

**SIOUX EMPIRE PRIDE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SEPSA)**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**January 4, 2025**

**Call to Order (Time: 11:00AM )**

**Roll Call:**

*Executive Officers:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Sorenson, President               | <input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant) Vice-President              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hanson, Secretary               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariah Johnson, Treasurer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cari Weddell, Chief Information Officer |   |

*Executive Committee Members:*

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Crespin, Marketing Director                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Director (Open Position)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Volunteer Director (Open Position)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Director (Open Position) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Director (Christopher, Interim) |  |

*League Commissioners:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rand Peterson, Bowling      | <input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Burandt, Softball            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asst Commissioner Chase                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asst Commissioner Jacob  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessie Fitzgerald, Kickball            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cari Weddell, Volleyball |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant Commissioner Carl |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Creighton, Pool        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Commissioner Chris           |  |

*Team Managers & Visitors:*

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**Order of Agenda:**

1. League Reports
2. Director / Executive Committee Reports
3. Standing Committee Reports
4. Executive Board Reports
5. Announcements & Public Comment (No action can be taken by the board)
6. Adjournment

## League Reports:

### **Bowling:**

- Informational Items
  - Winter season starts 1/12/2025 at 5:00PM
    - 11 week season 1/12/2025 thru 3/30/2025 with no bowling on 2/23/2025
    - 9 Pin Tap
    - Cost: \$13.00
    - Shoe rental: \$2.25
  - Currently 10 teams have signed up - with a few incomplete at the moment.
  - Will be reaching out to team managers this weekend to get all teams finalized.
  - I want to submit rosters to Eastway by Thursday evening.
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Softball:**

- Informational Items
  - 12/18: Jacob & I met for pre-season planning
    - Legacy document created with pre-, regular, and post-season details
  - 12/24: Requested Marketing materials and Website update via email
  - 12/26: Pre-Season meeting scheduled for 01/14 @ 6:00 PM (Virtually)
    - Past participants from the past 4 seasons emailed
  - 01/04: Team registration opens Jan 4th @ \$350.00 per team
    - League Apps, website ready and current
  - Received IPS meeting reservation confirmations from Jacob and Chris
  - Received receipts from Jacob Grimes for flights
    - Sent to the treasurer for reimbursement
  - Received hotel confirmations from Jacob
    - Waiting for the final billing statement for reimbursement
  - IPS Database access has been updated
    - Michael Blegen is willing to assist with 2025 ratings as he is able
  - Reminder to make IPS annual membership payment
    - This needs to be completed before the Winter meetings

### **Board Action Items**

- Purchase field chalk (Waukesha Super Fine 100 Field Marking Lime)
  - 10 bags (From Ace Hardware) and chalk machine (From Amazon)
    - Chris will look at fixing vs buying
  - Budget not to exceed \$300.00 (SEPSA Amazon Business account)
  - Motion: Hanson                      Second: Chris                      Vote: Unanimous

### **KickBall:**

- Informational Items
  - Thinking of planning a meet and greet prior to the season starting. Season starts 8/10, so maybe could be coordinated with the Softball Classic Tournament the weekend prior (8-2 and 8-3)
    - Discussion on trying to recruit new players from other leagues, softball league especially
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Volleyball:**

- Informational Items
  - Deciding between schedule/skill levels for teams ... Starting roughly May
    - Mondays
      - \$235/team
      - B Coed 6's////Rec Coed 6's
    - Tuesdays

- \$270/team
    - B Coed 6's////Rec Coed 6's
  - Thursdays
    - \$295/team
    - B Coed 6's////Rec-Silver Coed
  - Will propose teams/cost at Feb meeting
- Board Action Items
  - Motion for SEPSA to pay 2 team fees.
    - Motion: Hanson                      Second: Cari                      Vote: Unanimous

**Pool:**

- Informational Items
  - 8 teams so far, 5 free agents, 29 players total
    - Current teams: Cue Ballers (Captain: Carl Creighton), Cue Queens (Captain: Chris Sorenson), Lucky Shooters (Captain: Amber Samsowat) , Right On Cue (Captain: Nyna Nygaard), This Isn't Swimming? (Captain: Kenna Burmeister), Nice Racks (Captain: Rebecca Westra), Ballz Deep (Captain: Damon Farah), Hi I-Cue (Captain: Erik Hamilton)
    - May advise teams to divide into more teams after play starts to encourage participation
  - 01/02: Email sent to registered players
    - Follow-up email with more information on the raffle scheduled for 01/05
  - 01/08: Meet and Greet / Fundraiser Raffle at Lucky's Downtown
  - 01/15: Semimonthly season starts
  - 02/12: registration closes
  - 05/19: End of season tournament
  - Created SEPSA Pool Google Calendar with events: [2025 SEPSA Pool Winter Season](#)
  - Form for the fundraiser raffle:
    - We will update the form with grid screenshots when square purchase is confirmed.
    - Payment would be made through the SEPSA sponsorship page. Is there a way to add an email alert to [pool@siouxempirepsa.org](mailto:pool@siouxempirepsa.org) so we can keep track of payments / is there a better way to go about this?
    - See Sponsorship for more details
    - Discuss QGiv.Com and/or other platforms for online raffle / donation management
  - Manager at Lucky's has sent for first batch of shirts to be ordered based on current registrations
- Board Action Items
  - Motion for SEPSA to pay 2 team fees if needed on hardship basis.
    - Money would come from Raffle revenue.
    - Team Fees are \$50 per team.
    - Needs to be requested by the team.
    - Motion: Hanson                      Second: Mariah                      Vote: Unanimous

