

FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fleetwood Area Middle School 5/6 Cafeteria

Call to Order:

Kevin Manmiller, President

Attendance / Roll Call:

Kevin Manmiller, Chris Malinowski, Shawn Moliatu, Earl Hemmig, T.J.Cowley, Brad Kessler, Kim Frederick, Steve Oross, Randy Frey, Heidi Orth, Mike Lazar, Heather Hartman, Jennifer Schroeder, Nicole McKeever-Fix, Harry Reed, Barry Spayd, Joe Calamita, Jim Frederick, Kim Frederick, Dean Boyer, Matt Lowther.

Reading of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Seek approval of the February 11, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion #1 made by Matt Lowther

Motion #2 made by TJ Cowley

Approval – Yeah

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (Mr. Manmiller)

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

Vice President's Report (Mr. Malinowski)

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

Treasurer's Report (Mr. Moliatu)

✚ The 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)

- ✚ The committee is in the process of inventorying the existing supplies and making contact with our food handling professional. The committee expressed the need for a game schedule and access to Sam's Club so that they could begin to purchase supplies for the upcoming season. The board indicated that game schedules will be forthcoming after the league meetings and that access will be granted to Sam's Club in the very near future.

Fund Raising Committee Report (Mr. Hemmig)

- ✚ President Manmiller announced that the FGSA would not be allowed to sell calendars at the Fleetwood "Pasta and Presto" night because we do not have our Small Games of Chance License yet.
- ✚ Lengthy discussion on the merits of an Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. Steve Oross was the only one in attendance who was at the high school's pancake breakfast. He does the same thing for Boy Scouts, and note that it's a big money maker with very little effort. The High School Softball team sold about 270 tickets. Profit to the organization was \$3.85/ticket plus tips. $270 \times \$3.85 = \$1039.50 + \text{tips}$.
- ✚ Joe Calamita noted that Rita's Italian Ice nights are also easy and make a good return. A few girls and/or parents are needed to help serve the ice cream, and for a few hours all of the profits go to the organization. Something to consider for this Spring or Summer.
- ✚ Earl Hemmig noted that he is prepared to start soliciting sponsors, but is waiting for the 501C-3 form. Per Treasurer Moliatu, we still have not received it.
- ✚ Matt Lowther noted that he spoke with his contact at Pepsi, and they are only willing to donate the coolers, which we don't need since our drinks will be stored in a refrigerator.

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Mr. Manmiller)

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

Registration Committee Report (Mrs. McElwee and Mrs. Pinnix)

- ✚ VP Malinowski reported that 79 total girls have registered.

Uniform Committee Report (Mrs. McElwee and Mr. Malinowski)

- ✚ Uniforms were handed out at the meeting to anyone who was there. (Thank you, Heidi Orth, for helping to distribute everything during the meeting!)

Anyone who didn't receive them at the meeting can pick them up at any of the open gyms. Note that you will not receive your uniform until you've paid any money owed for calendars or Reading Phillies tickets.

Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita)

- ✚ Webmaster Joe Calamita reported that he has set up the website so that if you go to Amazon.com from our website, the FGSA will get a small portion of those sales.
- ✚ Additionally, Joe plans to set up a FGSA Amazon store where you can purchase a myriad of Softball and Baseball related items. Purchase of those items will also result in a small amount going to the FGSA. (Note that since the meeting, this has been set up. The store can be found at <http://astore.amazon.com/fleetgirlssof-20> Check it out!)
- ✚ The website is set up so that any posts to the website, automatically also get posted on the FGSA FaceBook page.
- ✚ Joe was asked about putting up addresses and directions to all of our fields on the website, and he noted that that information has already been placed on the site.
- ✚ Joe had put all of the previous sponsors on the "Sponsors" section of the website, and asked if those old sponsors should still be listed or not. The group decided that they should be removed since none of them have donated to the FGSA for the 2013 season. As the Fund Raising Committee obtains sponsors in the future, they will be added to the webpage.

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

- ✚ Approved meeting dates for 2013-2014:
 - June 10th, July 8th, and August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th
 - January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th

Old or Unfinished Business:

- ✚ Steve Oross indicated an Eagle Scout candidate would be handling some of the renovations we need to have done at the BFC field.

✚ Berks County Girls' Softball League (BCGSL) meeting dates:

- March, 21 at 7:00 pm (8U-10U-12U coaches)
- April, 4 at 7:00 pm (10U-12U coaches) ← “Schedule Melee”
- April, 4 at 8:00 pm (8U coaches) ← “Schedule Melee”
- April, 25 at 8:00 pm (14U-18U coaches)
- May, 16 at 8:00 pm (Prez & VP only)
- September, 19 at 7:00 pm (Prez & VP only)
- November, 21 at 7:00 pm (Prez & VP only)

✚ FGSA @ READING PHILLIES NIGHT (AKA - FIGHTIN PHILS)

Game Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Game Time: 7:05pm
Cost: \$24 per person

Admission includes:

- Girls in uniform on field next to a player during the National Anthem
- All-You-Can-Eat Buffet for 2-1/2 hours
- Use of the R-Phils Pool behind the right field fence
- Fightin Phils doormat being given away to first 2000 people through the gates

There is still time to request tickets since payment to the R-Phils isn't required until 6 weeks before the game, but the longer you wait the more chance there is that there's no more room for more tickets if other groups gobble them up.

New Business:

- ✚ High School Jackets:** Discussed High School coach Haas's request that the FGSA pick up the difference between their Applebee's Pancake Breakfast profits and the cost of jackets for each girl on the High School softball team. The jackets would be on loan to the girls during the season, and would be kept with the team and passed on to future players each year. We estimated based on what we know of the results of their fundraising efforts that this would cost the FGSA approximately \$300-500. History of the relationship between the FGSA and the high school team was discussed at length. President Manmiller suggested a \$500 maximum offer along with the understanding that there would be no further commitments of any kind between the FGSA and the high school team. All in the room were in favor except T.J.Cowley and Brad Kessler.

Soon after this discussion, Mike Lazar received an email noting that Coach Haas would only be giving out the jackets “if they earn it.” There were some reservations about this by the attendees of the FGSA meeting. Kevin agreed that we would only offer the funding if each girl is given a jacket if she's on the team.

- ✚ Photographer: Discuss proposed plan to not use a professional photographer this year, and instead ask parents to take plenty of pictures and submit them to the FGSA. We will then compile them on a disk and distribute. Steve Oross raised concern that there may be parents who still want to professional pictures and other items that come with that such as baseball cards. Agreed that an announcement would be made to all parents that a final vote on this would be made at the next FGSA meeting. However, if there is someone who wants the professional photographer, they would have to agree to be the chairperson for a “Photography Committee” and make all of the arrangements to have the photographer there at the right times and places to take pictures of all (7) FGSA teams.
- ✚ It was suggested that girls tie their hair back during open gyms due to concerns that hair would obstruct field of vision while trying to catch or field a ball. This announcement was to be made before the next open gym.
- ✚ Discussed getting a mat or making some sort of home-made mat for the outfield fence and for the backstop to keep balls from damaging the fence when people are doing “soft toss.”

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

- ✚ President Manmiller adjourned the meeting at **8:42 p.m.**

Next FGSA Meetings:

Monday, April 8th, 7:00PM, in the Middle School 5/6 Cafeteria

Future Meetings 2013 (all at 7:00PM): May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th.

Future Meeting 2014 (all at 7:00PM): January 13th, February 10th, March 10th, April 14th, and May 12th.