

FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 10, 2012
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, Jen McElwee, Steve Capozzi, Jim Frederick, Kim Frederick, Joe Scalese, Mike Lazar, Terry Hegedus, Barry Spayd, and Richard Kaskey

Reading of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Seek approval of the November 12, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion #1 made by Jen McElwee

Motion #2 made by Jim Frederick

Approval – **Yeah**

Officer's Reports:

President's Report (Mr. Manmiller)

- ✚ Reported on a number of items in Old and New Business.

Vice President's Report (Mr. Malinowski)

- ✚ VP Chris Malinowski reported that he and Kevin attended the Berks County Girls Softball League (BCGSL) meeting. The only things of significance to report were...
 - The BCGSL is considering requiring birth certificates at some point in the future.
 - Last year there was only an end-of-year tournament for A-level teams. In 2013 and going forward there will be an end-of-the-year tournament for both A-level *and* B-level teams.
 - A bulk of the meeting was spent discussing the point system and tournament seeding methods. A win will be 3 points, a tie will be 2 points, a loss will be 1 point, and a forfeit will be 0 points. This is to give credit to teams that actually play even if they lose. Further, if a game is rained out and is never rescheduled, both teams will receive 0 points.

Treasurer's Report (Mr. Moliatu)

+ 2013 FGSA Budget

Seek approval of the proposed 2013 FGSA Budget.

Motion #1 made by Barry Spayd

Motion #2 made by Mike Lazar

Approval – **Yeah**

+ 501(c) (3) registration (one-time filing fee of about \$850) – The FGSA is going to register.

Secretary's Report (Mr. Kaskey)

+ Reported on a number of items in Old and New Business.

Committee Reports:

Concession Stand Committee Report (Mr. Lazar)

+ The need to determine a start date in terms of making sure we have the stand stocked.

Fund Raising Committee Report (Need Volunteers)

+ Look into purchasing a small games of chance license.

+ VP Chris Malinowski solicited for volunteer to chair this committee, but no one at the meeting stepped forward. Noted that the chair of the committee would not be responsible for everything, but would be responsible for delegating to other parents who sign up for this committee. The main fund raiser will be the Lotto Calendars. Preliminary thoughts would be to have some sort of celebration in May or June that also serves as a fund raiser, and then a 3rd fund raiser at the end of the Summer or during the Fall season. 50/50 raffles on Opening Day were also mentioned.

+ Noted that as soon as the FGSA is 501(c) (3) registered we should also be able to obtain more corporate donations than we have in the past.

+ Lotto Calendars should be ordered soon so that they are available with ample time for people to sell them.

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Mr. Manmiller)

+ Reported on a number of items in Old and New Business.

- Wooden Shed versus C-Container

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

- + We have a total of 4 registrations at this time.
- + Make sure you get your daughters registered by January 19th.
- + VP Chris Malinowski noted that the Registration form says every child must provide a copy of their birth certificate. This was discussed, and all agreed that we maintain this requirement for all age groups.
- + Jen McElwee, Mike Lazar and Kevin Manmiller all took flyers to post around the community. If anyone would like copies to post somewhere, please contact VP Chris Malinowski (YourPalCM@aol.com).

Uniform Committee Report (Need Volunteers)

- + Still looking for someone to Chair this committee.
- + Question surrounding the sizes of “Tiger Paw socks” listed on the registration. As it turns out, those are NOT youth sizes. The sizes listed are “women’s” sizes which are unlikely to fit any of the 8U and 10U girls.

Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita)

- + Website is in preliminary stage, but looks very good so far.

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

- + No Report

Old or Unfinished Business:

- + Update on the Blandon Fire Company (BFC) Field
 - the new grandstand door and lock - **completed**
 - the infield tilling - **completed**
 - the tractor donation – **waiting on Vic’s and Maidencreek Township** (note that we are assuming at this point that Vic’s will donate a tractor as they did in the past, or repair the existing one for us. Presently there is \$0 in our budget to purchase a tractor.)
 - the reimbursement for items taken by thief – **submitted to Northern Berks Police**
- + Update on the Fleetwood Park Field and the Maidencreek Community Park Field.
 - These fields were not tilled per recommendation from the township.

