

FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 18, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fleetwood Area **High School** Cafeteria

Call to Order:

Shawn Moliatu, Treasurer
Richard Kaskey, Secretary

Attendance / Roll Call:

Brad Kessler, Keith Santangelo, Shawn Moliatu, Laura Kaskey, and Richard Kaskey

Reading of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Seek approval of the June 17th, 2013 meeting minutes.

NOTE: Hold off until the August meeting to approve both June and July's meeting minutes.

Motion #1 made by _____

Motion #2 made by _____

Approval – _____

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (Mr. Manmiller)

✚ Not Present (Coaching 14U Team at BFC)

Vice President's Report (Mr. Malinowski)

✚ Not Present

Treasurer's Report (Mr. Moliatu)

✚ An updated treasurer's report will be included as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

Secretary's Report (Mr. Kaskey)

- ✚ Reported on items --- located in old and new business.

Committee Reports:

Concession Stand Committee Report (Mr. Lazar)

- ✚ Not Present (Coaching 14U Team at BFC)

Fund Raising Committee Report (Mr. Hemmig)

- ✚ Not Present

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Mr. Manmiller)

- ✚ Not Present (Coaching 14U Team at BFC)

Registration Committee Report

- ✚ Not Present

Uniform Committee Report

- ✚ Not Present

Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita)

- ✚ Not Present

- ✚ Our web site URL: <http://www.fleetwoodgirlssoftball.org>

Special Orders: Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.)

- ✚ None

Old or Unfinished Business:

- ✚ The purchase of a freezer from Craig's List for the Concession Stand (no more than \$100).
- ✚ 501C-3 form still has not been received from the government, so to date we have been unable to solicit for sponsors.

- ✚ The purchase of a wooden shed similar to the one that is already being used at the High School Field.
- ✚ The purchase of weighted softballs for arm strength and conditioning.
- ✚ Proposal for the girls to wear pants next year instead of shorts.
- ✚ Switching to Dick's Sporting Goods / Blue Sombrero.com as the host website to allow even more functionality which could possibly include on-line registrations and payments.
- ✚ Maidencreek Township is pursuing an option to have FGSA act as a facilities management firm to manage the property in an effort to get around the no sub-lease clause in the current lease agreement with the Fire Company.
- ✚ After being granted permission, we need to select dates and times to complete the following projects before Fall Ball begins:
 - Move the home team bleachers nearest to the backstop. Relocate these bleachers to another location along the third base line (stone or concrete base).
 - Move the away bleachers on the first base line to a different location (stone or concrete base).
 - Construct home and away dugouts utilizing the existing paved areas (putting a roof over the area with a bench for the girls to sit on).
 - Extend the backstop (fence) on the side closest to the fire company to create an area for a batting circle, so that the on-deck hitter is separated from the bleachers. This would greatly increase safety during our games.
 - Purchase and install gutters or down spouts for the announcer's booth to divert the roof water away from the foundation of the building.
 - Cap the concrete pit behind the announcer's booth- will divert water and increase the chances of the extreme dry lock working. This should be done before the extreme dry lock is installed.
 - Purchase and apply extreme dry lock for the storage area of the press box which is leaking and making a mess of anything on the floor during heavy rains.

- ✚ Future consideration:
 - Installation of a permanent scoreboard or the purchase of a portable scoreboard that could be placed in the shed while no games are being played.

- ✚ Select dates for an FGSA tournament in the spring of 2014.
 - Mr. Calamita (co-chairperson)

New Business:

- ✚ **Berks County Girls' Softball League (BCGSL) meeting dates:**
 - July 25th at 7:00pm (8U and 10U Fall League coaches)
 - July 25th at 8:00pm (12U and 14U Fall League coaches)
 - September, 19th at 7:00 pm (President & Vice President ONLY)
 - November, 21st at 7:00 pm (President & Vice President ONLY)

- ✚ Fall Ball Update :
 - 8U teams (1)
 - 10U teams (2)
 - 12U teams (1)
 - 14U teams (1)

- ✚ FGSA Movie Night - It's official! Mark your calendars! Friday, 8/23/13 will be the 1st Annual FGSA Night at the Movies held right on our home field at the Blandon Fire Company. (aka Softballtown)

- ✚ Discussion on giving more girls the opportunity to pitch in games at the lower levels – 8U, 10U, 12U. You never know if a short, slow, and awkward young lady turns out to be another Jennie Finch – we would not want to turn the young lady away from trying new things at a young age.

- ✚ Pitching Skills Update - We will again have designated times for pitchers and catchers at the open gyms this winter. Winter is the time for **ALL** girls who want to try pitching or catching to show up and receive special instruction for these positions. We will make available a specialized pitching coach to work with the young ladies and teach them drills they can use during the off season to get them ready for the spring season.

- ✚ Sliding Skills Update - At the OPEN summer practices we have been able to deploy our two sliding mats and work with the girls on their sliding and base running skills. We will continue to use these mats through the summer at the OPEN practices and in the winter at the OPEN gyms. Please note these mats will be available for all fall coaches to work on sliding with your teams. Please contact Mr. Manmiller for access to the mats.
- ✚ Voluntary Practice Update - Voluntary practices have been a success so far. There are actually 2 girls who have not signed up for Fall Ball BECAUSE they have enjoyed the summer practice so much - Kind of Cool. We received feedback from one of the 12U parents that she would prefer if 10U practiced separate from 12U because they use a different size ball. More discussion on this request at next month's meeting.
- ✚ The Pool Party at the R-Phils was a HUGE success. We had at least 4 parents say they and their kids had such a good time that we MUST do it again next year.
- ✚ Rita's was a profit of \$220.
- ✚ Riddell Spirit wear (Round One) netted the FGSA \$165.
- ✚ Maidencreek Community Day got us \$265.

Announcements:

- ✚ None

Adjournment:

- ✚ Secretary Kaskey adjourned the meeting at **7:30 p.m.**

Next FGSA Meeting:

August 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria

Future Meetings 2013 (all at 7:00PM):

September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th.

Future Meeting 2014 (all at 7:00PM):

January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, and May 8th.