

RCSL COACHES/MANAGERS MEETING

Thursday June 4, 2009

Attendance: Christian Battey (Representative GRIND), Kristen Lancaster (GIRLSPOT), Lori Chandronnet (Town Hall Lanes Manager), Tom LaBrosse (Gallery Coach), Jonathan Ricci (RCSL Commissioner/Gallery), Mary Walker (Town Hall Lanes Ast. Manager), Kristen Lavery (Misfits Coach), Marba Samoorryan (Misfits), Mike Leitao (Grind/Bandits Coach & RCSL Co-Player Liaison), Jennifer Wall (RCSL Secretary/GIRLSPOT), Donna Ford (Cat-Atomic Representative), David Motta (Manager of Cat-Atomic).

Meeting Called To Order: 8:52 p.m.

Sign In Sheet

- Passed around a sign-in sheet including first & last name, team affiliation, role on team or in league, email address, home phone # and cell phone #.

Team Updates

- Wheels is no longer a team in the RCSL due to attendance.
- Distribution of Wheels players to C Division teams that are still interested in playing and are in good standing with the league:
Cat-Atomic- Javier & David
Blazin' Kitty's- John Sousa
Bandits- Shaun Miller & Mike Leitao (Assistant Manager)
- Following Wheels players still need teams: Calvin Rodriguez, Leon Cabroja & Sandy Santanna; 2 players will go to the GRIND and 1 to Blazin' Kitty's
- Shawn Marshalls has been assigned to Town Hall Lanes.
- Brian Rogers is no longer the Manager of Gallery and will be playing for Cat-Atomic.
- At coaches/managers discretion as to what they do with players who repeatedly don't show up. They can't get their money back, but they can be replaced as long as it's before player ratings are submitted.

Scores

- Coaches are responsible for turning in completed score sheets to the Commissioner or a board member at the end of their games. If you forget to do so, call or email them ASAP.
- Scores need to be in so they can be posted on the website.

Rules of Play

- Coaches need to be aware of their players behavior while on the field. Remind them about document they signed.
- Lots of trash talk taking place.
- If a problem, conflict or question arises, it needs to be addressed by the Manager or Coach of the team to the umpire.
- Under no circumstances, are balls and strikes to be argued.
- Complaint was raised by several coaches/managers about players on Team Gallery. Commissioner and Coach assured everyone that one player is being held accountable for trash talking. Setting the tone for the rest of the team and this kind of behavior will not be tolerated.
- Co-Player Liaison suggested that if Managers/Coaches have any complaints or questions, they should approach either him or Corey Edwards. Mike said he will try and make himself available after games are over.
- Rules of Play document signed by all team members is due to RCSL Secretary by June 14th. Any team who isn't in compliance is subject to not be able to take the field.

Questions About League Rules

- Tagging Orange Base Question- request to clarify. A player must tag the orange bag and run straight through it without taking the turn to second base. If a turn is made towards second base, they could be tagged and called out, based upon the discretion of the umpire.
- In-Field Fly Rule Question- request to clarify. If there are less than 2 outs and a playable fly ball is hit within 4 or 5 paces in the in-field, and there are runners on 1st and second or the base are loaded, the umpire can put the in-field fly rule into effect. It will be called as it occurs. It is the Managers/Coaches job to talk to the umpires and clarify any questions they might have, prior to the games beginning.
- Leading Question- request to clarify. If a player is caught leading and the umpire sees it, they can be called out. There is no leading in the RCSL. Upon contact, a player can leave the base.

Player Ratings

- Briefly went over player ratings document that the Commissioner had been handing out to each team.
- Coaches/Managers were instructed to follow the directions.
- All "D" Division players cannot be rated over 10 points, unless they have no intention on going to the Gay World Series.
- Player ratings are due to the Commissioner on or before July 1st.

World Series

- Top team in each division is subject to go.
- “C” Division it is usually the GRIND.
- “D” Division has never been able to sent a team. Want to do so this year to gain some respect in NAGAAA.
- Registration fees of \$850 per team. The RCSL will sponsor these funds.
- A \$200 deposit by each player is due in order to secure a spot on the roster.
- World Series is taking place Sept. 1st-8th- approximately.
- Roughly \$99 a night for double bed, double occupancy hotel room (split 4 ways, approx. \$25 per night per person).
- Round-trip airfare to Milwaukee costs approximately \$200-\$300.
- Takes approximately 14 hours by car.
- Teams who fly must rent cars to get from hotels to fields and etc.
- Overall, costs approximately \$800-\$1,000 per person.
- Coaches/Managers are charged with talking to players about this opportunity and mentioning the talking points above. Players must have the vacation time/ability to not work and financial means in order to go.
- RCSL will fundraiser and teams can fundraise to assist.

