



Manager's Meeting

2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2008

Attendees: Angie F. (Free Agents), Dana C. (Hot Properties), Cyril M. (Deuces Wild), Kay T. J. (Slackers), Jen L. (Smackdown Sluggers), Rachel F. (The Gaze), Teresa K. (Tailgaytors), Shannon M. (Twin City Kings), Karen B. (Infiniti), Anne M. (Octopussies), Renae W. (Cedar Inn), Birgit L. (Cause We Can), Robyn J.-S. (Bayside Tigers), Misti G. (M & D's), Melinda M. (Brats With Bats), Michelle D. (The Master Batters), Laurie G. (Mad About Plaid), Krissandra M. (Groveland Tap), Michelle G. (Bad News Bears), Peg M. (AGC-MCC/Scheduling Coordinator), Amy B. (Debbie Downers), Laura S. (Commissioner)

Call to Order: 2:42 p.m.

Sign in and Welcome: Team managers asked to introduce themselves.

Introduction of New UIC: Laura S. introduced Laurie A. as the new UIC

Umpire's Report: Laurie A. reviewed House rules, with a reminder about NO alcohol in the dugouts and keeping the dugout areas clean after each game.

Commissioner's Report: Laura S.

- 2008 league dues of \$325 for ALL teams were due APRIL 1st ...*Thanks for your patience!*
 - #1: Rosters with signatures along with player fees **PAID WITH ONE CHECK PER TEAM** need to be mailed to the Brooklyn Center P.O. Box and postmarked by May 12th, 2008. (\$20.00/player or \$10.00/player if your team provided an item with a cash value of \$50.00 or more for the pre-season party/fundraiser).
 - #2: E-mail roster file to Laura S. at nlwsl_schmell@comcast.net on or before May 12th, 2008 AND mail completed roster and player fees to the P.O. Box by May 12th.
 - #3: World Series & Umpire Bonds are also DUE to the Brooklyn Center P.O. Box, postmarked by May 12th, 2008.
 - *To add a player to a roster after May 12th and by June 29th, add a \$10.00 late fee to make the player fee total \$30.00**
- 22 teams in the league for 2008 Season (7 new and 15 returning)

Not on the agenda: Schedule for Sunday April 27 – possible cancellation of games.

- Motion by Teresa K. to extend NLWSL season to the third week of August. (*NLWSL Constitution Article 10.0*)
- Motion seconded by Angie F.
- No discussion
- Motion passed – none opposed, no abstentions
- Games cancelled for April 27 due to weather.

Commissioner's Report (continued):

- **Budget report** – delayed until Audit completed, possibly the May Manager's meeting.
- **Blood-Rule** – review, **First-Aid Kits** – suggested that all teams have one on the bench during games,

CPR Guide – not a replacement for training, but will help to get started if someone needs CPR.

- Sanction cards will be given out as soon as they are available from St Paul Park & Rec. 😊
 - *Will be picked up this week if ready for pick-up (week of April 28)*
- Sponsors: get sponsor information to Laura S. for the website and All-Star program.
- Web Site www.NLWSL.org **THANKS** to Anne, Marcia and Ali from Octopussies for the new site!
- Rae Weisner Memorial All-Star Game (***DATE and time TBD***, more info to follow soon).
- End of the Season Tournament will be held August 10th (***if schedule permits***), if we get at least 8 teams to commit with a paid entry fee of \$75.00 by July 20th. If we have enough teams, we may play Sat. Aug. 9th also. A revised entry form will be e-mailed to all managers once field dates are known.

Old Business:

- Proposed Bylaw/Constitution Changes/Updates
 - Motion 1 – NAGAA to ASANA Bylaws/Constitution
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 2 – Constitution Article 3.1
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 3 – Constitution Article 10.2
 - ***Discussion:***
 - *Laurie G. asked about teams moving from one Division to another and beating the teams in their new division by a lot; how are teams evaluated?*
 - *Peg explained divisions divided, in part, by previous season win/loss record*
 - *Amy R. questioned if ASA classification is used to place a team, how is ASA class determined if a team is new and doesn't have a classification.*
 - *If no ASA classification is available, teams are placed according to the division requested on the registration form and the level specified by the Manager on that form.*
 - *Suggestion of “seeding meeting” or preview of proposed divisions prior to the final split and game schedule.*
 - *Information sheet would normally be sent to managers to give that info, but this season everything got behind schedule, so no schedule information sheet was sent.*
 - ***Table Motion 3 until May meeting.***
 - Motion 4 – Bylaws Article 7.6
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 5 – Bylaws Article 7.12 **
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 6 – Bylaws Article 7.13
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 7 – Bylaws Article 7.14
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 8 – Bylaws Article 7.15
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 9 – Bylaws Article 11.1
 - ***Passed – none opposed, no abstentions***
 - Motion 10 – Bylaws Article 11.3

