

**FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, June 17, 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, Jim Frederick, Kim Frederick, Brad Kessler, TJ Cowley, Mike Lazar, Earl Hemmig, Heather Hartman, Chris Schroeder

**Reading of the Minutes from Last Meeting:**

Seek approval of the May 13, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion #1 made by TJ Cowley

Motion #2 made by Earl Hemmig

Approval – Yes

**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)***

✚ Not Present --- The treasurer's report will be included as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

***Secretary's Report (Mr. Kaskey)***

✚ Not Present

**Committee Reports:**

### ***Concession Stand Committee Report (Mr. Lazar)***

- ✚ Since the last FGSA meeting there have been 6 games. The money boxes have been returned for all 6 games except for one (10UB-Hartman/Schroeder). The profit received (from all 5 money boxes) is roughly \$520.
- ✚ Mike Lazar suggested that we purchase a stand-alone freezer for the Concession Stand off of Craig's List in order to expand the number of items for sale. According to Mike there are freezers available there all the time. Mike asked for motion from the attendees to purchase a freezer for no more than \$100. Motion was granted. All were in favor. A special thanks to Tammy Pinnix for the donation of a gently used microwave for the concession stand.

### ***Fund Raising Committee Report (Mr. Hemmig)***

- ✚ Rita's Night is on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- ✚ 501C-3 form still has not been received from the government, so to date we have been unable to solicit for sponsors.
- ✚ Post meeting note. Our hard efforts at Maidencreek Community Days will be rewarded via a check in the amount of \$260.00 from Maidencreek TWP for our time spent manning the concession stand.

### ***Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Mr. Manmiller)***

- ✚ 13 bags of "Quick Dry" were needed to ready the field for the 10A/12A Championship games due to the 2+ days of heavy rains that preceded the games. Many thanks to those who participated in the clean-up and field preparation efforts.
- ✚ Jim Frederick and family, painted the entire announcers booth Fleetwood red, and installed the newly purchased speakers which worked great during the Championship game.
- ✚ New pitching rubbers will be needed. The ones we purchased last year are already broken. If it costs a little more money, it would be worth it to purchase the rubbers with the steel bracing under the rubber which keeps the (3) pins from breaking easily.
- ✚ Earl Hemmig mentioned that he feels it's time to purchase some new catcher's gear.
- ✚ Kevin Manmiller noted that the school board did not like the idea of installing a steel box at the high school field. Instead the school board has asked that FGSA pursue the option of purchasing a wooden shed similar to the one that is already

being used. This option will still separate the high school team's equipment from ours and give us more room to operate. After the shed is installed, coaches can bring back their equipment bags and we'll do an inventory so we know what we need to purchase.

- ✚ Earl Hemmig and Heather Hartman mentioned that they saw teams using weighted balls to practice at the tournament they were in last weekend. Suggested purchasing sets of them for FGSA teams.

***Registration Committee Report***

- ✚ VP Malinowski reported that early totals for Fall Registration look like there will be at least (1) 10U team and (1) 12U team. Deadline for registration is 6/28/13.

(Note that since the meeting, a flurry of additional registrations have filtered in. Additionally there are a number of girls from the Maiden creek Tee-ball league who may want to play this Fall which could give us enough girls to have an 8U team. MTAA and Schuylkill Valley have also said they may have girls who want to play for Fleetwood since they may not be having teams this Fall.)

As of 6/21/13, these are the girls who are registered...

<b>8U (4 girls)</b> Natalia Cote Grace Davies Morgan Lowther Lauren Neupauer	
<b>10U (14 girls)</b> Emilie Bartosh Adrianna Biondo Sarah Fisher Mackenzie Hartman Abriella Hill-Teske Jessica Kopycienski Nikki Kopycienski Jolie Malinowski Alexia Moliatu Alison Morehart Autumn Moser Taylor Pavlik Ashley Pelehowski Bret Spayd	<b>12U (14 girls)</b> Sienna Cowley Chaera Frederick McKenna Kessler Hannah Kutz Carlen Lazar Victoria Manmiller Madison McElwee Catherine Muzopappa Kamille Orth Kylee Paules Evelyn Reed-Roland Lydia Santiago Melanie Sellers Emma Templin

- ✚ VP Malinowski to contact Maiden creek Township to find out who to contact about the Tee-Ball league. After a Tee-Ball league contact is obtained, we'll see if we can get any additional interest for this Fall or at least next Spring.

