

BARS Board and Committee Meeting Minutes
6-19-14

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

Attendance: Michael, Tim, Darren, Troy, Andrew, Kurt, Eric, Scott, Steve, Zaid, Walter, Brian, Chris Lee, Jon Herzog, James V

1. Welcome -

- a. Call to order
- b. Introductions
- c. Overview of Meeting Structure
- d. Proposals & Voting Procedures

2. Brief Updates from the Directors

- . Bowling (BB)
- i. Summer registration Update
- ii. First Night of Bowling - July 7, 7:00 pm
 - a. Dodgeball (TB)
 - . Ladies Season Update
 1. 80 ladies, 8 teams, 4 weeks
 2. 40-ish go to the bar each week.
 - b. Kickball (MF)
 - . Opening Night & Team Update - MF
 1. Roughly 50 people played - mix of newbies/vets.
 2. Open Play Leaders worked really well.
 3. Refs were complaining about positioning and would like to have one behind catcher, one behind second and one at first. General concern that one behind second blocks players' view of balls.
 4. Ref Schedule and Payment Plan- discussion of mandatory meetings between all refs and the sport director to work on improvement/rule unification and clarification.
 5. Need help giving out shirts next week around 8PM.
 6. All teams were emailed new rules and attendance policy along with the announcement of their team.

General recap

Board Introduction to Committee. Overview of Meeting Structure.

Bowling- registration is full. Shirt order is off. First day is Monday July 7th.

- c. Special Update
- . Ultimate Frisbee

50 people showed up. Four teams of 12. Survey given. Overall a large success. Only three quarters were played. Interest in bringing this back again at some future point.

General discussion of charging for future events, which will keep registration rates high.

3. Board Vacancies - Special Election

- . Philanthropy Chair
- a. Bowling Operations Manager
- b. Special Election Procedures - Submit interest with brief statement via email to commissioner@bigapplerecsports.com & vicecommissioner@bigapplerecsports.com
Voting procedure outlined. Quorum is 9 out of 12.

General discussion surrounding the role of philanthropy and bowling operations.

Philanthropy:

The Philanthropy Chair is responsible for overseeing and representing all philanthropic interests of the organization, including charitable partnerships with other sports leagues and nonprofit organizations, philanthropy-related events and activities (organization- and partner-sponsored), and external press and promotion.

Bowling Operations Manager: Helps support the Bowling Director with day-to-day operations. General sport support etc.

If interested, send in a brief paragraph by next Thursday the 26th, and you will go on the special elections ballot.

4. Open Discussion from the Committee - Want something discussed at the meeting? Think there is a problem? Have a good idea? Toss it in the mix for discussion!

- a. **Dodgeball**
 - i. Theme for Fall Opening Season Party suggestions
 - ii. Reduce number of weeks in regular. – TC

Opening Season Party? Do we want a theme? Or just a general come and find out your teammates. We will think on this. But generally pro theme.

Season thoughts:

Shorten regular weeks? Or potentially make the first week be open play/round robin?

b. **Bowlings get bowling sponsors in place**

Potentially have op manager help with sponsorships moving forward.

c. **Kickball**

New rule feedback. No charging of the plate- what if a good kick and the pitcher charges is the ball an automatic foul? Potentially ruins a good kick. Other league penalties have an auto advance to 1st. Have a potential accept/decline rule? For now going to leave as is, but we can revisit mid season.

Rule check: If ball kicked outside of box, can it still be caught? It can if it is foul, but is this a dead ball? TBD< but as of now defined as a foul in our rules.

d. Miscellaneous

- . Expansion Options - ECJ
 1. If deemed necessary:
 - a. Which of the current sports to grow?
 - i. Dodgeball, Kickball or both?
 - b. How should we grow these current sports?
 - . Add more teams and split the locations
 - i. "East and West" Divisions (winner of ea. play #1 spot)
 - ii. Two separate nights/leagues (similar to WeHo)
 - iii. Shorten game times

Kickball: We have applied to four additional fields. Hopefully one will work out for the Fall season. Dodgeball expansion? If we secure space, how would we run? Ongoing discussion. Womens' league, expand current league, competitive league, etc etc.

e. Philanthropy

. Who should we partner with for Summer Philanthropic efforts? Submit your suggestions below.

1. **Live Out Loud** - "Nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering LGBT youth by connecting them with successful LGBT professionals in their community. Our mission is to empower, energize and enable Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth to live the life of their dreams through the celebration of the richness and diversity of our shared experience, the visibility of role models and the dissemination of information."

2. Social

- . Pride March
- a. GRILL OUT Saturday BBQ/Game Day series at the OUT Hotel - the resort program director contacted us to see if we would like to do a joint event.

We need to do a full email about our Pride Walk to get the word out.

3. Web

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4. Marketing

. Asbury Park Volleyball organizers expressed interest in conducting a 'Sports Weekend' on Sunday 8/3. They would like to incorporate dodgeball - DD

General concern is that it will undermine dodgeball FI tournament.

5. Philanthropy

Next Meeting: Committee Meeting July 16th, 7:00 pm. Tony D