

**SIoux EMPIRE PRIDE SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SEPSA)  
MEETING AGENDA  
August 10, 2024**

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

**Roll Call:**

*Executive Officers:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Burandt, President                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Sorenson, Vice-President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Hanson, Secretary                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariah Johnson, Treasurer      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chase Burandt, Chief Information Officer |  |

*Executive Committee Members:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Grimes, Marketing Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment Director (Open Position)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deandra Ruff, Community Volunteer Director  | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications Director (Open Position) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship Director (Christopher, Interim) |  |

*League Commissioners:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rand Peterson, Bowling | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Blegen, Softball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Fitterer, Kickball        | <input type="checkbox"/> Cari Weddell, Volleyball            |

*Team Managers & Visitors:*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Creighton | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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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
  - a. (No action can be taken by the board)
6. Adjournment

## League Reports:

### Bowling:

- Informational Items
  - Had meeting with Duncan at Eastway Bowl:
    - Weekly fees went up to \$13 instead of \$12 per bowler
    - Shoe rentals are still \$2.75
    - \$500 league fee
    - No more adult themed cards while playing
    - 0 tolerance of bring outside food, beverages, or alcohol
    - Registration will open after softball:
      - Early, Regular, and Late
      - Team fees will remain same as last year
      - Teams capped at 6 bowlers per team
      - No Make Up Games Allowed
    - Fall Bowling:
      - Start October 6th 5pm
      - End December 15th being the end of season tournament
      - Regular Season
    - Winter Bowling:
      - Start January 12th 5pm
      - End March 30th being end of season tournament
      - 1 week off for the tournament that they host. They are not sure on the date yet.
      - 9 Pin Tap
      - Superbowl Sunday is going to start at 2:30 pm.
  - No Action Needed (Budget Previously Approved).
    - Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

### Softball:

- Informational Items
  - 8/11 - week 10 of regular season, managers meeting
  - **Michael to work on 2024 softball expenses**
  - **MVP's due 8/11**
  - 8/17-8/18 - EOS Tournament, will be using Tourney Machine app - bracket and times created but waiting for standings
  - Umps: Chris B moved (need to mail check for July), Peter K is done, Michael H will continue? – Guy, Preston, Michael, Robbie could possibly ump?
    - Robbie will reach out to USA Softball Umpires SD
  - GSWS fundraisers: Singo at Club David (**date to be determined**), virtual 50/50 raffle (LIVE now until 9/7), 50% of proceeds for Drag the Fields, looking for one more idea at least, working on sponsors/donors.
  - Michael B & Jacob have reserved GSWS hotel rooms. Michael B 10/11-10/20, Jacob 10/11-10/17. GSWS flights still need to be purchased - currently tracking on google flights for best prices.
  - Chase to step up as Assistant-Co for the 2025 season.
- Board Action Items

- Allocate \$1500 that was previously approved for 3 teams to go to GSWS to instead go towards 1 team going .. Pending review of budgets.
  - Motion: Michael B.      Second: Chase      Vote: Unanimous

**Kickball:**

- Informational Items
  - Michael F resigned as Commissioner
  - Jessie taking on commissioner role
  - Jessie will need access to League App, emails and Drive
- Board Action Items
  - Acceptance of Michael F's resignation
    - Motion: Robbie      Second: Jacob      Vote: Unanimous
  - To appoint Jessie F as commissioner (Robbie to meet with Jessie)
    - Motion: Chase      Second: Christopher      Vote: Unanimous

**Volleyball:**

- Informational Items
  - Last game Sept 12 (Single Elimination Tournament)
  - All teams have paid for their jerseys.
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

## **Director Reports**

### **Communications Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - The District FB posted Drag Show, do not engage in negative comments
  - Dakota News Now showed of Sioux Empire Classic Tournament on Sunday 9 pm news
  - USA Softball of SD nominated Robert for volunteer of the week
  - Dramatic increase in engagement on FB
    - Believe due to both SEC and Divas Midwest Drag Spectacular
  - Promote league and teams fundraiser
    - Dirty Secrets partnering w/ SF Pride Aug 24 @ The Den
    - Gay Softball World Series
  - Sioux Empire Classic Sponsor to be on SEPSA website for 1 year
    - Add Creatively Bear Creations, donation of custom metal sign
    - Facebook shout throughout the year for SEC, was not part of package
    - Sioux Empire Classic hired a photographer, photos to be posted soon
    - Other photographers on site, they can submit their pics
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

### **Recruitment Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Informed Larch Block Party not able to attend, asked to be invited next year
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

### **Sponsorship Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Applebee's CARES program ... Follow up needed with Applebee's
    - Program changes made last month
    - Should be ready to launch in September
  - Matchbox Candle fundraiser (<https://matchboxcandleco.com/pages/fundraising>)
    - Waiting to hear back about details on how fundraiser works
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

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

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

### **Marketing Director Reports:**

- Informational Items
  - Bowling poster is completed and waiting on final details.
  - Marketing materials for 2025 has begun
  - Drag the field is still being worked on
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

## **Standing Committee Reports**

### **Sponsorship, Marketing, & Recruitment Committee (Chairs: Christophe)**

- Informational Items
  - Nothing to Report, no meeting due to Fan Appreciation Day and SEC
  - Next Meeting Aug 24, 10AM - Location TBD
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

