September 2026
LAS VEGAS GAY SOFTBALL LEAGUE | Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, | 6:30pm | MICROSOFT TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to Approve: Conard Franz, Seconded by: Cory Gullatt-Bailey

BOARD MEMBERREPORTS:

- **COMMISSIONER**
  - **Gay Softball World Series:** Congratulations to all the teams who attended the Gay Softball World Series in Columbus! Thank you to everyone who traveled to support one another and represent our league. Communication leading up to the World Series was excellent, and thanks to the coaches, we were able to gather everyone and get the league photo taken with minimal difficulty. **Hotel Room Nights Team Deposits:** We were able to document 108 room nights from the hotel folios received so far. If no additional folios are received before the deadline, we will be able to return deposits to the seven teams that contributed. Additionally, two teams did not record any room nights; however, we will receive one extra deposit, and that amount will be split between those two teams. **Ratings Clinic:** Thank you to everyone who worked hard to organize and ensure the ratings clinic ran smoothly. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated! **GSWS Opening Ceremony T-Shirts:** There are still some GSWS opening ceremony T-shirts that have not been distributed. As I see coaches, teams, and players, I will continue handing them out. If you or someone on your team is still missing a shirt, please have them seek me out so I can get it to them. **Additional T-Shirt Order:** A second T-shirt order will be placed for anyone who would like to purchase a shirt. Please note that the cost will be **$35 per shirt**, rather than the original $30, due to the smaller order size.

- **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**:
  - **Gay Softball World Series (GSWS):** I am extremely proud of our league at GSWS! We showed up for one another, played well, and maintained a positive attitude without putting down our own teammates or other teams. The overall atmosphere within our league was positive, and it was great to see everyone supporting one another. Congratulations to the Old Bats for bringing home 1st Place from their division. **Shout-Out to Teddy:** Thank you for the T-shirt design! There were a lot of people at the opening ceremony asking about the shirts, and they were a big hit. **Shout-Out to Sam Park:** Thank you for your dedication to capturing the GSWS experience! Sam took approximately 22,000 photos and brought his laptop and a hard drive to

manage the countless photos and videos he captured throughout the event. **Ratings Committee:** Shawn has officially joined the Executive Board. An election was held to select a new Ratings Committee Chair, and Tony Maldonado has been named to the position. Congratulations to Tony! **Fall Draft Tournament:** The Fall Draft Tournament will take place on October 18, 2026. Registration is due no later than October 4, 2026. Team assignments and the official tournament name will be announced at Bar of the Week on October 11, 2026. **Fee Committee:** As discussed during last month's meeting, we are looking to establish a Fee Committee and would like to get this process moving sooner rather than later. Participation is open to all league members. If you are interested in joining, please email board@lvgsl.com. **Governing Document Amendment Request:** The purpose of this amendment request is to establish a more consistent timeframe for Executive Board members to begin their terms following each election. Historically, the Gay Softball World Series has typically taken place around Labor Day weekend; however, the event dates have varied in recent years. For example, the Las Vegas GSWS was held in October, while the Houston GSWS took place in late September. The 2027 GSWS is also scheduled for October. Rather than tying the start of board members' terms to the timing of GSWS, the proposed amendment would establish a specific timeframe for board members to begin their terms following each election, providing greater consistency regardless of when the World Series takes place.

- By-laws Section 6.5
  - **Current Verbiage:** The newly elected Board Members will take office at the board meeting immediately following the NAGAAA World Series of said year. **Proposed Verbiage:** The newly elected Board Members will take office at the September board meeting of the same year in which they were elected.
  - **Vote:** Passes with majority vote.

- **TREASURER**
  - **AUGUST 2026 Report:**
    - Starting Balance: $50,232.84
      - Deposits: $1,628.73
      - Withdrawals: $349.91
    - Ending Balance: $51,511.66
- **SECRETARY**
  - No Updates

- **WOMEN'S DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - No Updates
- **UPPER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - Best of luck to Tony as he takes over as Ratings Committee Chair! I'm available to provide support and assist as needed to help ensure a smooth transition.
- **LOWER DIVISION COMMISSIONER**
  - I would like to establish an E-Division Council consisting of one representative from each team. The group would meet once a month via Zoom to discuss rules, bylaws, and other league-related matters, as well as address questions and concerns. The goal is to ensure consistent communication so that all teams receive the same information and guidance.

GSWS Shout-Outs: A big shout-out to the Floyals for picking up players to attend the World Series and continuing to play until 2:00 a.m.! Congratulations to the Old Bats as well. It was great to see everyone come together and support the league at the event. **Newly Elected Board Members:** Congratulations to all of our newly elected board members! Best of luck to everyone in their new roles.

