



## Manager's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Davanni's Riverside

**Attendees:** Barbara B. (Treasurer), Darci B-F (big), Darci B-F (little), Karen B. (Infiniti), Julie C. (former UIC), Dana C. (Hot Properties), Michelle D. (Master Batters), Angie F. (Free Agents), Mugs F., Laurie G. (Mad About Plaid), Michelle G. (DIVAS), Kate K. (AGC-MCC d3), Nancy K., Mary K., Teresa K. (Tailgaytors), Anne M., Marcia L. (Octopussies), Vivian L., Kristin L. (Home Team), Birgit Li. (Cause We Can), Jen L. (Smackdown Sluggers), Cyril M. (Deuces Wild), Kelly M., Marianne M. (JetSet), Laura S., Nancy V. (AGC-MCC d2), Jennifer A. (The Gaze), Jodi W. (Parliamentarian)

### Call to Order: 7:03 p.m

**Sign in and Welcome:** Barbara B. asked everyone to sign in.

**Introduction of Parliamentarian:** Barbara B. introduced Jodi W., a league umpire and former member of NLWSL as parliamentarian for the evening's meeting.

**Revised Membership Form:** Barbara handed out the revised membership form and reminded everyone that the form, along with the team's fees for the year, are due April 1, 2008. Late registrations will incur a penalty. Barbara noted that teams should select the division in which they think they belong, and based on overall numbers in the league, teams might be moved to a higher division if necessary.

### Updates and Information:

- 1) **ASANA Winter Meeting Summary:** Barbara handed out a summary of the ASANA winter meeting which was attended by Barbara and Laura S. Feb 2-3, 2008, in Seattle, WA. The organization formerly known as NAGAA is now called the Amateur Sports Alliance of North America (ASANA). More information about ASANA is available at [www.asanasoftball.org](http://www.asanasoftball.org).
  - a. The World Series will be held Aug. 25 – Aug. 30 in Seattle. More information on the World Series can be found at [www.series2008.org](http://www.series2008.org).
  - b. The 2009 World Series will be held in Madison, WI, over Labor Day weekend. More information can be found at [www.ssblmadison.com](http://www.ssblmadison.com).
  - c. The complete minutes from the winter ASANA meeting will be posted on the NLWSL web site.
  - d. It was noted by Darcy B-F. (big) that the 2008 World Series dates coincided with the dates of the new Duluth tournament.
  
- 2) **Mandatory Manager's Meeting Information:** The Mandatory Manager's Meeting for the 2008 season is at 2:30 p.m. on April 26<sup>th</sup> at The Townhouse in St. Paul. The meeting is scheduled for about an hour.
  - a. Flyers were handed out announcing the pre-season party to be held from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Townhouse. \$8.00 at the door for tap beer, \$5.00 for a sloppy joe and chips. Raffles and silent auction scheduled.
  - b. A flyer asking each team to provide item(s) for the silent action was handed out. Teams that provide donations with a total cash value of \$50 - \$75 will receive \$5 off per player for player's fees. Teams donating more than \$75 in cash value will receive \$10 per player for player's fees.

Teresa asked why the amount allowed off for player's fees was changed from previous

discussions, as did a few other team reps. Barbara noted it the fundraising committee changed it to provide two-tiers of giving.

Team Reps were upset that the change was not announced or approved at a prior committee meeting, which is not required of the fundraising committee. However, as chair of the fundraising committee at the time the flyer was made, Barbara amended the flyer to read that teams donating \$50 worth of items in actual cash value will receive \$10 off each player's fee.

The Fundraising Committee will look at providing the two-tiered system for next year at a future meeting.

### **Old Business:**

Barbara announced that the 2008 Budget will be presented to the committee at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Business:**

#### **Proposed Bylaw/Constitution Changes/Updates**

Attendees were handed out hard copies of several proposed bylaw and constitution changes and updates.

- 1) Due to the change from NAGAA to ASANA, both the bylaws and the constitution will need to be changed to reflect that.

