



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

Minutes of the Thursday, July 6, 2017 Meeting of the Activities and Outreach Leadership Group
Location: Dallas BBQ on 23rd Street / New York, New York

Meeting Attendance: Max, Szadek, Joe Hemsing, Joe Mignano, Erik Heitz, Dorothy Junio, Taylor Ruckh, Sor Kornkasem, Michael McDermott, Jon Brzezinski, Andrew Dowdye, Doug Morris, Tyler Fields, Bleron Samarxhiu and Ryan Ramirez (our biggest meeting yet!!)

Welcome (Max):

Brief history of Gotham, Committee and Leadership Structure
Leadership Role & Responsibilities – GLOD responsibilities, Committee member responsibilities
Committee Goals - enhance experience on and off court, spotlight members' talents, educate and empower about LGBTQ History, Bridge to other Organizations, Fundraise for worthy charities

Highlighted Shared Responses:

Pick 2 words that describe what Gotham Volleyball means to you and tell us why?

Replies: fun, family, community, friendship, philanthropy, gay, great, happy, safe space, be yourself and centric

What's your favorite Gotham event and/or off-court activity?

Replies: Mixed Open Plays, T-shirt Wars, Game Night, Sangria Showdown, EOS Party, Mixer Tournaments, and Gay Pub Crawl

List 2 things that can make a Gotham event enjoyable and/or memorable?

Replies: Documentation (photos and videos) getting together, interactive, pre-planning, advertising, ice breakers and the DJ

List 2 things that can make a Gotham event disappointing and/or uneventful?

Replies: Poor planning, separating divisions, too many events, poor turnout, no alcohol

Gotham Events – Elements to Success (Graphics, Promotion, Marketing, Volunteers, Coordination, Photos, Social Media, Follow Up)

Old Business (Recent Events):

Summer Welcome Social/Game Night in June - (Doug/Andrew/ Erik/Joe H.)

Feedback: bad microphone, we should add real board games, too many games, need an interactive ice breaker, encourage members to come with their entire teams, too many competing elements

Gotham Volleyball - Pride March (Andrew/Doug, Joe H.)

Feedback: we need Gotham cards to hand out, the wait was too long, new logo design for Pride, loved the music, loved the float, can't wait until next year!!!

New Business (Upcoming Events):

A. Salsa Social on Monday, July 24, 7- 10 PM for Gotham's AIDS Walk Team

Please share the attached artwork for our upcoming Salsa Social on your social media and with your teammates and friends. This is our first Gotham AIDS Walk team benefit. Please encourage your teammates, friends and coaches to make and bring their own original Salsas to Rustin to compete for a \$25 Gift Card to Williams Sonoma. This competition is similar to our popular Bake-Off.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Volunteers to help set-up, host table and break down and Volunteers needed at Gym Bar to monitor AIDS buckets

6:30 PM Decorate Lobby – hang lanterns, posters, move table from Cafeteria

7 PM Welcome entries, chips, sodas, etc. AIDS bucket

People will get two tickets (from one of us) to vote for their favorites. The entry with the most votes wins. We will be asking for donations throughout the competition. Everyone will be encouraged to taste all the different salsas and vote for their favorite ones.

10 PM Determine winner based on votes, take down decorations and clean up space

There will be a **Margarita & Tequila tasting party** at Gym Bar immediately following all matches scheduled for that night. We will have two buckets to collect donations for AIDS Walk at the bar.

B. Pending - Gant Shopping Night during Summer Season on Tuesday, August

It's a trunk show for a cause (Gotham's AIDS Walk team)! Gotham members will enjoy a sneak preview to Gant's Fall Collection. We'd like to celebrate the Summer League members by having the Summer Team Captains model Gant fashions. The event would be held at Gant's headquarters, complimentary drinks and appetizers would be provided. Members would receive a discount (pending)

C. Bi-Monthly Gotham Game Night at the Locker Room at Gym Bar, 7 - 10 PM at Locker Room with rotating hosts, themes and competing teams. This event would be

an ongoing AIDS Walk fundraiser. (Rotating hosts: Erik, Andrew, Doug, Michael and more)

7 PM Doors Open, Rotating Hosts (2 Game Hosts) and DJ Joe Hemsing
7:30 PM Community Representative discusses topic, cause

