their membership drive. He will be reaching out to all the team managers as a follow up.

- b. **Team Rosters:** Please contact your teams and provide a tentative roster to the executive board at the February board meeting. The purpose is to determine how many players are returning to the league, how many teams are in need of players, and ensure coaches aren't assuming players are returning on their team and find out they are not.

TOPIC:

C/D Assistant Commissioner – Brad N. and Becca P.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Greentree Sportsplex night(s):** We are in the process of scheduling the Greentree Sportsplex for two nights during the upcoming month. Once this is finalized we will send a communication to everyone and ask for people to let us know if they can attend or not.

TOPIC:

Commissioners Report – Craig C.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **NAGAAA Membership and GSWS Update:** A request was sent to the Peacocks, Rogues, Steel Fagnolias, and Raptors asking about their interest in attending the World Series in August. The Peacocks, Raptors and Steel Fagnolias have responded stating they do not have any interest in attending. Craig has still not heard anything from the Rogues. In the event the Rogues are unable to attend, the next step is to try to form an all-star team. Craig is going to reach out to the other teams in both divisions to determine if there is a team interested. If not, Craig will reach out to all members to try to form an all star team from one of the two divisions. Craig will be reaching out to the league immediately even though he hasn't heard from the Rogues to allow time for fundraising and plans. If we do not send a team to the World Series our membership will be suspended in NAGAAA.

The entire NAGAAA executive board of directors met for two hours via a conference call with our executive board in December to discuss our probation and options. They have been very helpful with ideas and attempts to help us pull a team together. Because this is not the first time we have not followed the bylaws of NAGAAA we are still required to send a team in order to maintain our membership status.

Members of the board made the following suggestions: the league pay for the registration fee for the team attending, the league raise the cost of the individual membership and/or sponsor fees and the additional cost is marked for the team attending the world series.

- b. **Registration Process:** Early registration will begin on February 1, 2012. Online registration will be available as in the past. The fees will remain the same as last year which will be \$65.00 for returning members if paid and registered before March 31, 2012 at midnight. The cost will then be raised to \$75.00. Registration fees for new members to the league will be \$40.00 for their first year, social member fees are \$20.00 Sponsor/Team fees are \$300.00.
- c. **New Teams:** We are excited to announce that we do have a few new teams this year joining



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the league. Families Like Ours has brought an entire team roster to the league and will be called the Mamas and the Papas. Rich C. will be forming a Raptors C team and Joe M. will continue to coach/manage the Raptors D team which is now named the Ninjas. The coach from the Bobcats contacted Craig to let him know their team will not be returning. Craig sent an email to all players of the Bobcats and asked if they agreed with this decision, if they have another team to join, would like to try to reform the Bobcats, or be placed in the draft. He only heard from two of their players who will be moving to another team.

- d. **Open Executive Board Position:** Due to personal commitments, Amber is not able to serve as the marketing/fundraising chair. According to the bylaws, the commissioner may appoint someone to serve in this position until the end of the current season if an executive board member resigns after elections. Craig approached the executive board with the recommendation to appoint Rob Michael into this position. Rob has demonstrated phenomenal fundraising skills and talent with his team fundraisers last year and the executive board believes he will be a valuable asset to the position and the league. There were no objections from the executive board and Rob has accepted to serve in this role.
- e. **Ratings:** As a reminder, 16 players from the 2011 season playing in the D Division were rated an 11 or above. Based on a vote by the 2011 board of directors, any SCSL player rated an 11 or above must play in the C Division. Those 16 players cannot play in the D Division for the 2012 season.
- f. **Rules:** for the February meeting the SCSL rules will be sent to all players. Any proposal for a rule change must be submitted prior to the February meeting to allow enough time for voting according to the bylaws before the start of the 2012 season.

The meeting concluded at 8:55pm.

Future Meeting Schedule Date	Time	Location	Facilitator/Recorder
Tuesday, February 21, 2012	7:30pm	Shepherd Wellness Center	Craig/Tom