

**SIOUX EMPIRE PSA-Softball**  
**March 4th, 2023: MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 2nd, 2023: NEXT MEETING**

Website: [www.siouxempirepsa.org](http://www.siouxempirepsa.org)

Registration: [www.siouxempirepsa.leageapps.com](http://www.siouxempirepsa.leageapps.com)

Email: Softball

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

First: Robert

Second : Travis

**Administration:**

Commissioner- Robert Burandt - x

Assistant Commissioner - Chase Burandt - x

**Team Managers/Proxies/Others:**

Jawbreakers - x

Pups - x

Sliders - o

Game Changers - o

Strikers - o

Dollys Angels - x

Starburst - x

Dirty Secrets - o

Travis Weber - Umpire

Brandi Mitzel- Umpire

**Prior meeting minutes approval**

First: Robert

Second: Chase

**Athletic Code:**

- Review/ratify updates
- Remove Big Sioux Roundup from SEPSA Softball Athletic code and be it's own policy.

**Gay Softball World Series (GSWS):**

- Team managers responsibilities (*Including but not limited to*):
  - Volume 3 Chapter 30 Page 20
  - Volume 3 Chapter 70 Page 31
    - NAGAAA Due dates July 15th: GSWS Team fee, Hotel Deposit, Ratings
      - Amount(s) View the most updated NAGAAA governing manual
    - *Player fee Due Date TBD (still looking into how this \$30.00 is Paid)*
- Team(s) Intent to bid:
  - Sliders
  - Dolly's Angels
  - Jawbreakers
  - Starbursts

**Umpire(s):**

- Interest? Review the information in the link below
  - <http://www.usasoftballofsouthdakota.com/content/new-forms-2.html>
  - Michael Blegen email response: *emails were sent to head and assistant coaches of both Augie and USF on 2/15/23 explaining who we are, what we are looking for and what we will pay. I received a reply from Augie head coach, Gretta, who forwarded the email to all of her players. No further responses from either schools players.*
  - Nicole Malcom to reach out to local high school softball players to umpire.
    - Umpires have to be at least 18 years old
  - First choice(s)
    - **Rand Peterson**: stated he has reviewed the Umpire booklet and is studying for the test.
    - **Terry Buescher's** response: *Hi Everyone! I'm sorry I must have missed your text from early February ! At the present time, I am very hopeful that I will be returning to umpire for you this coming season! If that changes prior to the season I will let you know as soon as I can. Im definitely looking forward to being back on the field again. Keep Swinging for the fence, and I'll see you all on the diamonds soon !!*
    - **Brandi Mitzel** is willing to umpire some games
    - **Travis Weber** - willing to umpire will review information and
    - Linsey Mossman - Interest
    - Guy Juillian- waiting on response
  - Last Resort
    - Michael Blegen - Can umpire non team games
    - Preston Larson - Can umpire non team games
    - Alice Hanmer - Can umpire non team games
    - Robert Burandt - Can umpire non team games
    - Dana Hahn - Can umpire non team games

#### **Ratings committee:**

- Michael Blegen to lead and would like a representative from every team.
- Required ratings clinic.

**Umpires** will get paid \$30 per regular season game and \$35 per playoff/tournament game. An Umpire in Charge (UIC) will be chosen from the first choice section above.

#### **Registration & Fees:**

- Team Fee: \$350 DUE TODAY

Sioux Falls Pups PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied
- Remainder \$46.77 to be applied to the total due for season combined player fees.

Starbursts PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied from 2022 SF Pups

Game Changers PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied
- Remainder made out to Stacey Bolt \$396.77

Dolly's Angels PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied

- Remainder to

#### Jawbreakers PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied
- Remainder made out to follow Alice Hamner for the team she creates with "Free Agents"

#### Sliders

- Pastdue

#### Dirty Secrets

- \*working with manager and Alice Hamner regarding Team Fee

#### Strikers PD IN FULL

- \$350.00 from 2022 earned funds from SF Canaries games applied
- Remainder made out to Kenna Burmeister \$396.77

Player fees due at the April 22nd Kickoff Party. Managers will submit ONE check for the TOTAL players/non-players on their team and submit that to the commissioner.