Committee Reports:

- **Ratings Committee –** Chair: Tony Maldonado (newly elected)
    - Not Present
- **Tournament Committee –** Chair: Conard Franz
    - **Neon Classic 2027:** Thank you to everyone who helped distribute flyers for Neon Classic 2027! Now, I encourage you to reach out personally to the people you met or spent time with at GSWS to invite them to participate in Neon Classic. I will begin promoting the tournament on social media, so keep an eye out for those posts and help spread the word! Team registration is now open, with a **register now, pay later** option available. We want to see a strong local presence at this tournament, so please encourage your teams to register and help us show our support right here in our own city! Side Note: Only teams that are registered with LVGSL would be covered by our accident insurance, but if you get a group of people from multiple LVGSL teams, you are welcome to do so, but that mash-up team would not be covered by the LVGSL insurance. Ratings will still be checked with iPride and Rosters will still need to be submitted as the standard process.
- **Outreach Committee –** Chair: No New Rep Named
    - An email was received from Brittany Draper expressing interest, but not sure how quickly she was going to be able to jump in and take that on. No further interest has been received at this time. Pride Month and the Pride Parade will be coming up which would be tough to pull off, but if you're interested in being the chair of this committee, please email: board@lvgsl.com
- **Sponsorship / Fundraising Committee –** Chair: Open Position
- **Scorebook Committee –** Chair: Sam Park
    - We won't have official score keepers at the games later this fall, but in the meantime, we will work on recruitment and training.

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Social Media Chair Proposal – Darius Clay**:
    - **Social Media Committee Proposal:** A proposal was presented to establish a Social Media Committee for the league in response to the league's continued growth and the increasing number of teams. After playing in the league for the past three and a half years, I would like to put my name forward for the Social Media Chair position. The goal would be to increase the league's social media presence by collecting photos, videos, and other content from teams to showcase the league's growth, community, and positive atmosphere. Each team would have the opportunity to contribute content, allowing the league to highlight a variety of players, teams, and events. Additionally, the proposal includes establishing subcommittees to assist with capturing photos and videos and potentially bringing back the Tiny Mic Segments. **Open Discussion: Dave Mondt:** Shared that iPride is working to increase its social media presence and specifically recognized the Palm

Springs League for its creative and effective social media content. **Nate Carlson:** Asked who the committee would report to. It was clarified that, according to the bylaws, the Assistant Commissioner serves as the head of the committee. **Cory Gullatt-Bailey:** Noted that D does an excellent job managing social media for the Warriors and Valkyries, generating a great deal of positive engagement, and expressed support for D as a potential candidate for the position. **Dave Mondt:** Emphasized the need to establish clear guidelines and parameters for the position, including who would be authorized to post content and what approval process would be required before posts are published. **Vote:** The proposal to establish a Social Media Committee, with a formal description and defined guidelines and parameters, passed with **20 votes in favor**.

- **Outreach Committee Chair – Position Now Open**
    - No Updates
- **Governing Document Amendment Request** – Justin Hager
- **Rules of Play – Article 15, Section 2 – Pickup Players**
    - **Current Verbiage:** In the fall season, teams may pick up players to field a ten (10) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players not to forfeit. A pickup player must be from the same division or lower. **Proposed Verbiage:** In the Fall Season, teams may pick up players to field an eleven (11) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players to not forfeit. A pickup player must be from the same division or lower.
- This amendment was proposed based on several situations that occurred during the current and previous seasons. In some instances, teams asked lower-division players who had earlier games at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to remain at the park until 1:00 p.m. to serve as pickup players. However, when a rostered player who had not previously confirmed their attendance unexpectedly arrived or changed their RSVP at the last minute, the pickup player could no longer participate, despite having waited at the park for hours. The intent of this amendment was to provide a one-player allowance so that teams could honor their commitment to pick up players who had already agreed to help and waited to participate, even if an additional rostered player arrived unexpectedly. **Open Discussion: Dave:** Expressed support for the proposed amendment. **Nate:** Expressed support for the proposed amendment. **Brett:** Suggested increasing the limit to twelve (12) players rather than eleven (11). **Justin:** Agreed with the suggestion to increase the limit to twelve (12) players. **Tami:** Asked whether rostered players would receive priority over pickup players if a team had ten (10) of its own rostered players available. Dave Mondt confirmed that rostered players would receive priority.
- **Vote and Outcome:** The amendment passed by majority vote, effective immediately for fall season.
- **Final Approved Verbiage:** In the Fall Season, teams may pick up players to field a twelve (12) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players to not forfeit. A pickup player must be from the same division or lower.
- **Rules of Play – Article 15, Section 2 (creates consistency with Section 4, which is currently out of alignment).**
    - **Current Verbiage:** 15.2 In the Fall Season, teams may pick up players to field a ten (10) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players to not forfeit. A pickup player must be from the same division or lower. 15.4: If a team has a pickup player with a rating of a higher division, the game will be considered a forfeit and fees described in Article 3.04 apply.