### ***Uniform Committee Report***

- ✚ Discussion about having all girls wear pants next year instead of shorts. The general feeling was that our girls need to learn how to slide, and that one of the reasons many haven't learned is because they are afraid of scraping their legs because their legs are not covered.

### ***Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita)***

- ✚ Our web site URL: <http://www.fleetwoodgirlssoftball.org>
- ✚ FGSA members are reminded to continue to go through our website when purchasing anything through Amazon.com. We just received another \$67.39 for essentially doing nothing.
- ✚ *(Not discussed in absence of Joe Calamita) Switching to Dick's Sporting Goods/Blue Sombrero.com as website host to allow even more functionality on the website which could possibly include on-line registrations and payments.*

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

- ✚ Revised future meeting dates were approved as shown at the end of these minutes.

### **Old or Unfinished Business:**

- ✚ Future BFC Field Projects and Items under consideration...
  - Removing the bleachers nearest to the backstop on the side closest to the fire company, and putting a roof over that area with a bench for the girls to sit, creating a dug-out of sorts.
  - Extending the 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.
  - Installation of a permanent scoreboard, or purchase of a portable scoreboard that could be put in the shed while no games are being played.

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

- July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (8U and 10U Fall League coaches)
- July 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm (12U and 14U Fall League coaches)
- September, 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Prez & VP only)
- November, 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm (Prez & VP only)

✚ **READING FIGHTIN PHILS** (Tuesday, June 18, 2013 - 7:05pm)

✚ 501C-3 form - soliciting league sponsors - still waiting

✚ Host a Tournament (perhaps at the recreation level) – coordinate a tournament in the spring of 2014 – determine a tournament date as soon as possible

- Mr. Calamita is willing to volunteer if he has a co-chairperson.

✚ The construction of dug outs at BFC Field – need Township permission – township lease to the Fire Company is up in June 2013. Presently there is no provision for subleasing. Township will negotiate language to allow them to sub-lease to the FGSA. Township is also 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.

✚ FGSA Movie Night - "A League of Their Own" – further investigation. Being handled by Gretchen Manmiller (aka “The G.M.”)

✚ *(Not discussed but still open) A motion was made at the May meeting to purchase 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. It has also been noted that the announcer’s booth has no gutters or down spouts to divert the roof water away from the foundation of the building. This along with capping the concrete pit behind the announcer’s booth will only serve to better the chances of the extreme dry lock working. This should be done before the extreme dry lock is installed.*

**New Business:**

✚ Lengthy discussion on the large gap in what we still need to teach our girls relative to what we’ve seen in local tournaments. Tournament teams are vastly superior than our teams and the other teams we’ve faced in the BCGSL. Other teams in 10U tournaments, for example, seem way ahead of our girls in understanding the game, and are already adapt at things such as sliding. Need to start teaching the girls how to slide at 10U so they know how to do it in 10U tournaments, and so it isn’t new to them when they get to 12U. It was also noted that FGSA has 2 sliding mats available to all FGSA coaches at all times.

✚ Discussed having voluntary practices throughout the summer to keep girls active and fresh, and don’t lose their skills after the end of Spring season, and the next

time they play in the Fall (or the following Winter for those who don't play in Fall.)

- ✚ Discussed some ideas about how we can ramp up our pitching skills in the FGSA. Possibly utilizing girls from local colleges as volunteers (e.g. Kutztown or Alvernia), and/or hiring a professional pitching coach to come on specified days during the winter.
- ✚ Coaches paid for the umpires during play-off games out of their own pocket. VP Malinowski (10A), and Earl Hemmig (10B) are both owed reimbursement. Is there anyone else? Any coaches having out-of pocket expenses for umpires for the play-offs must submit their expenses in writing to Mr. Moliatu so that can be properly reimbursed.

### **Announcements:**

- ✚ None

### **Adjournment:**

- ✚ President Manmiller adjourned the meeting at **8:15 p.m.**

### **Next FGSA Meetings:**

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

#### **July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup> --- High School Cafeteria**

September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, and December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 8<sup>th</sup>.