

BARS Committee Meeting Agenda - 10.12.17

Please include your initials after any general entries that you make.

Attendance: Terrell B., Juni R., Dennis T., Stephen E., Michael F., Andrew V., Tim B., Jeff G., Aaron W., Alex Y., Troy S., Josh T., Twan C., Alex K.

1. Open Discussion from the Committee

- a. Want something discussed at the meeting? Think there is a problem? Have a good idea and want to get more involved? Toss it in the mix for discussion!
- b. Josh T.: kickball team color white, named White Nonsense. Saw it as an opportunity for a learning opportunity for the community. Did not come to fruition in the way imagined. As a league, should be made aware of the real implications and consequences of racial sensitivities. Something written down in words that successfully conveys the mission of inclusiveness, in the naming of teams and how team photos are set up. Board: there is an explicit clause in our mission that people sign up for when they register for sport. There can still be a reminder sent out throughout the season to players. There can be an aspect of teachable moments, given the predominant composition of the team. Going forward, Board will take a look to see the current photos posted to see if there is poor cultural representation.

2. Updates from the Commissioner

- a. The Exec board voted on a proposal to support Stonewall Sports in their efforts to aid those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Big Apple Rec Sports will create our own URL domain to allow members to donate to the Montrose Center, an LGBT organization serving the Houston area. The motion passed. **General Board approved by vote.**
- b. The Exec board voted on a proposal to reword the recently voted in Sportsmanship clause. The original wording of the rule: "3.b.i. all players participating in the game must kick in the written scorebook kicking order, but do not have to field" - contradicted a recently voted in equal play rule. The new wording of the rule, as voted on by the board, is the following: "3.b.i. all players participating in the game must kick in the written scorebook kicking order." The motion passed. **General Board approved by vote.**

3. Proposals + Sport Discussions

a. General

i. Board Incentive Proposal (MF)

- Instead of equal to time on board, make it one year. Might be hard to keep track of over the years.
- It will help with the transition of positions in board.
- Mentor aspect is a great opportunity to continue leadership. Make yourself available.
- Possible differentiation between Exec and General Board position?
- Four years should be acknowledged in some way (currently set as a minimum threshold)
- Possible two years: one is mentor year and other is fun year
- Online resource/guide to pass down to future boards
- Tim will work with Michael to finesse the language

b. Dodgeball

i. Boundary Rules (JM)

- Wording of the rule does not provide context.
- Verbiage is not consistent with practice (refs are not calling it)
- There are technicalities that may come to fruition.
- Refs need consistent communication in calling the rule as it is written correctly
- Possibly an overhaul of all rules to work on consistent language
- Tabling vote to work with Alex and Alex to work on for next

c. Kickball

i. Kicking Rule (JM)

- Context and intent of why rule is there is absent in the language
- Kickball heads can tell umpires how they should make the calls based on how the rule is worded

- The intent is to say the umpire's call is FINAL.
- Tabling for review
 - ii. Turkey Tournament 2017 (MF)
 - Same format as past tournaments.
 - Planning on starting November 4 (not Halloween), but will have the field for practice.
 - All teams guaranteed four games for tournament.
 - Registered up to 12 teams (enforce this deadline)
 - 11/11 we have the fields earlier. Maybe rent out a space for a league brunch.
 - Chelsea Field and Firefighter's Field
 - Two Tuesdays and two Saturdays.
 - No subs.
 - Fairness rule not applicable to tournaments.
 - See proposal
 - Registration fee goes to charity. BARS is fronting the cost for the tournament. (Treasurer asked up to spend more money).
 - Player get a free meal (not everyone drinks alcohol)
 - **NO SUBS**
 - Free agents - encourage the equal play time rules.
 - Registration and announcement dates are flexible
 - Michael motioned, Stephen second. **MOTION PASSES!**

1. Brief Sports Updates From Directors

- a. Bowling
- b. Dodgeball
- c. Kickball
 - i. Update on closing season parties (MF)
 - ii. Awards/Superlatives chat (MF)

2. Philanthropy

- a. DATE FOR FLIP CUP TOURNEY

3. Treasury

4. Press/Marketing

5. Social

- a. Photographer - Mike Pittman
- b. Prizes for Halloween contest - Twan, Michael,
- c. Board support & Drink Tickets - Steve, Terrell

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Create a BARS Board Of Directors: intro discussion (AV/AW)