    - **Proposed Verbiage:** 15.2: In the Fall Season, teams may pick up players to field a ten (10) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players to not forfeit. A pickup player must be rated for participation in the same division or lower. 15.4: If a team has a pick-up player with a rating of a higher division, the game will be considered a forfeit and fees described in Article 3.04 apply.
- **Proposed Amendment:** This proposal seeks to revise one sentence in the Rules of Play regarding pickup player eligibility. The current language states that a pickup player must be from the same division or lower. The proposed revision would clarify that a pickup player must be **rated to participate in the same division or lower**. Currently, some players who are rated at the E-division level are rostered on D-division teams. Because their teams are classified in the D division, these players are not currently eligible to serve as pickup players in the E division, despite their individual ratings qualifying them to participate at that level. This amendment would base pickup player eligibility on an individual's rating rather than the division of the team on which they are rostered. **Open Discussion: Dave:** Expressed some concerns about the proposal, noting that similar language had been in place previously. However, enforcing the rule required coaches to know each player's individual rating, which placed an additional burden on them. **Nate:** Suggested creating a list of players who are rostered on D-division teams but are eligible to participate in the E division, provided they do not have Question 3 on their rating assessment.
- **Vote and Outcome:** The amendment passed by majority vote, effective immediately for fall season.
- **Final Approved Verbiage**: 15.2: In the Fall Season, teams may pick up players to field a twelve (12) person starting lineup. Teams shall field at least four (4) of their own rostered players to not forfeit. A pickup player must be rated for participation in the same division or lower. (A roster of eligible pickup players to be provided by the league). 15.4, if a team has a pick-up player with a rating of a higher division, the game will be considered a forfeit and fees described in Article 3.04 apply.

Open Floor:

Coaches, particularly new coaches, were reminded to review the FAQ section on the LVGSL website under “How to Join.” Coaches are responsible for understanding the league’s bylaws, Softball Code, and governing documents, all of which are publicly available online. Members were encouraged to submit additional questions so the FAQ document can be updated as needed.

- Mission Statement and Softball Code: The Commissioner reviewed the LVGSL mission statement, emphasizing the league’s purpose of promoting competitive softball and recreational activities within the LGBTQ+ community. The discussion also addressed Softball Code Section 3.5, which limits heterosexual-oriented players to three positions in a team’s batting lineup or three roster positions. The rule’s eligibility verification process was also reviewed.
- Discussion Regarding Player Eligibility and Roster Compliance: Concerns were raised about a team allegedly exceeding the league’s limit on non-LGBTQ+ players. The discussion addressed coaches’ responsibilities for understanding player eligibility, how players’ identities are verified when eligibility is challenged, and the importance of ensuring teams comply with the Softball Code. Participants expressed differing perspectives on enforcement, the inclusion of allies, and the importance of maintaining an LGBTQ+-centered league.
- Maintaining an LGBTQ+-Centered Environment: Several members emphasized the importance of preserving LVGSL as a welcoming, LGBTQ+-centered environment

where members can participate comfortably and authentically. The discussion acknowledged the value of allies while reinforcing the league's responsibility to uphold its mission and governing documents.

- Potential Resolution: The Commissioner encouraged the coaches involved to work collaboratively toward a resolution. Cory Gullatt-Bailey was asked to coordinate a discussion with E-division coaches, particularly the coach of the team in question, to explore possible solutions. Potential options discussed included exhibition-only participation or refunds for players who could not continue participating under the league's requirements.
- Next Steps: The Commissioner expressed a desire to expedite the process and indicated that the Executive Board would be open to reviewing and voting on a proposed resolution during an emergency executive session.

Outcome: No final resolution was reached during the discussion. Further collaboration among the coaches and review by the Executive Board were requested to determine an appropriate path forward.

Meeting Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn: Theo Stelter / Seconded: Cory Gullatt- Bailey. Meeting Adjourned at: 8:28pm.

Attendance:

Board Meeting Attendance Tracker		
Board Meeting Date:	**September 15th, 2026**	
Board Position	**Board Member**	**Notes**
Commissioner	Dave Mondt	
Assistant Commissioner	Nate Carlson	
Treasurer	Thorn Merillat	
Secretary	Anne Vroman	
Lower Division Commissioner	Cory Gullatt-Bailey	
Upper Division Commissioner	Shawn Dunlap	
Women's Division Commissioner	Julie Gaura	
C Division	**Team Representative**	**Notes**
Grease Monkeys	Shawn Dunlap	Non-Voting
D Division	**Team Representative**	**Notes**
Firehawks	Theo Stelter	
Floyals	Brett Patton	
Grease Monkeys D	Tyler Smith	
Lazer Sports (Knock Offs)	Rhond Woodruff	
Lightning	Conard Franz	
Old Bats	Dave Mondt	Non-Voting
Organized Khaos	Gabe Desch	
Pirates D	Thorn Merillat	Non-Voting
Side Hustlers	Lisa Child	
Vegas Warriors D	Tony Gullatt-Bailey	
E Division	**Team Representative**	**Notes**
Diamonds	Felicia Miller	
Grizzlies	Rachel Delgado	
Hust-Ees	Justin Hager	
Hustlers	Justin Hager	
Outsliders (Golden Girls)	Theo Stelter	Non-Voting
Pirates E	Frank Maione	
Unity	Tami Leonardi	
Vegas Warriors E	Anthony Needler	
Women's Division	**Team Representative**	**Notes**
No Mames	Not Present	
Valkyries	Darius Clay	
Beavers	Julie Gaura	Non-Voting
Misfits	Not Present	