- *Passed – none opposed, no abstentions*
- Motion 11 – Bylaws Article 11.7
 - *Passed – none opposed, no abstentions*
- Motion 12 – Bylaws Articles 11.11 – 11.13
 - *Friendly amendment by Teresa K. to change motion to the following*

Motion 12: NLWSL Bylaws, Articles 11.11 – 11.13

11.1 In **all Divisions** ~~Division III~~, the team with the best win-loss record will earn a paid berth to the ~~Tessier-Waltman Tournament~~ **Women’s North Shore Classic** Tournament in Duluth. (*Eliminate Articles 11.12 and 11.13*)

- *Passed – 1 opposed (Laurie G.), no abstentions*
- Motion 13 – Bylaws Article 7.5
 - *Passed – none opposed, no abstentions*

- Revised Constitution and Bylaws attached

- Nominations for Special Election of Assistant Commissioner and Secretary

○ **Nominations for Assistant Commissioner:**

- Angie F. nominated Teresa K., Teresa accepted
- Laurie G. nominated Darci B.-F. (Big D), Darci not present, but accepted (per prior conversations with Laura S. and Birgit L.)
- Nominee Teresa K. addresses the meeting attendees
- Discussion - none
- Ballots collected for Asst. Commissioner – counted by Laura S. and Julie L.
 - **Teresa K. new Assistant Commissioner**

○ **Nominations for Secretary:**

- Laurie G. nominated Darci B.-F. (Little D), Darci not present, but accepted (per prior conversation with Laurie G.)
- Cass S. submitted letter of intent to run. Not present, but accepted nomination (per prior conversation with Laura S.)
- Discussion - none
- Ballots collected for Secretary – counted by Laura S. and Julie L.
 - **Cass S. new Secretary**

New Business:

- Nominations for Special Election of Treasurer

- No nominations
- Discussion
 - Birgit L. asked about duties of Treasurer and if they include fundraising.
 - Marianne M. (former Treasurer) explained duties and a little bit about the time commitment.
- Motion by Teresa K., second by Angie F. to table Treasurer nominations until next meeting.
 - Motion passed – 2 opposed (Laurie G., Amy R.), no abstentions
 - Explanation that a person would then have to be nominated at the May meeting, all managers notified of the nomination. The vote would take place at the June meeting.
 - Birgit had more questions; wanted more discussion.
- Motion by Teresa K., second by Laurie G. to re-open Treasurer nominations.

- Discussion of Treasurer's duties and options to recruit help fundraising. Explanation given that Development Coordinator's duties are fundraising and all officers share fundraising duties.
 - Melinda M. nominated Birgit L., Birgit accepted.
 - Vote taken by show of hands – none opposed, no abstentions.
 - **Birgit L. new Treasurer**
- **Toilet Paper** – Dunning Fields restrooms....
- **Option 1** - Laura S. will contact Warren (field maintenance) to make sure restrooms well stocked or that someone will have access to supplies while games are going on.
 - **Option 2** – Laura S. will wear toilet paper papoose while at the fields if teams keep the bench and bleacher areas cleaned up!
- **Laurie G. asked** if players of the league have until the final roster is due to play on more than one team.
- *Laura S. will get back to Laurie G. and copy all managers with response.
(SEE attached response doc)*

Announcements:

- We have 4 teams playing at the PRIDE FAMILY PICNIC on Sunday, June 22nd at Como Park.
*The Family Picnic is a free event for all attendees and is being planned with activities for young children through seniors. All of your players and their families and guests would be able to enjoy a free picnic lunch and the rest of the activities.
If you would like to volunteer to help with the picnic please e-mail picnic@tcpride.org for info.*
- Next meeting:** SUNDAY, May 18th @ 2:00 p.m. @ Dunning, West Field Bleachers
- Those seeking election (Commissioner and Secretary) will submit a letter to the Commissioner via e-mail to nlwsl_schmell@comcast.net stating his/her qualifications for the selected office by June 15th

Mgr.Packets :

- *Please remember the DATES for meetings are in the Packets for the summer and in July we will provide a meeting schedule for the off-season.
- ***NOTE:** *some of the dates given in the packets will be changing due to the schedule changes.*
- June 8 announcement of election will be via e-mail to managers
 - June 22 ballots and All-Star nomination forms will be sent via e-mail to managers.

Motion to adjourn Angie F., second Dana C.

Meeting adjourned 4:06 pm and Mgr. Packets handed out.