RCSL Raffle Ticket Fundraiser Update

- One large drive
- 2 winners get 25% each and league takes 50%
- If additional prizes can be secured, monthly or weekly drawings will take place during the interim.
- If name gets drawn for monthly or weekly prize it will be put back in for money drawing.
- Each player will be issued 10 tickets at \$10 each and will be asked to sell them all.
- 1,000 tickets are being printed.
- Coaches/Managers are tasked with talking to players about this fundraiser and asking that anyone who can donate an item(s) do so by June 14th.
- Drawings will take place at host bars after weekly games.
- Major drawing will take place during awards ceremony at RI Tournament.
- Tickets will be distributed to coaches at next coaches meeting.

Banquet Discussion

- Banquet will take place on Sunday August 16th.
- Location will be at Dave Johnson’s house.
- Licensed bartenders will be serving drinks to adults 21+. Donations will be asked for.
- Waiver Forms will be signed by all to protect Dave and the league in the case of an accident or law suit.
- Kid friendly event. Youth activities. BBQ. Prices of guests still TBD.
- Tell your teams now.

June 28th Games

- Agawam Field is in use for a Firefighter Fundraiser.
- Board unanimously voted on allowing them to have the field.
- Pierce Field will be used by “D” Division for games.
- Hull Street Field (Whiteknact Ave Elementary School) will be used for all “C” Division games.
- New game times TBA. Updated schedule is being worked upon.

New Business

- Asked if anyone had any new business which needs to be discussed. Nothing was brought up.

Next Coaches Meeting

- Suggestion of Thursday June 18th.
- Prior to PRIDE, if raffle tickets can be ready in time.

Call To Action Summary

WHO (responsible for completing task)	WHAT (what needs to get done)	WHEN (timeframe)	✓ (check when completed)
Cat-Atomic Management	Contact Javier, David and Brian Rogers about playing on team.	Firm up before July 1 st	
Blazin' Kitty's Management	Contact John Sousa and either Calvin, Leon or Sandy (as assigned) about playing on team.	Firm up before July 1 st	
GRIND Management	Contact either Calvin, Leon or Sandy (as assigned) about playing on team.	Firm up before July 1 st	
Town Hall Management	Firm up Shawn Marshalls spot on your team.	Prior to July 1 st	
Bandits Management	Contact Shaun Miller about playing on team. Firm up Mike Leitao's role in assisting coaching.	Prior to July 1 st	
Coaches/Managers	Completing score sheets and submitting to Commissioner or Board member at the end of the games. If you forget, call or email them in ASAP so they can be posted on website.	Every Week	✓
Coaches/Managers	Remind players about trash talking and rules of play. Reprimand players as necessary. Set ex.	On-going	

Coaches/Managers	Get players to sign Rules of Play. Submit to RCSL Commissioner or Secretary.	June 14 th	✓
Coaches/Managers	Questions about rules? Talk to umpires prior to games for clarification.	On-Going	✓
Coaches/Managers	Complaints about players or etc.? Talk to one of your Co-Player Liaisons (Mike or Corey) when games are over.	As needed	✓
Co-Player Liaison's	Make yourselves available after games so that coaches and managers have an opportunity to approach you with successes, questions, or complaints.	On-going	✓
Coaches/Managers	Fill out player ratings using document provided. Submit to Commissioner.	By July 1 st	
Coaches/Managers	Talk to players about attendance at World Series. Submit interested names to Commissioner by next coaches meeting.	By June 18 th	✓
Coaches/Managers	Talk to players about donations for raffle and about selling tickets. All donations due to a Board member.	By June 14 th	✓
Board Members	Distribute raffle tickets to all coaches/managers	Next Coaches meeting	
Coaches/Managers	Notify players about banquet date and location.	ASAP	
Commissioner & Ast. Commissioner	Revising the schedule based upon field location switch on June 28 th . Notifying all coaches of new schedule.	ASAP	✓
Board Members	Hold next coaches meeting with tournament meeting following.	June 18 th , tentative date	
Secretary	Compile notes from Coaches/Managers meeting; send notes out to Board of Directors for review; send notes to coaches/managers; send notes to Manny to be posted on website	Before next meeting	✓

Meeting Adjourned: 9:55pm.