### **Operations / Events Committee (Chair: Christopher)**

- Informational Items
  - **Sioux Empire Classic (Robbie & Chris)**
    - [2024 successes](#), Survey Monkey sent out to participants
    - 2025 dates tentatively sent for August 2-3, 2025
  - **Midwest Drag Spectacular (October 5th, 2024) (October 5)**
    - Presale tickets - 76 (SEPSA Members, Friends & Family)
    - Open to public
    - Need help getting partners, every dollar raised helps towards net amount
    - Drinks special in a lips glass
    - Auction items
    - 50:50 Raffle
    - Photo booth opportunity, working with Transformation Project to get contact
      - Sunday morning brunch at ICON (\$10 back to SEPSA for every ticket sold)
      - Drag BINGO - Location TBD
  - **Drag the Fields and Taco Challenge**
    - Confirmed Sept 21 at Club David
    - Will work with Marketing to develop materials
    - On agenda for Softball manager meeting
    - Todd to help with finding Queens to mentor
    - Taco Challenge will need judges
  - **All League Banquet (October 25th, 2024)**
    - Committee meetings scheduled and invites sent
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

### **Hall of Fame Committee (Chair: Robbie)**

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

## **Executive Board Reports**

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

- Informational Items
  - Community Involvement nominations are due
    - See Secretary Report
  - Executive officer nominations are due
    - See Secretary Report
  - Update on [Business Accounts](#)
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

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

- Informational Items
  - Cornhole Sisters of Omaha asking to partner with SEPSA for clothing drive
    - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H8sLdG6HXBpfeLCYVhA3oasbH1LXldUz?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H8sLdG6HXBpfeLCYVhA3oasbH1LXldUz?usp=drive_link)
    - FB Event posting ready to share
    - Saturday, Oct 12, 10-3 pm at The Verdict An Urban Bar & Grill in Omaha
    - Asking to have donations received by Oct 5th
- Board Action Items
  - Approve partnership with Cornhole Sisters of Omaha
    - Motion: Robbie                      Second: Christopher      Vote: 1 Nay; 6 Yay

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

- Informational Items
  - Need to set up Venmo account
  - Need to email/mail out donation receipts for Blend Interactive (\$1000), Vernon Kreun (\$500), Eastway Bowl (\$250), Queen On The Scene (\$250), & CRAVE (\$500)
  - Vernon Kreun \$100
  - Have we received the Eastway Bowl check yet?
    - Not at the time of the meeting
  - Need to send out Bolt invoice/receipt
  - \$568.60 Venmo transfer - what amount for raffle sales & what amount for merch sales?
  - Pay JD's invoice for softball end-of-season tournament awards
  - Need check amounts check # 3201 & 3202 for SEC umpire fees
  - Pay Stensland invoice for SEC umpire food bill
  - Send out remaining financial reports
  - Get door \$ from Robbie/Todd - \$206
  - \$100 in cash box
- Board Action Items
  - Approve Treasurer's Report - Tabled to September board meeting

### **Chief Information Officer Report:**

- Informational Items
  - Site email service setup and resent all emails.
  - Added 3 resources to the resources page.
  - Stripe POS is not sustainable because an app needs to be created and functional for IOS & Android and don't have the resources to do so.

- Provided information on how to accept payments through the Stripe app.
  - Sports Engine Update:
    - Reached out to Ben (Sports Engine Rep) to get a preview scheduled.
  - Website Update:
    - After Dec. 31 2024 I will still maintain the Umbraco Website (Probono) as this is what I do for a career. What I mean by maintain:
      - Update Packages - keeping the site up to date to the latest stable versions.
      - New Feature Requests - The board can request new features to the site and will respond if doable or not.
      - Issues: If a bug is found, will attempt to fix or provide info on how to mitigate the issue.
      - **I will not be updating content on the website.**
    - If the board decides to move the site to Sports Engine or another platform will assist with updating DNS to a new location to which I will turn the Umbraco site off.
- Board Action Items
  - No Board Action Items.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Informational Items
  - Upcoming Elections
    - Nominations closed today
    - Carissa has not responded to accept nomination for CIO.
    - Robbie has declined nomination for President
    - Chase has declined nomination for CIO
    - President Nominations: Christopher Sorenson
    - Secretary: Michael Hanson, Rebecca Westra
    - CIO: Jacob Grimes, Carissa Weddell
  - Community Involvement Nomination
    - Kathy Knobloch & Eileen Friest
      - Motion by Michael H; Second by Chase; Vote: Unan
  - External Communications
    - Fairfield Inn (At Sanford Sports Complex) would like to be considered as a host hotel in the future.
- Board Action Items
  - Request to begin All-Star / Competitive Cheerleading
    - Motion: No motion - more info requested                      Second:                      Vote:
  - Secretary's Report
    - Motion: Robbie                      Second: Michael B                      Vote: Unan

**Adjournment:**

Motion: Chase                      Second: Robbie                      Vote: Unan

**Notes & Reminders:**

Please submit additions and changes by Thursday before the meeting

**Next Meeting: September 7, 2024 | Location: SF Library**

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