

Official SSSA Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Nick Jones, presiding.  
Date: 01/12/2025  
Call to Order: 12:10pm

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Board Member Attendees: Nick, Jeff, Glen, Joni, Ashlee, Jane, Cody, Ann, and April

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\*\*\* There is a Facebook live recording of the meeting \*\*\*

Approval of Agenda – No objections

OLD BUSINESS:

Glen introduced Joni – Joni gives ASANA presentation. Joni gives meaning of ASANA and how they will be beneficial to iPride. ASANA is for the women+ population; 2 iPride games to 1 Asana game. In attempt to grow the ASANA league, there isn't a cap on teams to be sent to World Series. ASANA will not ask for team fees for WS. All ASANA players must be registered with iPride in order to play in ASANA.

Monies raised from the Snowball Ball tournament will go to SSSA. Having to reschedule tournament due to weather. Initially, the funds raised were to go to Joni/ASANA for their February conference. SSSA will allocate funds for trip since.

Joni's ASANA conference is the beginning of February / Nick & Jeff's iPride conference end of January.

Jane/Webmaster: makes proposal to bring ASANA into SSSA/ – Joni – as rep for ASANA – Vote passes.

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Ashlee/Treasurer – See Treasurers report sent through LeagueApp

Hoping for over 200 players this year. More players means more teams to play and more money for the league.

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Ann Rena/Fundraising coordinator – Glenn opens – hoping to get corporate sponsors – hoping to pay for more fees – turns it over to Ann.

Ann has put out feelers for corporate sponsorships; no direct sponsorships yet. Ann presented fundraising ideas: SSSA Carnival (Family Day) – rent a team (volunteer time to move, lift, do chores, etc.) and monies go to SSSA. – Car Wash – Poker Night

If you have any fundraising ideas, please send them to Ann.

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Jane - Webmaster Report – any issues with the website, let Jane know. Working to make it look pretty and user friendly.

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Glen/Assistant Commissioner –

Introduces April Littleton – Social Media Coordinator – SSSA will be posting across multiple platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.)– April will be the liaison to be both league chosen charities.

ASANA – Partners with Breast Cancer Survivors –  
iPRIDE – Partners with rainbow youth.

The goal is to become stewards of the community, and hope to make charitable contributions with excess from fundraising/sponsorships.

Glen introduces a bylaws committee – coaches will appoint people to serve on the bylaws committee.

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Jeff/iPride Player Representative -

Went over season fees - \$55 for iPride - \$65 for ASANA dual membership - \$4.95 processing fee if paid online. It's much easier for the coaches to gather all fees and pay either with cash or check to avoid having to pay the processing fee. The processing fee is a separate fee that Jane will bill you when paying the dues online.

Ipride bats – if you want a bat – See Jeff Johnson – January 17, 2025 deadline – Send monies by Venmo, CashApp, Paypal, etc., to Jeff.

Jeff will contact the rep, Jason, to get final pricing (including the taxes for bats). Jeff advised if you already reserved a spot with the original price and you're wanting to go through SSSA for the discounted price, ignore the original invoice from iPride, you can still order with the discounted rate; just pay Jeff, do not pay with iPride.

Jeff will contact everyone on the list to confirm their individual order to ensure everything is accurate.

Ratings: New Ratings effective starting this season – Removed 2 running questions. Now there are only 26 questions. Jeff made a full presentation comparing the previous ratings and the new ratings. If you'd like a copy of the new ratings, please reach out to Jeff. All information should be available on the iPride website as well.

Glen asks if there will be a ratings clinic - Jeff advised there will be a ratings clinic - tbd.

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Commissioner Report -

Send player rosters to Nick - can create a roster with ratings - looking to create a local database and digitizing our roster.

Nick - brought up having a team cap of 15 players - can pick up on other teams as long as there are 7/8 original players. - asks for any objections? No vote yet on this yet (setting a player cap on teams).

If we lower the #max players - we could build more teams - and increase more bids to world series. We had 12 teams in spring of 2024 and if we can get to 18 teams, we can get more bid opportunities for teams to go to Worlds.

Nick introduces that for the 2025 season, there will be a ratings committee comprised of the Coaches - the committee would report to Nick (the liaison).

To increase transparency and equity, Nick requests copies of the books for each team (usually at the end of the season) from the committee.

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Glen - strongly encourages Coaches/Players to get involved. We hope that with corporate sponsorships/fundraising, to have lower fees.

Meeting called to be adjourned - motioned to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned 1:18pm cst. 1/12/2025