

**SIOUX EMPIRE PRIDE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SEPSA)**

**June 17th, 2023: MEETING AGENDA (RESCHEDULED MEETING DATE JULY 1ST, 2023)**

**July 15th, 2023: NEXT MEETING**

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**Call to Order/Roll Call**

First: Behai

Second : Robbie

**Administration:**

President - Robert Burandt -X

Vice President - Behai Nguyen - X

Director Of Business Management - Chase Burandt -X

Secretary - Beckahh Westra - X

Treasurer - Open Position -

**Committee Members**

Recruitment -Olivia Fernandez- X

Communications - Alice Hanmer - X

Sponsorship - Christopher Sorenson - X

Marketing - Jacob Grimes -X

Community Outreach Coordinator- Open Position-

Cari Weddell

Mariah Johnson

Jennifer Melycher

Deandra Ruff

Alex Fitterer

Mike Fitterer

**Prior meeting minutes approval**

Emergency Meeting 06/06/23

First: Chris

Second: Jacob

Emergency Meeting 05/13/23

First: Robbie

Second: Chris

May Meeting

First: Behai

Second: Chase

## Overview

- Gamechangers would like to discuss their opinions on the decision made by softball commissioners about removing Stacey and Rachel Bolt from their team but how they are still allowed to play.
- Deandra: drama in the league,
- Sioux Falls Roller Derby potential coming back to SEPSA, Chelle Cain will attend next meeting
- Grievance committee
  - Matt Neufeld to join

## Team Managers/Proxies/Others:

Bowling: Rand Peterson & Chase Burandt

- Still need to get IGBO going - Will get this done in July in time for Fall Bowling.

Softball: Robert Burandt

- NAGAAA travel updates. Hotel reservation has been made.
- Slider GSWS team fee and hotel deposit have been paid.
  - GSWS t-shirt design
  - Design needed by July 15th, 2023. We will vote on the winner.
  - Presale Orders
  - All funds will go into general funds
- Remedy 611 will let us host an end of softball gathering on the 23rd
- Damon & Michael are taking over Commissioner & Assistant Commissioner after the 2023 GSWS
  - They will be shadowing the remainder of the 2023 season to be trained into the role.
- Fan Appreciation Day June 25th.
  - Receipts in Google drive
  - Sioux Falls Pride leadership to cook and serve food
    - They will also be able to sell SF Pride Merchandise
  - Bounce Around Inflatables to donate bouncy house again this year
    - Work with Mark Loe, and Logan
      - Add logo to website
        - Due to the wind, unable to set up
  - Permission to reserve the shelter space at Burnside
    - Receipt in Google drive

Kick Ball: Behai Nguyen

- A new contract is being written up for us and we will have Burnside Fields after payment
  - Newly added cost will be updated in the expense spreadsheet
  - Same insurance can be used for kickball season

Volleyball: Nicole Malcom, proxy Chris Sorenson

- Reduce Aug 5th Volleyball Tournament to \$200
  - Board decided to change the tournament fee to \$150.
    - Volleyball (SEPSA) will reimburse teams that paid \$300 of \$150 to team manager.
  - Update flyers and promote
  - Extend deadline to Jul 28, 2023
- League Contract set, begins Aug 25 end Oct 6th (Fridays)
  - 6pm to 9pm
  - Team fee \$300, no player fee

- Includes ticket to Augustana Indoor Volleyball, Oct 7th
- Can purchase additional tickets
- Max of 10, min of 4 players
- Located at Digz

### **Sponsorship Committee Reports:**

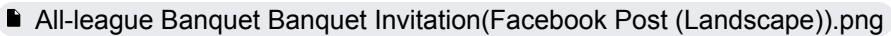
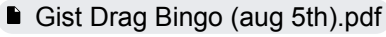
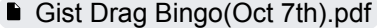
- Old Business:
  - Remedy Brewing Drag Queen BINGO, Remedy Brewing Company to issue check at the end of the month
  - Progressive Dinner, was targeting July, need to reschedule for Aug
  - Art Class working with Remedy Brewing for finalizing date
  - Will reach out to AppleBees and Red Robbins, finalize dates for fundraisers
  - Canaries Concession Stand Volunteering
    - Have received check for the first 6 games (\$1,185.61)
    - Have completed 20 of the 50 home games
    - Canaries changed the times of Friday night games
      - Delayed 1 hour
      - Better for the fireworks display
    - Need Managers to communicate with their players to step up and volunteer for Canaries.
- New Business:
  - Twerk The Fields, asked **Damon Farah** , because of his experience last year, if he would be willing to lead the committee to organize this year's event. He has said yes. Club David has been reserved for Saturday Oct 14.
    - Damon has started visiting with Drag Queens
    - Will be reaching out to Softball Managers asking for 1-2 people from each team to participate, either Drag Queen or Drag King
    - Minimum of 8 participants and maximum of 12.
    - Funds raised will go to General Funds. Cover charge for upstairs and downstairs.
  - Audrey from Game Changers, her employer, Sensational Smiles is making a donation to SEPSA (\$50.00) to General Funds
  - After the Sunday July 23 SEPSA Softball Tournament, Remedy 611 is willing to stay open later so teams can celebrate the end of the year
    - Remedy 611 typically closes at 5 pm on Sunday, they will provide staff to stay open, I think we would be done by 7-8 pm
    - Players and fans can purchase a pizza and pitcher of beer for \$20
    - Marketing Director is creating marketing materials