## **Director Reports**

### **Communications Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Received message, stating misuse of FB. Believed to be scam/fraud
  - Start of survey letter about membership dues
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Recruitment Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Attend Softball managers meeting to find out if there is an interest in a SEPSA Traveling Team
    - contact person so players interested in traveling can reach out
    - Assist with being a pick up player
    - Assist with setting up fundraisers to potentially assist with travel expenses
    - Details to be worked out if Softball League express interest
  - Sioux Falls Pride Winter Festival
    - Wednesday January 22
    - Pool at Lucky's Downtown
      - \$1.50 to play a game
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Sponsorship Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Applebee's fundraiser has been updated. Form is filled out online. Looking for dates, can request 120 days in advance. After date is picked, can request to have at both locations
    - 10% of gross goes to the organization
  - Review how 10X10 Raffle can be handled
  - Have option to have online and volunteer to help during SEPSA events
  - Look into to Chase the Queen
    - Can have online
    - Find place to host weekly drawing
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Community Volunteer Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Todd to give Hall of Fame Awards to the last 2 recipients Friday Jan 3rd
  - Can request volunteers from Wells Fargo and First Bank and Trust
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Marketing Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Updated merchandise inventory on shirts
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Sponsorship, Marketing, & Recruitment Committee**

- Informational Items
  - No items submitted
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

### **Operations / Events Committee**

- Informational Items
  - **Sioux Empire Classic (Robbie & Chris)**
    - Registration opens 1/6/2025
      - League Apps, website ready and current
    - Confirmation from SF Parks and Rec on dates
    - Chris and I will meet 1/7/25 to review the to-do list, which is current in Google Drive.
  - Experience Sioux Falls will provide support for 2025
  - Have a flyer to handout during IPS Winter Meetings
    - 55 copies
    - Budget up to \$35
- Board Action Items
  - Motion to approve flier print cost up to \$100
    - Motion: Hanson
    - Second: Mariah
    - Vote: Unanimous

### **Hall of Fame Committee**

- Informational Items
  - Request to table this committee until further notice including removing Robbie as chair.
- Board Action Items
  - Motion to remove Robbie and instate Michael as chair.
    - Motion: Chris
    - Second: Cari
    - Vote: Unanimous

## Executive Board Reports

**President's Report:**

- Informational Items
  - Need to update access of email and admin
  - Assistant commissioners
    - Add to email
    - Allow access to appropriate Google Drives
  - Utilize Google Chat vs personal text
  - Approve proposed dates 2025 Board meeting
    - 1st Saturday of Every Month, unless major conflict
  - Transfer Google Voice
  - Fundraising letter from Rainbow Chorus
  - Fundraising letter from Transformation Project
  - Will set up time to visit with each League Commissioners
    - What are their goals
    - How SEPSA can help achieve goals
    - Changes they would like to see/explore
- Board Action Items
  - Motion to approve \$500 donation to Rainbow Chorus
    - Motion: Mariah Second: Michael Vote: Unanimous

### Vice President's Report:

- Informational Items
  - Discussion how to handle the vacancy
    - Board Discussion
- Board Action Items
  - Michael Hanson nominated and approved by unanimous vote of remaining board members.
  - Michael will continue as interim secretary until a new secretary is found.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Informational Items
  - December financials and invoice sent out to Stacey/Rachel Bolt on 1-3-25
  - Updated Registered Agent with SD Secretary of State from Robbie Burandt to Chris Sorenson
  - Logged into USPS account to make PO box payment
  - Need to finalize 2024 Operating/Expense financials
    - Once finalized, will need to make motion to transfer funds from General Funds to Banquet, Softball, Volleyball, etc. to zero out balance
  - Need to send out 1099s
  - Need to send out 2024 Donation Receipts
  - Need to file SD Sales Tax return
  - Need to file Annual Report with SD Secretary of State
- Board Action Items
  - Motion to accept treasurer's report.
    - Motion: Michael      Second: Chris      Vote: Unanimous

**Chief Information Officer Report:**

- Informational Items
  - All items have been passed from Chase to Cari
- Board Action Items
  - No action taken.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Informational Items
  - By Law Review and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Creation

- Board Action Items

- Approve December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Christopher

- Second: Cari

- Vote: Unanimous

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Cari

Second: Mariah

Vote: Unanimous

**Notes & Reminders:**

Please submit additions and changes by Thursday before the meeting

**Next Meeting: February 1, 2025 | Location: SF Library**

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