

FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 02/12/15

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Keystone Villa

Call to Order: Vice President Chris Malinowski

Attendance / Roll Call: Vice President-Chris Malinowski, Treasurer-Keith Santangelo, Secretary-Brad Kessler, Earl Hemmig, Steve Smith, Joe Scalese, Dave Connor, Jim Frederick, Mike Lazar, Eric Robuck, Kim Frederick, Shawn Moliatu

Reading / Review of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Requesting a motion for approval of the meeting minutes:

Motion #1 –Earl Hemmig

Motion #2 –Jim Frederick

Approval – Yeah

Treasurer's Report (Keith Santangelo):

Checking account balance: \$ 5,403.69, includes deposits for registrations, Lotto calendars and uniforms.

Savings account balance: \$ 7,619.54

501C3 tax exempt status: Former treasurer Moliatu working with current Treasurer Keith Santangelo for contacting IRS on status. The IRS has long ago indicated that we have been granted 501C3 status, however, the paperwork never arrived. Getting the IRS to reissue the paperwork has been a challenge to say the least. Until we get the actual paperwork, it makes it difficult to solicit for sponsors who will need a copy of of 501C3 form for tax purposes.

Committee Reports:

Concession Stand Committee Report (Mike Lazar)

Nothing to report

Fund Raising Committee Report (Earl Hemmig)

- *Starting preparation for 2015 Coaches vs. Kids fundraiser*
 - *Per Kim Frederick and Earl Hemmig, it sounds like the fundraiser will be held in September this year as opposed to previous years when it has been held in October.*
 - *This year's fundraiser will go towards "Wounded Warriors".*
 - *Eric Robuck offered to contact the Strikers in Kutztown to have them at the event.*
 - *Discussed the format of the event. Do we want to stick with the mix of "field events" *and* a game, or simplify it and do only "field events" or only the game. To be discussed more at future meetings.*
- *Lotto Calendars available at open gyms*
 - *Any FGSA member may sell MORE than the required two calendars*
 - *FABA offers some sort of discount on registration fees for selling *more* than the required number of calendars. Do we want to do that in 2016? It could be incentive for people to sell way more calendars. For example, each calendar sold beyond the required 2, you get \$5 off your registration?*

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Kevin Manmiller)

Positive feedback on the new pitching machine

Uniform Committee Report (Chris Malinowski)

Within the week, Chris Malinowski will transfer all information and duties to the new committee lead: Julianne Kessler.

Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita) - www.fleetwoodgirlssoftball.org

Not present

Registration Committee Report (Chris Malinowski)

15U- 25 girls (2 teams)

12U- 25 girls (2 teams)

10U- 19 girls (2 teams)

8U- 14 girls (1 or 2 teams...TBD)

6U- 3 girls

- If anyone knows of a girl in any of these age brackets that would like to play Softball and become part of the FGSA family, bring her along to any open gym, contact a board member or any Coach. No one will be denied due to financial issues.
- Eric Robuck has reached out to all girls eligible for 10U that we haven't received registrations from yet. He has gotten a positive response from a number of families, so we are expecting the (19) to go up to a number that will give us (2) teams at 10U comfortably.
- The 8U group didn't get as many new members as we usually do. Discussed better ways to get the word out to K thru 2 in future years.
 - Send out the flyer to K thru 2nd grade two times instead of once. (September and again in December?)
 - Send out the flyer one time like we have been doing, but do it sooner before kids latch on to FABA tee-ball.
 - The new signs that we purchased are impossible to read from the road. Need bigger signs or less words with a bigger font.
- Discussed the 6U group. Unfortunately, at this time it doesn't appear that we are going to have enough for a 6U team. We had as many as (7) girls interested which would have been a perfect number, but for various reasons only (3) have registered. Options:
 - Can any of the (3) play with the 8U group?
 - Brandywine has enough girls for a team. Would any of the (3) be interested in playing with Brandywine?
 - Refund their money, and have the girls transfer to FABA to play in their T-ball league.
 - Continue to solicit for more interest.
- It was suggested that an email go out to the entire census reminding people that the FGSA has a policy that no girl will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Perhaps there are a few girls out there who haven't registered because they can't afford it and don't realize that they still can play.

