

BARS Committee Meeting Agenda  
16 January 2019

Attendance: Andrew Vurlumis, Brent Roach, Christopher Myron, Dalton Richardson, Dennis Trammell, Erin Flaherty, Juni Mercado, Michael Wellbrock, Sal Scrimenti, Scott Brimmer, Twan Claiborne

**Mission Statement:** Big Apple Recreational Sports is New York City's non-profit, community-minded co-ed sports league for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and LGBTQI-friendly New Yorkers who want to play competitive sports in an athletic environment free of harassment, discrimination and drama. Our leagues are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all participants.

**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!

**2. Updates from the Commissioner**

- a. Proposal motioned during interim - 2019 Flip Cup Charity Tournament
  - i. Motioned by TC, seconded by DT
  - ii. Motion passes, Yea: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain: 4
- b. Proposal motioned during interim - Winter Dodgeball Charity Tournament
  - i. Motioned by TC, seconded by AY
  - ii. Motion passes: Yea: 10, Nay: 0, Abstain 1
- c. Upcoming 2019 Board Meeting Dates: 2/06, 3/06, 4/03, 5/08, 6/12, all Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Meetings will be held at Tony Dapolito Rec Center unless otherwise stated.
  - i. Dates are throughout the current board term.

**1. Proposals + Sport Discussions**

- 1. BARS Float Addendum (CM)
  - 1. Sponsors are being investigated, prospectively bringing in \$4000. Base cost is \$6000 for no add-ons. Additional factors could be up to \$2000 more.
  - 2. Postponed vote to reorganize and retake temperature
  - 3. Deadline for deposit may be delayed allowing for discussion in person at February Meeting and include more information on potential sponsorships
- 2. Proposed 2019 Sports Calendar (JM)
  - 1. Dates need sign off from sports directors in order to run print ads
  - 2. Kickball dates are as of first days available per permits
    - 1. A Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> combined opening party was penciled in
  - 3. Bowling: may need to shift spring bowling back a week to allow more time between seasons. Bowling directors will review and plan accordingly.
- 3. Proposed Committee Meetings on First Wednesdays (TB)
  - 1. Proposal does not receive a motion.

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**1. Brief Sports Updates from Directors**

- 1. Bowling
  - 1. Possibility of additional social events to raise funds for philanthropic efforts could work with our expanded league.

**2. Philanthropy**

- 1. Flip cup tournament (BR)

1. Volunteers are needed. We have 2 volunteer refs. Interested volunteer
2. People are interested but not yet registered. Effort needs to be made to encourage registration.
3. EF will think about how to encourage more people to actually register
4. Board members are strongly encouraged to attend and recruit a non-BARS person each.

### 3. **Press/Marketing**

1. Get Out Magazine Ads (JM/EF)
  1. JM/EF are looking into advertising our Spring Dates in Get Out magazine, a free circular distributed to LGBT businesses in NYC.

### 4. **Social**

1. Stonewall Inn (JM/CM)
  1. Stonewall will be very busy with upcoming weeks leading up to World Pride and using them for Mondays will be significantly difficult. Dates provided enough in advance may allow for us to get in.

### 5. **Miscellaneous**

1. JockATHon '19: The Gay Sports Networking Party, registration is open, See Appendix A (JM)
  1. Volunteers are encouraged from the Board and Committee for all sports, 4 board members have volunteered already.
  2. All BARS athletes will be invited to attend
2. Mike Pittman Photography (JM)
  1. Promotion of services to players, with portion of profits going to our BARS sponsorship.
  2. Possible to attach message to Photo Announcement email or to FB album.

## **Proposal a: 2019 Flip Cup Charity Tournament**

**Proposal:** To host our Annual Charity Flip Cup Tournament in support of the Big Apple Recreational Sports Community College Scholarship

**When:** Saturday, January 26th at 1:00PM

**Where:** Stonewall

**Rationale:** It is an excellent opportunity to further our philanthropy program while offering league members a popular social event in the off-season for Dodgeball and Kickball.

### **Details:**

Stonewall has agreed to host the Flip Cup Tournament on January 26th at 1:00PM. They've reserved the space upstairs for us from 1:00PM to 5:00PM (likely longer than we'll need). Stonewall will provide 2 full kegs of beer at a total cost of \$250 + cash tip. Since we have the venue until 5PM and two kegs reserved just for our group, we'll advertise an open-bar beer after party as an added value proposition.

BARS will provide food to players, at a cost not to exceed \$400. BARS will rent or have donated 2 folding tables to supplement the existing 2 at Stonewall (will get donated) and will provide colored bandanas to teams as a "uniform" (~\$10 for 12pc on Amazon).

The Philanthropy Chair will serve as project manager for this event, with the assistance of a volunteer sports Director or Operations Manager in construction of the bracket.

We ask that there be several referees (1 per table) the day of the event. Of course, refs drink free!