### **Communication Committee Reports:**

- Old Business: continue to do the MVP's and posting on social media
- New Business: Went to Watertown Pride, Got more info about our organization out. A lot of people stopped by to talk with us.
- Continue to update Social media
- need to know if we are having kickball or not so we can get the word out and start advertising for it.
- advertising the Volleyball tournament on social media. More teams would join if the team fee was less. (per teams that wanted to join but chose not to due to the fee)
- When can I expect all the photos from fan appreciation day to be ready to post on social media?

- Continue to post updates on Softball season and Fan appreciation events.
- Continue to post pics for MVP's
- Are we doing kickball? I need this decision so I know if I'm advertising for this or not and if so I need to get going on spreading the word.
- Creating constant content on our page to get more likes and users to notice us.
- I have had people ask if we can have teams that don't want to be competitive and not have to get rated since they won't be traveling.
- waiting to get all the pics from Photographer to share more on our page.

### **Marketing Committee Reports:**

- Old Business: Created
  - [Sand Volleyball](#) Material
  - [Fan Appreciation](#) Material
  - [End of season tournament celebration](#) Material
  -  All-league Banquet Banquet Invitation(Facebook Post (Landscape)).png
  -  Gist Drag Bingo (aug 5th).pdf
  -  Gist Drag Bingo(Oct 7th).pdf

### **Recruitment Committee Reports:**

- Old Business:
  - Watertown Love (pride)
  - Brookings pride
  - Color me mine
  - Goat yoga
  - 211 form
- New Business:
  - Contacting local colleges for back to school activities
  - Contacting outreach groups
    - Mental health groups
    - Reaching out to the two spirit community to play sports
  - Creating youth bowling league
  - Having booth at two spirit pow wow next year

### **Community Outreach Coordinator Reports:**

- Old Business: Still waiting to decide what we would like to do for our next big outreach event after Summer season is done.
- New Business: continue to look for opportunities and organizations that we could help out.
- Veterans, Dudley house, clothing drive and women's Hygiene products at one of our games for women's shelter.
- SEPSA become more involved with our Trans community.

### **President's Report :**

- Old Business:
  - All league banquet

- [Registration](#) now open
    - Food menu choice
    - Google Slides, Powerpoint presentation
    - Schedule Midweek Meeting to hammer out the details.
- New Business:
  - Pride takeaways
    - Parade
      - Float
      - Jennifer & Chelsie Melcher have offered to execute the 2024 SEPSA pride float
      - Rebecca Westra has offered the use of her trailer for the float for 2024
    - Booth
      - Chris and Jacob manned the booth this year
    - Merch
      - Sales were ok. Lots of interest in what SEPSA is
    - Giveaways
      - Did not come in on time and are going to be used for the Larchwood Block Party.
      - Stickers were given out vs being sold @ \$2.00 per
- 2023 positions up for election Vice President, Treasurer. Now accepting [candidate nominations](#).
  - (work with Beckahh who will be in charge of election)
  - Voting Date October 1st, 2023 Timeframe:
  - Eligible members
    - Fall Bowling 2022 (October 2nd, 2022 - December 18th, 2022)
    - Winter Bowling 2023 (January 15th, 2023 - March 26th, 2023)
    - Winter Volleyball 2023 (March 4th, 2023 - April 15th, 2023)
    - Softball 2023 (April 23rd, 2023 - July 23rd, 2023)
    - Kickball 2023 (August 5th, 2023 - September 24th, 2023)
    - Fall Volleyball 2023 (August TBD, 2023 - September TBD, 2023)
  - Nominees
    - To date, only one nomination has been received
  - Ballots/ballot box
    - Need to purchase
- 2023 [Community Involvement Award](#) nominations are now open
  - To date, only one nomination has been received
- 2023 SEPSA goals
  - Reviewed
- Leadership email sent 6/21/23
  - Who needs assistance?