Other changes will involve the following articles:

- 2) Constitution Article 3.1
- 3) Constitution Article 10.2
- 4) Bylaws Article 7.6
- 5) Bylaws Articles 7.12 – 7.14
- 6) Bylaws Article 11.1
- 7) Bylaws Article 11.3
- 8) Bylaws Article 11.7
- 9) Bylaws 11.11 – 11.13

**Laura S. made a motion to table the bylaw and constitution changes until the April 26<sup>th</sup> Mandatory Manager's Meeting. Teresa K. Seconded.** Discussion centered on how many of the members have not yet seen the changes and would like more time to read them over. Others in attendance are not yet voting members and would be at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will allow them to vote on changes that could affect them. Teresa thought that they could vote to pass or table each of the nine motions individually. In light of the special elections that needed to take place yet that evening and the length and detail of some of the changes to be made to the bylaws, the committee voted 13 in favor, 1 opposed, to table the vote. The motion carried. **The vote to make changes to the bylaws and constitution will take place at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Complete copies of the bylaws and constitution and the changes will be emailed to all members.**

#### **Nominations for the Special Election of Commissioner, Asst. Commissioner, and Secretary:**

Nominations were opened for the position of Commissioner.

- 1) Nominations for Laura S., Darcy B-F., and Darcy B-F. (big) were taken from the committee and accepted by each member.
- 2) Teresa K. was nominated for the position but declined to run.
- 3) No nominations were made for Asst. Comm.
  - a. Motion by Teresa K. and seconded by Dana C. to table the Special Election for the position of Assistant Commissioner until the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. 14-0 motion passes.
- 4) No nominations were made for the position of Secretary.
  - a. Motion by Teresa K. and second by Michelle D. to table the Special Election for the position of Secretary until the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. 14-0 motion passes.

- 5) Nominees addressed the committee in reverse order of their nominations starting with Darcy B., then Darcy B. (big) and last, Laura S. Each made their case for reasons why they would be the best person for the position.

Discussion time was allowed for all in attendance, regardless of voting membership, to address concerns, past events, the status of the league, and the newly opened positions on the board.

Darcy B., Julie C., Laurie G., Mary K., Marianne M., Darcy B. (big), Angie F., and Teresa K. all spoke to the committee. The overriding theme was the esteem in which the members held and hold the league leaders, the need to move forward, and doing what is best for the league. Committee members were urged to become involved in the league to make it better.

Voting members in attendance then voted on the vacated position of Commissioner, noting that the general election for the position will occur in July of 2008, and the winner of that election will take office Jan. 1, 2009.

Laura S. was elected Commissioner of the NLWSL.

#### **Announcements:**

The next meeting is the Mandatory Manager's meeting at 2:30 p.m. on April 26 at the Townhouse in St. Paul. The Pre-season party and Silent Auction will follow at 4:00 p.m.

Mary K. did not think that there needed to be a charge for food, as there was money in the budget. It was decided that the charge should remain.

#### **E-mail Etiquette**

Dana asked that members use good judgment when sending e-mails and respect the recipients. She reminded members that the e-mails get sent to work locations, and her only e-mail is at work. She asked members to refrain from using profanity in the text. On that topic, Jen asked that members respond to the individual sender e-mails, and not use "Reply All" to every e-mail they receive.

#### **Website update**

Marcia said the website is being updated and that Ali from her team had done the design work on it. Teresa thanked Marcia for all of her work on it.

#### **Website Stipend**

Laurie G. inquired if a previous discussion to provide a stipend for the website designer had been brought up. Marcia said she did not wish to be compensated for her time, but would inquire if Ali, the designer wished to be compensated.

#### **Photography**

Mugs F. asked if there is a league photographer and offered to do it for no charge.

#### **Team Bag Returned**

Julie C. was able to return a team bag to Birgit L.

#### **Sponsor Tax deduction discussed**

Birgit inquired as to how her sponsor could receive the Tax deduction for supporting her team. Barbara told her about the sponsor letter that will be in the packets handed out at the Mandatory Manger's meeting.

#### **Sponsor Contacts**

Michelle inquired how to get a hold of the sponsors listed on the web site, and Marcia will assist her.

### **Transition Roles for Board Members**

Vivian L. asked if there was anything in the constitution that allowed for a past commissioner, present commissioner, future commissioner-type role that would allow for a better transition when new board members take office. The parliamentarian responded that the constitution currently did not have language regarding such a role; the league was encouraged to look at developing language to add to the constitution to provide for such a role in the future.

Motion by Angie F. to adjourn, second by Birgit. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.