#### **Sioux Empire Classic: DATE CHANGE NEEDED**

- Damon Farah and Michael Blegen to inform:
- No representative from SEC was present.(see email information below)

#### **Team discussion(s):**

- Email sent 3//1/2023 with no response for additional agenda items

#### **Miscellaneous:**

Per email from Michael Blegen:

Under Athletic Code: Change Big Sioux Roundup to Sioux Empire Classic

Ratings Committee: Michael is willing to be the committee chair, but I requested back in January that I will need at least one member from each team to volunteer. This should have been brought directly to the teams via the managers and volunteers should be stepping up by now. I am not looking to hunt down volunteers, so after this meeting we should have at least 7-8 more members on this committee. As far as scheduling a date(s) for the clinic, the only weekend days I am available before play begins is April 28th and 29th. If we would like to make this multiple days to accommodate all teams schedules, that is fine with me. If you would like to add in a week day, just give me a few dates to choose from. Teams can volunteer more than one member, if they choose. I can help brainstorm the setup for the clinic and hopefully be present, depending on the date(s) decided by SEPSA. (The weekend of 4/21-4/23 is my weekend to work, I could potentially switch one shift with someone if I have enough of a heads up) -- Michael Blegen

Sioux Empire Classic: Tournament confirmed for July 29th and 30th at Harmodon Park (confirmed by Scott Juhnke of Parks and Rec on March 2nd)

- Working with director of sales with Hilton to set up host hotel deal, downtown bars for discounts, and last year's sponsors to sponsor again plus any additional sponsors needed. -- Damon
- We would like to request a new sepsa email account for the tournament "SEtournament@siouxempirepsa.org" or whatever we can agree upon. Damon and I will handle the emails from teams through that email but sepsa can monitor as needed.
- Each team needs one representative to create the tournament committee (preferably only one from each team). Those volunteers should contact us by the next softball meeting, but no later than the

beginning of the season. Committee needs to meet to discuss bad weather plans and finalize the tournament athletic code, etc.

- Relative costs for tournament: 4 fields requested at \$65/field = \$520, would like minimum 4 umpers (hopefully 6) at roughly \$350/ump = \$1400-\$2100. Totaling roughly \$1920-\$2620. We would like to charge a team fee of \$350/team = \$4200 (12 teams) . We have projected the tournament to be 10-12 teams (double last year), but can hopefully increase the number of fields if needed with enough notice to parks and rec. Is SEPSA willing to help cover any cost of umpers again this year?

- John Z created a tournament graphic template with a logo to submit at the March softball meeting. Please express any edits/changes at 3/4 meeting and then vote so that this can be finalized ASAP.

Also, Damon and I discussed what divisions this tournament would showcase. While I hope in the future this tournament will keep growing, I believe that at this point it should remain a D division tournament. If we open it up to D & E and we get 10 D teams and 2 E teams then we are faced with having to refund teams, teams/players could lose money d/t travel cancellations, and we all know that most teams from other NAGAAA cities do not like having to play up from their assigned division. I see tournaments being read for filth because of this very issue all over social media. Damon, also mentioned that you had talked about having a masters division, I personally don't think that would be a good idea right now. Masters D teams can always register to play in the D division but I just don't see us bringing in a large amount of 50+ year old players. I'm up for talking more about this topic, if you'd like.

We currently have 4 fields reserved, 10-12 teams projected. I realize that we have 8 SEPSA teams registered this year and therefore we may need to adjust the amount of fields and teams for the SEC tournament. That's why it's very important we get the graphic/logo, created by John Z, approved at tomorrow's meeting so we can start blasting this tournament on the D Division Travel fb page and NAGAAA's website

(note: no logo graphic was sent or presented)

**Motions:**

Motion:

First:

Second:

**Adjournment:**

First: Robbie

Second: Chase

**Notes & Reminders:**

Please submit additions and changes to Softball Thursday prior to the meeting

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