**Registration:** Registration should open January 9, 2019 and remain open until Friday, January 18, 2019. The cost per player is \$40. We'll aim to register between 50 and 80 players, which will gross between \$2,000 and \$3,200 dollars (net between \$1,178 and \$2,378).

Players will register individually with an option to indicate which team they'd like to be on. (Open to discussion on best way to handle this.) For people who register without a team we'd either add to a team or create a free agent team.

**Promotion:** We will promote on social and through email. Start promoting as a happy new year event; Post once every other day until registration closes. Promote through FB event and Instagram

**Gameplay:** We will follow the same rules as last year, included below

### **Costs:**

*2 Kegs: \$250*

*Tip: \$100*

*Food: \$400*

*Table Rentals: \$0*

*Bandanas: \$72*

*TOTAL: \$822 (pending kegs)*

## **Standard Game Rules**

### **Game play:**

Designate one end of the table as the starting end, and the other as the anchor end. The first player at the starting side will be assigned cup #1 and so on down the line. The game starts when both player #1s tap each other's cup and then tap the table. From there each player #1 will drink the amount of beverage in the cup (must reach at least 1<sup>st</sup> line). Then they will place the cup FACE UP on the edge of the table and proceed to flip the cup by tapping the bottom rim until it lands 100% FACE DOWN (unless leaning on the table's lip). Then player #2 can drink their beverage and proceed to flip, and so on down the line until all team members have flipped. The first team to flip all of their cups wins that game. The next game will start with player #2 being the new starter and player #1 being the new anchor. There is no need to move any player locations on the table.

If 2 cups on opposing sides land at the same time you go to a 1-1 tie breaker between a representative from each team. Remember, if 2 cups hit the table at the same time, it is the cup that settles first that wins. The matches will consist of 5 games format. The first team to 3 game victories wins.

Teams will consist of 6-8 people to compete. If a team does not have the minimum 6-8 players, they must decide amongst themselves who will drink the extra cups.

### **Tie Breakers**

In the case that multiple teams have the same record and are tied for the final spot, we will now be using a tie breaking system. The system will determine the top team with the following criteria.

Head to head (only valid if 2 teams are tied for the final spot)

Record against common opponents

Record against #1 seed

Record against #2 seed

Margin of victory against common opponents

Total Margin of victory

If we don't have an answer by then, a coin toss will do (or random number if more than a 2-way tie)

### **Cheating**

If two hands are used to flip or guide the cup it, is an illegal flip. Only one hand is permitted to make the flip. The non-flipping hand may act strictly as balance assistance for the cup on the edge of the table. Sometimes you are forced to play on tables with "less than ideal" edges, so it is necessary for added support. This in no way is meant to help guide the cup during the flip; just to keep it from falling off of the table. Also, the non-flipping hand must remain completely still during the flip if it is used for balance

assistance. This will eliminate any debate about it being used as a guide. The only time contact with the cups by 2 hands is allowed is to place the cup on the edge or to re-set the cup if a complete flip is not made.

Also, the majority of the cup base must be touching the table top when the flip is made. There are no "midair" flips.

A player may not intentionally interfere with the other teams' cups or flipping process.

Each player must flip their own cup. If it falls on the floor or goes flying across the room, you must retrieve it and then flip it on your team's side of the table.

For all illegal flips or infractions, a warning will be given upon the first offense. A loss of the current game will be given up each additional offense.

### **Proposal b: Winter Dodgeball Charity Tournament**

**Location:** Tony D's

**Dates:** Monday's for 6 weeks (1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11). I checked, and Tony D's is closed on 2/18 for President's Day.

#### **Costs:**

- 4 Refs, each paid \$50/night = \$200 per night x 6 weeks = \$1200 total
- Registration will cost \$300 per team, as usual, so means a max of \$3600
- Per Twan's Suggestion, I would like to propose this as a Charity Tournament where all proceeds will go to the Point Foundation since the Turkey Tournament didn't yield what we were hoping for.

#### **Registration:**

- Registration would open in theory on next Thursday, January 10th, to allow time for people to gather teams together and sign up if they haven't already done so. We'd post on FB ahead of time to notify people.
- One person, preferably the captain, will sign the team up and then email me a full roster. The first 12 teams to do so are the ones officially in.
- As with past tournaments, BARS will cover up to 2 Gym IDs for teams for those individuals who need one.