Old Business:

- Facemasks are encouraged to be worn by all girls in all age groups.
- 2nd annual FGSA Golf outing is scheduled for Sat..Aug. 22nd at 1:15pm at Rich Maiden Golf Course

- 2nd annual FGSA night at the movies has been scheduled for Sat. Aug. 29th, time and movie to be determined.

Unfinished Business:

- 15U uniform options to be discussed at a later date.

New Business:

- Head coaches were discussed:
 - 15U-Red – Chris Malinowski
 - 15U-Black – (to be determined)
 - 12UA – Kevin Pavlick
 - 12UB – Steve Smith
 - 10UA – Eric Robuck
 - 10UB – Drew Toucher
 - 8U Team #1 – Keith Santangelo
 - 8U Team #2? – Alyssa Smith & Amanda Bandinger?
- Some between meetings discussion was had about the 12U level, and whether or not it made more sense to simply have (2) A-teams rather than (1) A and (1) B, since last year our 12UB team was nearly undefeated and would've been better served by playing at the A-level. At this time the preference seems to be to stick with (1) A and (1) B.
- Shawn Moliatu to coordinate "Opening Day" pictures as he did last year using the same Photographer. Pictures will be taken on FGSA Day which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 2nd.
 - Last year the 14U girls did not get their pictures taken because they play in the summer. This should be arranged in 2015 so those girls can get pictures if they want them.
- The March 7th Open Gym may need to be canceled. We're told there is a volleyball tournament at the Middle School that day that is using both gyms. If so, it sounds like the school has us double-booked. More news to follow.
- Eric Robuck didn't want to see the 10U girls go two weeks without a practice so on Friday, 2/06, he reserved the Rec Center gym and invited all of the 10U girls to come get some practice in. About (10) girls were there and it was a great success. Eric is considering having more optional/additional mid-week practices for the 10U group in the future if he can find open gym space somewhere. Go Eric!!!!
- **2015 FGSA operating budget approval vote:**
 - Motion #1 Steve Smith Motion #2 Earl Hemmig**
 - Approval: Yeah**

Announcements/Discussions:

Former FGSA secretary Rich Kaskey, has created amendments to the FGSA by-laws, Tournament Funding and All-Star team selection. These amendments will be voted on at the next meeting.

AMENDMENTS

I. Tournament Funding

- A. During the budget presentation in the month of December, the FGSA Board will propose the amount of fully funded tournaments for the upcoming fiscal year. The amount of tournaments, as

well as the number of tournament teams (regular and all-star), will be voted upon at the January meeting.

Example: “For the year 2015, FGSA will fully fund registration for one (1) county sponsored tournament for each regular season FGSA team, one (1) non-county sponsored tournament for each regular season FGSA team, and one (1) sponsored tournament for each age group level all-star team.”

- B. All tournament play must be approved by the FGSA Board. Entrance of any team or member to a tournament without prior approval of the Board shall cause the member(s) involved to be suspended from participation in the League for the remainder of the year.

II. All-Star Team Selection

- A. The FGSA Board shall predetermine the number of Players and/or Alternates to be selected at each age level to compromise the All-Star Team(s).
 - a. Alternatives shall only be allowed to play in the All-Star Game in the event that a selected All-Star is unable, unwilling, or deemed unfit to play.
- B. Each age level will have a tryout and be evaluated by an independent evaluator(s) determine by the FGSA Board.
- C. The FGSA Board will select a head coach for each age level All-Star Team. The head coach must be a coach for that particular age level during the regular season.
- D. Assistant coaches for the All-Star Teams will be selected by the Head Coach and approved by the FGSA Board.
- E. In the event that a regular season head coach is unwilling, unable, or deemed unfit to perform the duties of the All-Star Team coach, the FGSA Board will select a Head Coach from outside the age level grouping.
- F. The All-Star Teams should be representing the FGSA in a respectable manner at all times - demonstrating both good sportsmanship and citizenship.

Adjournment:

Vice President Malinowski adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm

Future FGSA Meeting(s):

| Day | Date | Time | Location |
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| Thursday | 3/12/15 | 7:00 p.m. | Keystone Villa |
| Thursday | 4/09/15 | 7:00 p.m. | Keystone Villa |
| Thursday | 5/14/15 | 7:00 p.m. | Keystone Villa |
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Keystone Villa is located on Park Road in Blandon.