



SCSL Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Meeting Date:	February 21, 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	
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Owen Baker	Membership Chairperson	412-337-6295	membership@steelcitysoftball.org	
Team Name	Representative		Additional Representative	
Brewers C (Twisted Angels)				
Brewers D (Dirty Dozen)				
Crush				
Falcons				
Home Wreckers				
Missed Connections (UHauls)				
Ninjas (Raptors D)				
Peacocks				
Raptors C				
Rogues				
Shepherd Boys				
Six Pax				
Square Ducks				
Steel Fagnolias				
The Mamas and the Papas				
The Marys				
Trojans				



Annotated Agenda & Minutes:

TOPIC: Opening of Meeting – Craig C.

TOPIC: Financial Update – Frank W.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Budget:** Frank has contacted Bollinger and purchased our liability insurance for the teams in the league.
- b. Frank was unable to attend the meeting this month because he is traveling with the Pittsburgh Pride team to Tampa and returning this evening. He will be submitting an updated financial report at the next meeting. As always, if anyone has any questions they may contact him directly.

TOPIC: Fields/Operations – Matt K.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Field Permits:** On February 1st Matt submitted our application for permits to North Park. The process with North Park is similar to the city field permit process which is that teams/leagues are grandfathered in to the prior year's permits. Basically, leagues submit an application requesting dates. We requested the same dates and fields we had last year as well as additional dates for spring training. The county processes all applications between February 16th and the 28th and notifies leagues at that time of their approval. At this time any open fields and time slots are open to a first come, first serve basis. We will not know until the end of February what other fields or times are going to be open but we will be going back to North Park to try to secure more field times if they are available.

Once field permits are finalized we will begin preliminary scheduling. At this time you can mark your calendars for opening day to be May 5th with Sunday, May 6th being the rain out day. Our season will run through the first weekend of August.

- b. Matt will be purchasing new field equipment in the next month.

TOPIC: Membership – Owen B.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Membership Drive:** Owen sent the attached email to all managers and coaches concerning the membership drive. 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 showing up at the bar or location. Participation includes handing out materials and having a team representative at the information table.

As a reminder, once the membership drives begin, teams are not to be recruiting members at the membership drives for their team, but recruiting them to the draft.

- b. **Team Rosters:** Owen provided an updated roster of all currently registered members for the league. We had asked in January that each manager submit a tentative roster to allow the membership committee to review the list and notify any managers of discretions ahead of time if a member joins a team other than what was expected.

TOPIC: Marketing/Fundraising – Rob M.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Team Fundraisers:** As fundraising chairperson, Rob's responsibility is to organize league-wide fundraisers to raise money for the league. Each team, if they choose, can have a team fundraiser run by the team. Rob is willing to offer any help to teams holding fundraisers.

Missed Connections, formerly known as the UHauls, will be sponsoring their first annual Glow Party on Friday, March 23rd from 9pm – 2am at Cattivo, the Missed Connections sponsor. There is a \$3.00 cover for the evening and the entertainment includes special guests Sharon Needles from RuPaul's Drag Race and Greg Lightner from Face Off. The evening is to benefit

the Missed Connections team.

If teams are having a team fundraiser, please let Rob know about the date and information. The league will notify all league members and post the information on the website. If you need anything from Rob, as the fundraising chair, please let him know – whether it be ideas, promotions, or whatnot.

- b. **League-wide fundraisers:** Rob is working on putting together some ideas for the league and will be presenting ideas in the upcoming meetings. If anyone is interested in helping with fundraising or league events please contact Rob.

TOPIC:

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

DISCUSSION:

- a. **Greentree Sportsplex night(s):** We apologize for the confusion with the Greentree Sportsplex night. There was a miscommunication on the part of the Greentree Sportsplex and we are having trouble contacting the person responsible for the rentals. We are going to give it one more attempt but if we can't get a response we will forego this plan for the pre-season. If anyone knows of another location or has a contact for us please let us know.
- b. **Spring Training:** We will conduct spring training at North Park pending the field permit approval. Each year we typically select spring training dates and select a city field. The city does not provide permits for their fields prior to May and therefore, it is a chance we take that the fields are available the day of spring training. To be safe, we'd rather have a guaranteed field for spring training with dates advertised well in advance. Spring training will be at North Park on Saturday, April 14th and Sunday, April 22nd. The team selection/draft will take place immediately after the spring training on April 22nd. If there is anyone that is willing to help with spring training please let Brad or Becca know.

