



LSL AGM 2019 SEASON - Notes and decisions

Attendee Registration	<p>All registered teams were in attendance except :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brew Jays ● BYOB ● Richmond Swingers <p>Teams not attending AGM will be deducted a point at the start of next season as per London Softball League Constitution section 6b.</p>																						
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Agenda Item	Title / Description	Paper
1.	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees welcomed and brief overview of the meeting and agenda given by KM 	
2.	<p>Receive and confirm minutes from previous AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes from the 2018 season AGM approved 	App 1
3.	<p>Season Overview</p> <p>KM shared the committee report of the season. Overall season was seen as another success however a few challenges did arise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The league lost 3 teams through either folding or merging ● Introduction of inclusivity rule for non-binary players as well allowing female players to offically select to bat with 12" ball and be award 2 bases for a walk ● Introduction of 101 South. There were few challenges around attendance. ● All Star day saw a large crowd in late September Sun. ● Small number of technical issues arose that were dealt with by the Technical Officer and Director. ● Overview on Umpiring courses. ● Overview on tournaments ● KM formally announced her stepping down from Director 	App 2
4.	<p>Presentation of Annual Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A summary of the accounts for 2019 was tabled. CV talked through key points and took questions from league members. No issues arose. ● The accounts were accepted by members as a draft. ● Finance Report ● CV reported an overall summary of accounts and breakdown. ● Reports that despite BSF League fees increasing, LSL have not passed this onto teams. ● Overall target of the League is to break even by year-end. ● Noted the end of season party and its success. ● Events that were League sponsored included All Stars Game and the end of season party. ● All tournament profits are allocated to Social events. Reports that accounts are balanced. ● 101 financial status breakdown presented. 	App 3



5.	<p>Updates on BSF/BSUK</p> <p>Reports read by KM. No planned BSF League fee increases for the 2020 season. BSF AGM taking place in Manchester February 29th 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for BSF awards. • Note: BSF World Series possibly moving to Farnham Park. • Note: Baseball MLB returns for 2020. 																																	
6.	<p>Election of 2020 Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant roles and Committee structure review presented by KM. • Voting process explained. • Incumbents Presented. • Nominees presented for vacant roles <table border="1" data-bbox="338 994 1037 1637"> <thead> <tr> <th>Position</th> <th>Name</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Co-Directors</td> <td>Donna Gregory Stephen Lord</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Lukas Kelly*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Chris Vogt*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixtures Officer</td> <td>Vijay Chauhan*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Officer</td> <td>David Hurley*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Umpiring Officer</td> <td>Liz Knight*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Officer</td> <td>Whitney Hollis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Officer</td> <td>Joe Deely</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tournaments Officer</td> <td>Steve Karmeinsky*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications Officer</td> <td>Elliott Josypenko*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Players & Teams Officer</td> <td>Petra Keferova</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Officer – Majors</td> <td>Dana Granville*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Officer – Majors</td> <td>Neil Weyman*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Officer – Minors</td> <td>Stephen Vallance*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Officer – Minors</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Incumbent</p> <p>All voted in unanimously</p>	Position	Name	Co-Directors	Donna Gregory Stephen Lord	Secretary	Lukas Kelly*	Treasurer	Chris Vogt*	Fixtures Officer	Vijay Chauhan*	Technical Officer	David Hurley*	Umpiring Officer	Liz Knight*	Development Officer	Whitney Hollis	Social Officer	Joe Deely	Tournaments Officer	Steve Karmeinsky*	Communications Officer	Elliott Josypenko*	New Players & Teams Officer	Petra Keferova	General Officer – Majors	Dana Granville*	General Officer – Majors	Neil Weyman*	General Officer – Minors	Stephen Vallance*	General Officer – Minors		App 4
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<p>7.</p>	<p>Proposed amendments to Standing Orders</p> <p>KM presented a summary of ‘in principle’ proposed changes to the Regulations Governing Play in the standing orders for discussion and feedback.</p> <p><u>Amendments</u></p> <p>Sections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4f - Early and late season shortened games - 5 - Team forfeits - 10f - Umpiring - 12 - Promotion / relegation playoffs <p>Additions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusive rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members discussed the proposals and other options that were considered by the committee. ● A show of hands confirmed all the proposed changes were supported by the majority of members and motion was passed. ● Feedback from members was noted by the committee, who will develop detailed wording changes for committee approval and publish the revised Standing Orders & Regulations prior to the 2020 season. 	<p>App 5</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Proposed amendments to constitution</p> <p>KM presented a summary of ‘in principle’ proposed changes to the Constitution for discussion and feedback.</p> <p><u>Amendments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Name change: From Greater London Softball Mixed League to London Softball League - 7a - Committee membership - 8c & d - Filling committee vacancies - 10 - Standing Orders and Regulations <p><u>Removal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8f - Majors/Minors voting rights <p><u>Addition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8f,g & h - Removal of Committee members - 9 - Committee procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The proposed change to the Constitution was voted on and unanimously accepted by members. ● Renaming the League. KM presents the proposal to change the league name from GLSML to the London Softball League (LSL). Unanimous vote in agreement. 	<p>App 6</p>