8 PM Games Begin – LGBTQ History Trivia, Screen Games, Pride Wheel, Live Games
10 PM Event ends

D. Governor’s Island - Labor Day Celebration – Field Games, etc.

E. Fall Welcome Social & Talent Show on on Tues, September 26 at Industry Bar

Gotham Fall 2017 - Winter 2018 Calendar (Tentative)

Tryout Dates:

Saturday, August 26 - D1-3 Tryouts
Sunday, August 27 - D4-6 Tryouts
Monday, August 28 - D7-10/PP Pre-Tryout Run-Through
Saturday, September 9 - D7&8 Tryouts
Sunday, September 10 - D9&10/PP Tryouts
Sunday, September 17 - Power A-E/PP Tryouts
Tuesday, September 19 - Power W Tryouts
Monday, September 25 - Team Power Tryouts

Gotham Volleyball Labor Day Picnic & Game Day – Labor Day weekend, September 2-4
Governor’s Island
Project Leader: Royce

Fall Tryouts Continue – Saturday, September 9 & Sunday, September 10, 2017

Fall Season Welcome Social – Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 7 – 10 PM

With Talent Show hosted by Erik Heist. To be held at Industry Bar (confirmed)
Project Manager: Erik Heist
Feedback: change the name to Variety Show, add different kinds of acts to the the line up

Malin + Goetz Shopping Night - ? (New protocol asking members to disclose if there is and/or will be any personal financial benefit from presenting this event)

4th year of Gotham’s Coming Out Day Project in conjunction with National Coming Out Day – Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Video shoot with Gotham members profiling various 'coming out' stories. Member who are willing to be interviewed will fill out questionnaires ahead of time. We would also hand out Coming Out postcards at Fall Tryouts.

Kiki Patrick recommended creating a hashtag and encouraging our members to share their Coming Out stories on social media

National Spirit Day – Thursday, October 19, 2017: Wear purple to show support for LGBTQ youth and take a stand against bullying. The committee tossed a few ideas around about how we can show our support for this worthwhile cause. We are considering a social media hashtag, all-star mixer tournament and all call to action in our newsletter

Priscilla Queen of the Dessert Bake-Off (Weeknight) – Wednesday, October 25, 2017. 8 – 10 PM

Who will win the Gold Medal? Show off your baking skills. Entries must arrive by 8 PM. Minimum quantity of 32 (bite sizes only). All members are welcome to compete. Up for grabs is a \$25 gift certificate to William Sonoma. Both spectators and players have an opportunity to taste and vote for their favorites. Milk provided by Gotham. Our Bake-Off benefits Gotham's AIDS WALK team. More info e-mail: outreach@gothamvolleyball.org
Project Manager: Dorothy

Priscilla Queen of the Dessert Bake-Off (Weekend) – Saturday, October 28, 2017,
Who will win the Gold Medal? Show off your baking skills. Entries must arrive by 8 PM. Minimum quantity of 32 (bite sizes only). All members are welcome to compete. Up for grabs is a \$25 gift certificate to William Sonoma. Both spectators and players have an opportunity to taste and vote for their favorites. Milk provided by Gotham Division 3 & 4 Representatives. Our Bake-Off benefits Gotham's AIDS WALK team. More info e-mail: outreach@gothamvolleyball.org

Project Manager: Kiki Patrick (who is the mastermind behind our theme)

Drag Tournament – Sunday October 29, 2017 (TENTATIVE)

Potluck & Runway Competition

Guest Speaker:?

Holiday Game Night with Power teams and Power Play

Coach Appreciation Night working in conjunction with Coaching Committee

We'd like to continue the tradition of showing our appreciation for our volunteer coaches. We're encouraging the Coaching Committee to recommend some ideas and/or ways of showing our gratitude.

NEW EVENT! Gotham Gingerbread Decorating Contest –Ready to Decorate pre-built Gingerbread House Kit 59.4 oz displayed on Gotham Cares Mixer tournament All members are welcome to compete. Up for grabs is a \$25 gift certificate to William Sonoma. Both spectators and players have an opportunity to taste and vote for their favorites. Milk

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World AIDS Day – Friday, December 1, 2017

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988. Gotham would participate via social media.

Gotham Cares Mixer – Sunday, December 3, 2017 (TENTATIVE)

Project Manager:

Guest Speaker:? (The Center, Callen-Lorde)

Potluck Coordinator:

Brainstorm New Events & Ideas: LBGTQ Scavenger Hunt, Salsa Dancing Competition, establish a relationship with Sage

Next Gotham Activities & Outreach meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7 PM