Proposals:

Board Incentive Proposal

In order to incentivize and thank board members for their continued service, board members who serve 4 consecutive term years (any position, with current board grandfathered in) will receive for a duration equivalent to time served:

- Vet status for all sports.
- No charge for sports played.
- Act as consultant for all sports needed

Dodgeball

Proposal: Clarification of Dodgeball Rule 9.b, regarding boundaries

- Currently reads

If any player crosses the boundary lines (back and side lines) with one or more than one body part, then they are OUT. That is, if one player's whole body part is completely outside the court, then the player is OUT

- Propose change to:

If any player crosses the boundary lines (back and side lines) with one or more than one body part, then they are OUT. That is, if one player's whole body part is completely outside the court and touches anything outside the court different from a ball, then the player is OUT

- Rationale: The current wording of the rule prohibits players from retrieving balls that are out of bounds on the side or back of the court

- Potential issue: Players using a ball to support their weight and prevent them from directly touching the ground or walls that are out-of-bounds

If approved, also 5.c, regarding an OUT player:

- Currently reads:

He/she crosses the boundary lines with one or more than one whole body part.

- Propose change to:

His/her whole body part is completely outside the court and touches anything outside the court different from a ball

Kickball

Proposal: Clarification for Kickball Rule 6.g, regarding kicking, (also added as 7.c.vii (a.))

- Currently reads:

After a pitched ball is called a strike or foul, that is the final call.

- Propose change to:

For a pitched ball that would otherwise have been called a strike to be called a foul, a kicker who is behind the kicking box must be moving in forward motion toward the plate prior to making contact with the ball

- Rationale:

The new rule as written is unclear in its intent of preventing people from standing behind home plate and tapping the ball to the side because they do not want to kick it. This also allows the refs more slightly more time to voice the call of "strike" from when the ball passes through the kicking box to when the kicker taps it sideways

Turkey Tournament 2017 Proposal

Proposed Dates/Venues: Four days of game play.

Saturday, 11/4 (Roosevelt Island) 3pm-5pm

Tuesday 11/7 (Chelsea Field) 8:00pm-10:30pm

Saturday 11/11 (Roosevelt Island) 10am-12pm (Rent out brunch place/free round of drinks for teams?)

Tuesday 11/14 (Chelsea Field) 8:00pm-10:30pm

Rain Date: Saturday 11/18 (Roosevelt Island)

Extra Optional Date: 10/31 (Tues Fall Rain Date. Chelsea)

Bracket:

All teams are guaranteed 4 games and all teams play a minimum of one game each day. Teams will be randomly placed into round 1 of the bracket.

Teams/Registration:

Registration will occur at TBD Date (Week of 10/16).

We will register up to 12 teams. Any beyond this will be put on the waitlist, but we will make an effort to accommodate as we are able. Teams will play at a cost of \$450.00 per team.

Each team must register a roster of a minimum of ten people. If a team does not have 10 people listed, the next team on the waitlist (if there is one) will be registered. If twelve teams are not registered, we can open up registration to free agents or blocks of players. A final roster must be submitted to Michael by Monday 10/30.

Note: Copa fields are first come, first serve after 9/1 on weekends. Pony - inquiring about availability/ permit. Reminder: 11/11 our permit for Firefighter's field is 10am-12pm.

Subs – No subs

Costs (covered by BARS):

Refs: \$1200 (2 refs per game)

Day 1 - \$360 (6 refs total. 3 fields. 3 games per ref)

Day 2 - \$240 (4 refs total. 2 fields. 3 games per ref)

Day 3 - \$360 (6 refs total. 3 fields. 3 games per ref)

Day 4 - \$240 (4 refs total. 2 fields. 3 games per ref)

Trophies: \$150

Food at post-party: \$700

Additional Equipment: ~\$100

Total Bars Cost: ~\$2150

Note: costs will increase slightly if we have 4 simultaneous games.

Charity: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center
Charitable Contribution: ~\$3,600-\$5,400 (100% of team registration fees)

Timeline:

10/10 – Proposal to Tim, Terrell and Andrew for first looks

10/11 or 12 – Proposal to board

10/12 – VOTE

10/13 – Announce registration dates

Week of 10/16 – Registration. Will work with Troy on dates

11/4 – Tournament begins

Needs: Board help, refs, extra bag with cones & balls, food for post play, trophies for 1st and 2nd place