<p>10.</p>	<p>New League Logo and Website</p> <p>With unanimous vote on the new League name a new logo would be needed as well as a new website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group to be assembled for the website. • New LSL logo design will be out- sourced and subject to Committee approval. Further information will be published in due course. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Other items for discussion - Committee</p> <p>Umpiring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BASU and League Umpiring open discussion. • Solo umpiring was considered, however accepted is not ideal in some cases and two umpires is preferred across all divisions. Even if BASU as BASU does not always mean judgement is good. • Overall standard of league umpiring was felt still needs improving. But recognised you need players to attend umpiring courses. • A Committee Working Group is to be formed headed by Liz Knight - Umpiring Officer. Director to put out to League members and representatives to contribute to a discussion group. <p>Standing Orders/Rules and Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While it was agreed that committee should be able to amend Standing Orders and Governance of play, new rules and changes should not be brought in until the end of the season. <p>Forfeited games:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH reports that there were four in the 2019/19 season. The issue of forfeiture was discussed openly and considered that the current guidelines were unclear. Also that there were risks in policing and imposing sanctions. DH will take this area of business to the Committee for review and the amendments necessary for publication. This was agreed by a show of hands. <p>Non-Binary inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail rules read out by KM. Fine tuning needed but a unanimous agreement. • item raised by KM on Pre Non-binary pre season Registration V pre-game declaration. 	



	<p>Playoffs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee proposed a replacement rule for end of season Tie-breakers. ● Current format proving to be too difficult to get teams to meet deadlines for playoff games. Coin toss felt too unfair. ● It was suggested that two weekend dates are set aside for play-offs late season but again it was raised too hard to get teams to commit. ● New tie breaker rule was put forward based on run difference between two teams that are tied ● A show of hands was in favour of a tie-break rule being applied and replacing playoffs.. ● However no clear set of rules was decided. ● KM suggested that a short survey on the subject be brought forward. ● Rule would be passed on to the rules working group to find solution. 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Items for discussion – Teams</p> <p>Division Team numbers - Badgers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kelvin queried having 9 team divisions. ● Current 9 team format is problematic with empty weeks where games are not played. ● VC proposed a ten team division alternative with Bi-Weekly games. ● KM agreed that both and alternate proposals will be taken back to the Committee for further review. <p>Walk rules - Finsbury Dazzlers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul queried whether LSL could remove the current walk rule in circumstances where there are two outs and a female batter can take a free walk to first base. ● It was noted by Paul that it is outdated and sexist. A view shared by some in the room. ● It was heavily opposed by some in the room, including many female players who felt it kept a tactical advantage and felt it would put undue pressure on female hitters who prefer to take the walk, especially in tight games. It was also felt it ensured that pitchers did not walk stronger hitters which many across all divisions stated does happen. ● It was recognised however that many teams were not aware that teams did not have to enforce the rule and should be encouraging female/non-binary batters to hit. However the choice should remain the batter's and not the captain or team. ● It was also explained that new inclusion rule allowed female/non binary batters to hit with a 12" ball and will be awarded 2 bases if walked and that male/non binary batter get awarded 1st base if the batter in front is walked while hitting with a 12" ball 	<p>App 7</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The overall view from members was to allow the current rule to stand in its current form.• The committee did agree to add it to the rules working group as a topic of discussion in consultation with other leagues, BASU and BSF.	
12.	AOB KM received a thank you gift for her service and dedication to the league as league Director. Presented by DG and SL.	