

BARS Committee Meeting Agenda
10.5.16

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

Attendance: Josh T., Andrew V., Tim B., Sean M., Alex Y., Terrell B., Scott B., Steve B., Troy B., Aaron W., Twan C., Michael B.

1. **Open Discussion from the Committee** - 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!
 - a. Suggestions from Thomas Milano via Email:
 - i. No more free pizza, more open bars: does not happen too often, people who don't drink happen too often, open bar hard to finagle logistically, games end at different times
 - ii. Have referees start keeping stats on players (Runs Scored, Balls Missed/Caught, etc) and make them publicly available on the website: not practical in the long term
 - iii. Get rid of random teams... draft teams: something to consider for future, seasons can seem stagnant for players who constantly return
 - iv. Make sure team names are placed on the team list portion of the site: Troy will update the website.
 - v. (redacted)
2. **Proposals - Items Requiring a Vote (Place Full Proposal on Last Page)**
 - a. Proposal:
 - i. Saturday Kickball: Propose extending the Saturday Summer substitution policy to Saturday Fall and Spring seasons. (AV) - notes on proposal page
 - ii. Kickball Tag-Up Rule (See Below) (TB) (Defer)
 - iii. Dodgeball Expansion (See Below) (JT) (Present and discuss later)
3. **Discussion Items** - Issues that would benefit from full committee discussion
 - a. Concerns regarding RISE bar: Owner of bar, Ted, requested women patrons need to leave. When confronted, owner said it was "black women doing drugs in the bathroom". The offense: not being supportive of allies and comments racially motivated. Ted emailed almost everyone in the league. Blew up on Facebook, but did not become substantial in the community. Players, in particular female players have felt unwelcome at the bar. The next steps: is the subsequent email and the incident itself damaging enough to relinquish relationship for future events? Should we terminate it now and refund them or finish the sponsorship out and not renew it? In the past, we nixed sponsors when there were egregious responses to our concerns regarding treatment of players while we were there. Significant points: the intent of "boycott" is a strong connotation that we are in no means encouraging players to boycott the bar. Next step: talk to all the owners and lay out the stakes - due to players concerns, we are considering not renewing/continuing our relationship with them in the future due to core values of the organization. Three options: (1) sever ties immediately, (2) reach out with concerns, (3) continue season and don't go back (4) do absolutely nothing. Vote: contact them with concerns and then respond from there. Yay: 10, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2
 - b. Discussion: Future-Planning (Tim) - Deferred
 - i. Update on items presents by board members

- ii. Next Step: Developing consensus
- c. Dodgeball: Halloween Spooktacular - team costume contest and after-party suggestions (Terrell): 10/31 kept as date for dodgeball, want to incorporate ideas to spice it up, there is no official post play, provide suggestions for bars to go to since bars will host their own events (Stonewall, Rockbar, Pieces, Henrietta Hudson), parade earlier in the day will be an option, provide a contest a winner for individual players and best team theme, trick or treat, remind players of costume etiquette (Tony D is still open to families that day)
- d. Halloween raffle items (Fabiani)
- e. Flip Cup Tourney dates (SB): have it on a Saturday, November 12, after a Saturday kickball day.

Updates for presentation to the full committee and inclusion in the minutes:

1. Dodgeball updates:
 - a. Current season (Terrell)
 - i. Half-way through
 - ii. Mid-season party
2. Kickball updates:
 - a. Turkey Tournament (Fabiani)
 - b. Rules - crowding the base without a force (Fabiani)
2. Social:
 - a. Seasons mostly planned out
 - b. Halloween Party 2016:

PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 1: ALLOWING SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS FOR SATURDAY PLAYERS FALL & SPRING SEASONS (Andrew Vurlumis)

Use the same rules as Summer Kickball.

- Saturday league has had a forfeit every week this season. 75% attendance for this season.
- Is there a reason against not having it?
- Less returners and lots of people from the waitlist with poor attendance. Attrition is present this season.
- Alex Y: if enacted, will this be a motivation for players to not play? Team players may rely on captains to consistently finding a sub. Sub cap needs to make team of 11 players, period.
- Tim B: "non-league" encompasses Tuesday players.
- Josh T: idea to cap number of non-league substitutes.
- Andrew V: keep in mind the target population of Saturday kickball. Generally new to the city, not quite established friend circle, now with established players and established
- Aaron W.: Clarity, with subs, the total teams member cannot exceed 11 players.

For Reference (current rule on website):

In a season where substitute players from outside of the league are permitted to play, the following rules will apply:

1. A non-league substitute is permitted to play only if there are less than 11 registered players present.
2. A non-league substitute may play no more than two games per season.
3. A non-league substitute may not play during the final tournament.
4. All non-league substitutes must sign the online anti-harassment/non-discrimination and injury waivers prior to playing.

Voters Yea: 10, Voters Nay: 0, Voters Abstain: 2. Motion passes to enact rule for Spring 2017

PROPOSAL 2: INCLUDING TAGGING UP TO THE RULES (WHAT WE ALREADY DO)

ADD TO SECTION 8. B.

- The tag of a base by any part of a fielder's body, while the fielder has control of the ball, before the runner originating at that base can tag-up as required due to a caught ball.

ADD TO SECTION 11

- A tag-up is a requirement to retouch or stay on a base if a kicked ball is caught. After a tag-up a runner may advance. A runner failing to tag-up as required allows that player to be made out by tagging the player or the originating base.

PROPOSAL 3: SLIGHT MODIFICATION OF TAGGING UP TO STANDARD RULES

MODIFY ABOVE IN SECTION 11

- A tag-up is a requirement to retouch or stay on a base until the ball is first touched if a kicked ball is caught. After a tag-up a runner may advance. A runner failing to tag-up as required is out.

Proposal 4: No-sting Dodgeball Expansion

I would like to propose creating an additional night of dodgeball. These are the logistics and my ideas for going forward.

- Tim going to flush out with Thai over email to fill up loose ends.

When:

Sunday evenings from 6:30-10 pm.

Where: John Jay College of Criminal Justice 524 W 59th St, New York, NY 10019

Logistics:

- Set of no-sting balls (7 per court)
- Line markers for center lines
- \$140 per hour for space rental
- \$15.22 per hour for staff member
- Board member to help facilitate nights
- Potential on site equipment storage

Initial Steps - Open play:

The idea would be to start off with a series of open plays, possibly bi-weekly. We'd charge \$10 per person to hopefully break even (For every hour, we'd need about 15 people). After we've built up enough people and enough interest, we could establish an official league night.

League:

I would propose this league be different from our Monday night league in a few different ways.

- **Pick your team** - allowing players to sign up as a team instead of entirely as free agents, which players without a set team would still be able to do.
- **10-12 players per side** - this gives players more playing opportunities.
- **One 40 min game per night** - each team will play one 40 min game per evening. If we rented the space from 6:30-10pm, we'd be able to get 10 games in per night (on 2 courts).

