



Our Mission: *To improve the quality of life for GLBTQ individuals by building community through the sport of volleyball.*

Minutes of Tournaments & Open Play Leadership Group Meeting, August 29, 2017

Location: Quad Graphics, 151 West 50 Street/ New York, NY

- Attendance – Joe Hemsing (JH), Joe Mignano (JM), Clif Wallace (CW), Max Szadek (MS), Andrew Dowdye (AD), Bleron Samarxhui (BS), Greg Rubin (GR), Kyle Williams (KW), Nick Sullivan (NS), Eric Eichenholtz (EE).
- M&Ms Ice Breakers
- Activities Updates
 - Northeast Tournament Partnership (NS)
 - NS – reaching out to key peeps in Boston with the goal of doing something
 - Also an option to plug the Fire Island tournament... do we maybe reserve a couple spots for the FI tournament for out of town/non-ny teams
 - Drag Tournament (CW)
 - CW – Brainstorming has begun
 - Pushing for marketing and promotion as a way to gain attendance/interest/buzz
 - Working though schedule but looking for there to be 2 sessions with a drag themed
 - Half Time options include: Drag Make-over competition (Drag on a Dime), Runway show, Guest Speakers
 - Additional Activities – Hit the Wig, Drag Pottluck, Team Pictures
 - MS – Opportunity to invite speaker from “the Imperial Court”
 - JH – reach out to past tournament participants to make sure there isn’t any integral part of the experience that we are missing/planning on leaving out this year.
 - Gotham Cares Mixer (MS)
 - MS – Guest Speakers
 - iMentor – Partnership with HS/JH students with adult mentors
 - Reaching out to “True Colors” Representatives
- Old Business
 - Past Events Recap
 - Summer Tournaments
 - Summer Open Plays
 - Reviewed stats on summer activities. Financial chart shared.

- Review Roles
 - Friendship Tournaments Admins (AD & NS)
 - Communications (JM & DC)
 - Northeast Partnership Director (NS)
 - Drag Tournament Director (CW)
 - Meeting Minutes (KW)
- New Business
 - Fall Schedule
 - Structure is similar to Last Year
 - What programming slots are still open?
 - Howe Saturday Mornings 9-1 (Gotham-wide unscheduled)
 - Opportunity to leverage Nagva schedule for gym rentals
 - Could you also just offer it as an open gym?
 - Do we offer it as an early option for practice – Warm up
 - Crappy Weather practice place for Rustin Players
 - Play time for members who did not make a team
 - Do we leverage JH player database in order to target players not on a team but have done open plays and cross that with players who have not been on a team but tried out
 - Leverage the fact that it is an abbreviated commitment
 - Is it something like PP where its half training half team play
 - Howe Sunday Mornings 10-1 (T&OP focused)
 - NS - Would be good for once a month clinic?
 - JM - Furthermore vs. a specific programming do we use it as a general community outreach space/time
 - EE – Reunion Tournament
 - FOLLOW UP
 - CW and KW to take a stab at figuring out a floating/rotating sort of schedule for the Sunday morning at Howe Space.
- Eligibility
 - Review of Current Eligibility Guidelines for Friendships (EE)
 - Ideas:
 - Do we work friendship tournament sign-up on a one week lag
 - Can we take a harder stance on submitting rosters?
 - Can we set it up so that when the captain enters in the roster, the persons last division/power class shows up?
 - What do we do with last minute roster changes?
 - What do we do when people show up with people not on their roster?
 - What do we do with people not in Gotham
 - Is it really that much to ask to make sure that everyone submitted on a roster has a Gotham account
 - Is there a way to ad hoc assess player skill
 - What do we do with...Exceptions
 - GR – Taking a crack at summarizing the ideas with the goal of getting the idea back to the committee in the next week or two.

- JH – And so we have our Eligibility Officer
- D) Role Opportunities – Chances for members from this committee to serve on other committees
 - Finance Committee
 - CW – I might be interested... let me get back to you
 - Open Play Help
 - AE – “Give it to me!”
- Reports:
 - Board of Directors – Eric Eichenholtz
 - Dues waiver eligibility review
 - A&O Leadership Group (AE)
 - 2 events for the summer
 - SALSA SHOWDOWN
 - Joe won the salsa showdown
 - GOOD LUCK GRAM
 - Went really well!
 - Upcoming
 - Governor’s Island Picnic
 - Twisted Talent Show
 - September 26th at Industry 7-11
 - Grievance
 - Nothing official yet.
 - Elections & Nominations (GR, EE, JM, KM)
 - In the process of filling the last opening
 - Volunteer Coaching (KW)
 - In the process of gathering interested coaches and names of captains who still need coaches. Matchmaking will start after tryouts are complete.
- Next Leadership Group Meeting – TBD due to Twisted Talent Show