

August 30th, 2020

Sioux Empire Pride Softball League (SEPSL) Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Robert Burandt, Chase Burandt, Vern Kreun, Logan Ryder, Micah Scwoesser

1. **Discussion:**

- Join SF Pride or create Sioux Empire (*name under review*) Association.
- Moving forward with Umbrella (*name under review*) Association development
- Sioux Empire Pride Softball League to be played in Sioux Falls with teams from the Sioux Empire area (ie. Brookings, Mitchell, Tea, Madison, Harrisburg, Sioux Falls, Brandon, Dell Rapids etc...)
- Setting up 501(c)(3)
- Board Creation
- 1st year appointed, 2nd and beyond membership voting will determine positions 2 year terms with no term limits.
- Voting taking place on alternating years for (TDB)
- Goal to join NAGAAA when eligibility requirements are met
- Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat etc...)

2. **SEPSL Board Members Appointed:**

- Commissioner: Robert Burandt
- Assistant Commissioner: OPEN
- Treasurer: Vern Kreun
- Communications Director: OPEN
- Recruitment Director: Logan Ryder/Micha Scwoesser
- Secretary: OPEN (Micha Scwoesser interim secretary)
- Member at Large Chase Burandt

3. **NAGAAA Member City Requirements:**

- Association identifies as a sports organization in the LGBTQ+ community of its metropolitan area.
- Representatives from the association attend two NAGAAA meetings: the meeting where they are requesting membership and the preceding meeting.
- Petitioning association has operated for two years with a minimum of 4 teams registered in each of those years.
- Benefits of becoming a member city with NAGAAA include: Ability to host our own tournament inviting member cities to SF, send teams to GSWS and other member cities tournaments, grow NAGAAA membership creating a larger

presence in the midwest region. AND (more to come from NAGAAA board member Joe Brenes)

4. MISC Topics:

- Umbrella Association development to house LGBT community sports leagues (ie. Softball, Cornhole, Bowling, Volleyball, Darts etc...) ~Vern Kreun will create [501\(c\)\(3\)](#) using home address for league
- Greatwestern Bank ~ Vern Kreun will set up account requiring 2 signatures
- By-laws creation ~ Shared from [Circle City Pride Softball](#)
- [Sioux Falls Park & Recreation](#) for fields to host (SEPSL) Sunday games ~ Robert Burandt will continue talks
- Umpires/ASA bats/ASA balls ~ Robert Burandt will research
- League insurance ~ Vern Kreun will shop quotes
- Website design ~ Chase Burandt will create
- Email/Facebook setup ~ Robert Burandt
- Recruitment ~ Logan & Micha will reach out to outlying cities contacts but all are encouraged to get the word out word-of-mouth until website/social media outlets are created.