We will, once again, ask that all new players to the league in the D Division attend one of the two spring trainings to allow the league to rate the player to ensure they are playing in the correct division. Please notify any new players to your team of this information and let them know an email with details will be sent next month.

TOPIC:

Commissioners Report – Craig C.

DISCUSSION:

- a. **GSWS Update:** We are still waiting to hear from the Rogues about their intent to attend the World Series this year. To be safe Craig has sent an email out to the league to see if there is an interest for attendance. He has received feedback from 8 D Division members interested in going to the World Series. Frank is working with the C Division to see about interest from this division as well. We will be able to send at least an all-star team to the world series this year.

Everyone's comments were taken into consideration at last month's meeting and Craig spoke with Frank and determined that this event is important enough for the league to support financially. We are still working out some details but there will be some type of financial support from the league. Additionally, Craig has asked Rob, and added to the fundraising responsibilities that his goals include not only fundraising for the league, but to add a fundraising element specifically for the team traveling to the World Series. This fundraiser will help to reimburse the league for the help they provide and any additional funds other than the money spent by the league for the team fee will go to the team for additional costs incurred. The team attending the World Series would still be expected to pay their own travel fees.

- b. **Rules:** In an effort to increase communication and improve processes we have decided to move the rule change requests/discussion to the March meeting. An email is being sent immediately following the board of directors meeting to all league members with the attached form for any rule or bylaw change submission. Any request for a rule change or



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bylaw change must be submitted by email with the attached form filled out to Craig by Friday, March 2nd. All requested will be compiled together and sent via email to all league members and coaches and managers on Sunday, March 4th.

It would be the expectation that all coaches and managers review the requests and discuss them with their team before the March meeting so that when we come to the meeting discussion can begin on each of the changes and questions asked that were prepared ahead of time.

Craig provided an example of the completed form at the managers meeting with a proposal he is submitting. This will also be sent to the league members with the email.

- c. **Bylaws:** Craig is going to form a committee to review the operating procedures (formerly known as our bylaws). Our bylaws have truly not been changed or reviewed for a few years and should be reviewed yearly. We do ask for anyone to submit any change requests with the rule changes but do people really read through this document. Craig believes it is the role of the executive board to ensure the operating procedures remain current and contain the information necessary to allow the leadership to properly plan for a successful season. We will never improve each year if we don't challenge our own process and find ways to grow.

If anyone is interested in serving on this committee please contact Craig.

Future Meeting Schedule Date	Time	Location	Facilitator/Recorder
TBD			

Coaches and Managers-

It's time to finalize the recruitment schedule for this year. At the last meeting, Craig reported on my behalf and briefly addressed the recruitment plan for this year.

As per our bylaws, each team is expected to share in the recruitment efforts and is required to participate in at least one membership drive in order to maintain their first round draft pick. Participation in a membership drive should be a fun activity and a chance to get your team together before the season starts. That being said, we expect that when a team hosts a membership drive they will bring a solid portion of their roster to the event.

This year we are asking that you take ownership in your event so that you can hold it at a location that your team feels comfortable attending. If your teammates do not like going to membership events at bars you might consider having your drive at a popular coffee shop, a bowling alley or visiting one of the local colleges' GLBT meetings. We are also asking that you that you choose to hold your drive at a location other than your team's sponsor. That being said, we are hoping that we can schedule one membership drive at each of the sponsor bars.

If you do not have a contact at the location or do not feel comfortable scheduling the date, I'll be more than happy to reach out to make the arrangements. At last month's meeting, Craig asked that you reach out to me within two weeks to tell me the location that you'd like to hold your event. If you have yet to do so, please respond to this email no later than Friday, Feb 24 and let me know the location that you would like to pick.

Locations will be approved in the order that they are received, as there are only a few locations where it will be acceptable to hold more than one drive. If you do not respond by Friday, your team will be assigned a location by the executive board.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me or bring them to Tuesday's meeting.

Thanks
-Owen