- ✚ The FGSA officers will be attending the February 7th Maidencreek Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

- Possible Items for Discussion:
 - Grandstand clean-up and/or renovation
 - Concession stand clean-up and/or renovation
 - Field maintenance and upkeep
 - New FGSA Shed or C-Container (on location)
 - Electricity for FGSA Shed or C-Container
 - Electric scoreboard
 - Hanging banners on the outfield fence
 - PA system
 - The possibility of a truckload of dirt to level out the infield and have a reserved pile set aside
 - Warm-up area for the pitchers – concrete exposed
 - One light pole was removed due to Hurricane Sandy
 - Hanging banners on the fence

- ✚ The need to change the lock on our inside closet in the high school storage shed.

Response from Coach Haas:

“I just read your minutes I have talk about FGSA getting there on shed with Al Fox and Steve Oross this is something that should be looked into I will talk to Matt again about this to many people have keys to this shed and things get missing just like at BFC changing the lock on the inside will not help you since the hinges on the door are on the outside and all you have to do is pop out the pins and the door is off you need a secure place and so do we its silly that we have to lock up things in a shed that is lock. Also you can your mat from Matt anytime he has a key to the cage.”

- ✚ The sliding mat can be picked up at any time from Athletic Director Matt Diehl.
- ✚ Gym time at the middle school on Saturday Mornings beginning the second week of January has been approved. (A schedule will be sent via email.)
 - The only 2 Saturdays that will not have Open Gym are 2/09/13 and 3/09/13.
 - Open Gyms are from 9:00 to 10:30am, and then followed by pitcher/catcher fundamentals from 10:30am to as late as noon only for girls interested in pitching or catching.
 - The beginning of the Open Gym schedule, all age groups will be in the 5/6 grade gym. Starting 2/16, the 8U and 10U girls will be in the 5/6 grade gym, and the 12U, 14U and 16U girls will be in the 7/8 grade gym.
 - All pitcher/catcher sessions will be in the 5/6 grade gym for all ages.

- ✚ The need to establish a set of objectives for players/teams at each age level. VP Chris Malinowski will work on this. Steve Oross mentioned starting on this previously. Chris will get that information from Steve. The idea would be to establish guidelines for coaches at 8U vs. 10U vs. 12U vs. 14U; and also A-level vs. B-level; and Spring teams vs. Fall teams.
- ✚ The new mandatory concussion and/or cardiac arrest guidelines.
- ✚ Requiring Act 34 (form SP4-164) and Act 151 clearances for every coach, assistance coach and “parent helper.”
 - We intend to be strict about making sure that all coaches and assistant coaches have obtained a clean child abuse and criminal history clearance. Additionally, this will include "parent helpers" as well.
 - Once practices begin in the Spring, and then going forward, we expect that anyone that steps onto the field to interact with the girls will have clearance to do in advance. We are asking our coaches to be assertive in making sure this policy is adhered to. Please don't be offended, and understand that if a coach asks you to stay off the field because you haven't obtained this clearance yet. S/he's just adhering to FGSA policy in our efforts to assure that our children remain protected at all costs.
 - We do LOVE to have help, though, so if you think you may want to help out here and there during practices or games (base coach, etc), start working on getting your ACT-151 Child Abuse and Act 34 (form SP4-164) Criminal History clearances!
- ✚ Contact PROFILE Products LLC about the possibility of installing new pitching rubbers for all age levels (permanent posts for each level's rubber).

New Business:

- ✚ Reimbursement request of Mrs. Kim Mark to receive her \$30 volunteer fee – **will check the volunteer service records and get back to her with an answer.**
- ✚ Registration Update
 - We have a total of 4 registrations at this time.
 - Make sure you get your daughters registered by January 19th.
- ✚ Fleetwood Christmas Parade – **a huge success and a good time.**
- ✚ Website Purchase and Update – **no fees paid toward the website as of this meeting; site looks fabulous.**
- ✚ Permission to seek prices on new pitching rubbers and installation – **permission granted.**

- ✚ Permission to seek prices on new bats (USSSA 2013 stamp new logo) for next year - **permission granted.**
- ✚ Permission to seek prices on a new shed for equipment storage - **permission granted.** Secretary Rich Kaskey has discussed the possibility of the Vo-Tech providing us with a shed.

Announcements:

- ✚ None at this time.

Adjournment:

- ✚ President Manmiller at **8:19 p.m.**

Next FGSA Meeting:

Monday, January 14th, 7:00PM, in the Middle School 5/6 Cafeteria

Future Meetings (all at 7:00PM): February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, and May 13th / June, July, and August meetings will be scheduled.