#### **Gameplay:**

- This will follow our normal, main season rules with the exception of no clocks for matches or in the double elimination bracket. This means high balls will be back in effect (different from what we did with Small Ball).
- The first 4 weeks are Round Robin, the last 2 are Double Elimination Bracketed

## Proposal c: BARS Participation in WorldPride 2019 March – Float Addendum

### Rental of a float from Blondie's

**Cost of base float:** \$6,000 (\$3,000 deposit due by end of Jan, balance due upon delivery)

Cancellation/Postponement terms:

- If parade is cancelled due to inclement weather, deposit is non-refundable, as we have already prepared your float
- If we arrive at the parade site, due to failure of notification of cancellation/postponement, the full amount will be due
- There will be no additional charges above the original price stated on this contract if the parade is postponed and we are available for the rain date, providing we were notified of the postponement prior to our leaving for your event. However, if we are not notified prior to leaving, you will be responsible for the expenses incurred to bring the float to the parade on the rain date

**Current funding:** \$4,000

To be covered by supplemental sponsorship dues for Spring Bowling/Dodgeball from Heritage of Pride/ NYC Pride

**Outstanding costs:** \$2,000 – (balance of base float cost)  
~ ~~\$2,000~~ – (cost of signage, electrical generator rental, audio equipment)  
**\$4,000**

The balance would need to be funded through Pride-designated fundraising events with the balance coming from general operating funds from collected dues and sponsorships.

## Proposal d: Proposed 2019 Sports Calendar

### Spring

Bowling: Sundays, Apr 7 - Jun 9, 3:15p - 5:15p (skip Apr 21 [Easter], May 26 [Memorial Day]; considerations for Mother's and Father's Day?).

Registration: Wed, Mar 20, 4p

Dodgeball: Mondays, March 18 - May 20, 7p - 9:30p (newbie night March 11th)

Registration: Tues Feb 26 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Wed Feb 27, 1p - 8p (Vet players), Thurs Feb 28, 1p (Open)

Kickball - Tuesday: Mar 26 - May 14 (rain date, May 21) 8:30p - 10:30p

Registration: Tues Mar 5, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Wed Mar 6, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

Kickball - Saturday: Mar 30 - May 18 (rain date, Jun 1; skip May 25 [Memorial Day Weekend]) 3p - 5p  
Registration: Thurs Mar 7, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Fri Mar 8, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

### **Summer**

Bowling: Depending on venue availability; Mondays, July 8 - August 12, 8p - 10p OR Thursdays, July 11 - August 15, 8p - 10p  
Registration: Wed Jun 19, 4p

Kickball - Tuesday: Jun 18 - Aug 13 (rain date, August 20; skip July 2 [July 4]), 8:30p - 10:30p  
Registration: Tues May 28, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Wed May 29, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

Kickball - Saturday: Jun 15 - Aug 17 (rain date, Aug 24; skip Jun 29 [World Pride] and Jul 6 [Jul 4]), 3p - 5p  
Registration: Thurs May 30, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Fri May 31, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

### **Fall**

Bowling: Sundays, Sep 22 - Nov 10, 3:15 - 5:15p  
Registration: Wed Sep 4, 4p

Dodgeball: Mondays Aug 26 - Nov 18 (skip Sep 2 [Labor Day], Oct 14 [Indigenous People's Day]), Nov 11 [Veterans Day]), 7p - 9:30p  
Registration: Tues Aug 6, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Wed Aug 7, 1p - 8p (Vet players), Thurs Aug 8, 1p (Open)

Kickball - Tuesday: Sep 3 - Oct 22 (rain date, Oct 29) 8:00p - 10:30p  
Registration: Tues Aug 13, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Wed Aug 14, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

Kickball - Saturday: Sep 7 - Oct 26 (rain date, Nov 2) 3:00p - 5:00p  
Registration: Thurs Aug 15, 1p - 8p (Womyn & Gender Minorities), Fri Aug 16, 1p - 3p (Vet players), 4p (Open)

**Proposal e: Hold Committee Meetings the first Wednesday of every month for the remainder of this term.**

## **Appendix A. JockATHon '19: The Gay Sports Networking Party**

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER** for your team's complimentary Table: WEDNESDAY **February 13th**

More Info about JOCKATHON 2019 and your complimentary booth:

**Date:** Wednesday February 27th, 2019

**Timeline:**

- 5pm to 5:45pm: Teams arrive to set up and decorate your table
- 6pm: Event starts
- 9pm: Event ends

**Location:** Dave and Busters, 234 W 42 St (btw Bway & 8th Ave), 3rd floor

**Cost for booth:** There is *no cost* for your booth/table. However, by accepting this free booth, you agree that you will invite your entire team roster to attend. Of course, not everyone will be able to attend, but the more the merrier and the teams that have the biggest turn out tend to have a hugely wonderful time.

**Cost to attend:** There is NO COVER charge for anyone to attend the event. There are cheap happy hour prices, half price arcade games all night. Food is also available

**Booth size/Décor:** Each team will get one table (approx. 4' wide). You may bring signage (no wider than 4') which can be taped (via duct tape) to the Wall / Window or TV behind the table.

**Bag and Coat Check:** There are no tablecloths so in order to keep the event area clean and tidy, all personal bags and coats must be checked in the coat/bag check.