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Old Business:
  - Everyone should be up to date for onboarding and offboarding
    - Does everyone have access to what they need to?
  - SEPSA Pride Field Day
    - If everyone is on board, I would like to save this event as a kick off party for Softball next year. We would utilize the fields as well as partner with Remedy 611.
  - SEPSA Pride weekend



- Sponsorship director will be the point of contact for Damon and if Chris is unavailable, Damon will reach out to me.
- Look at our insurance to see if we can use it to help with Gamechangers.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Old Business:
  - Antonio Rubio Jr. resigned effective immediately 6/5/2023 @ 9:11 PM CST
  - Emergency meeting acknowledged and approved his resignation
  - Antonio have been removed from the WF account and off boarded by Chase
- US Bank account still open
  - Antonio is the only person who has access to this account in person
    - Remove Antonio from account
      - Antonio was removed from this account as of 6/9/2023
      - Behai now has access to the account but there are no debit cards issued yet due to further discussion of the status of this account.
    - Discussion on what to do with these 2 US Bank accounts
- Pride booth, parade receipts are in the treasurer drive
- New Business:
  - Robbie, Behai, and Chase will collectively take on these duties until a candidate is nominated, and elected into the role on October 1st.
- Reimbursement to Chris Sorenson
  - Approved item receipts in the treasurer drive
- Reimbursement to Jacob Grimes
  - Approved item receipts in the treasurer drive
- Reimbursement to Beckahh Westra
  - Waiting for receipts
- Venmo statements have been added to the treasurer drive thru June 2023
- 2023 credits/debits have been updated and current

### **Talk to US Bank personally about CC processing and pos system.**

### **Director of Business Management Report:**

- Old Business:
  - Get Community Involvement Page on Website. - Done
  - Get Nominations Form on Website. - Done
- New Business:
  - Uploaded Receipts for website.
  - Still Need to do:
    - Have not heard back from Ryan or Damon about Poetry
      - Dissolve partnership until communication is established.
    - Alix and Chris are involved in editing content on the website.
  - League Apps Payments:
    - We are using Stipe that charges roughly 3% on each transaction. (At the time of transaction)
    - League Apps charges about 3% of each transaction and this is billed monthly.
    - I have reached out to each about getting these charges reduced:
      - Stripe would reduce only donations that would come through their system. (Which we wouldn't do)
      - League Apps only reduces their cost if there are a lot more transactions going through.
    - Our options:

- Keep using the system and pay these charges
- Go back to not using the payment system and putting the responsibility on the managers to collect. (We will continue to use through kickball and switch to the previous way for fall bowling)
- Add chain of command wording to grievance to website grievance page.
- Update Volleyball tournament registration to July 28th.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Old Business: Bangs McCullen Law Firm- Sarah Baron-Houy
- New Business: Willing to host a Murder Mystery Themed Dinner for Board Members as a team building activity.
- Singo was a hit for Starbursts fundraiser. Hosting a Singo Event for Sliders on July 7th @ Detour Bar to help offset costs for GWS. How can we use SINGO to raise money for SEPSA as a whole, or put on for our players to have fun...
- Motion for Sunshine Funds for injured Strikers player.

**Motions:**

Motion to use Dakota Lettering as fundraising event for generating income for SEPSA accounts.

First:Behai

Second:Robbie

**Unanimous Yes**

Motion to provide \$250 for Sadie Hagemeyer from Sunshine Fund.

First: Beckahh

Second: Behai

**Unanimous Yes**

Motion to place a half page ad announcing SEPSA acceptance into NAGAA and/or SEPSA first year participating in the Gay Softball World Series. Deadline for ad submission is July 20th with \$500 payment

First:Chris

Second: Beckahh

**Denied**

Motion to place a half page ad promoting 2024 Sioux Empire Classic Tournament. Deadline for ad submission is July 20th with \$500 payment

First: Chris

Second:Chase

**Table this motion until July 15th**

Motion for SEPSA general funds to refund \$2,243 to Game Changers 2023 current manager Cari Weddell pending investigation of additional funds with receipt the above amount is final.



First: Robbie  
Second: Beckahh  
Unanimous Yes, from those present

Motion to ban Stacy and Rachel Bolt from SEPSA including all SEPSA sanctioned events, until both meet with the board, missing funds are returned to SEPSA, along with an explanation/apology to Game Changers 2023.

First: Behai  
Second: Olivia  
**Unanimous Yes**

Motion to send a plant to Nicole Malcom not to exceed \$75.

First:Robbie  
Second:Chase  
**Unanimous Yes**

**Adjournment: 3:25pm**

First: Chase  
Second: Behai

**Notes & Reminders:**

Please submit additions and changes by Thursday prior to the meeting

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