

FGSA Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 03/12/15

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Keystone Villa

Call to Order: Vice President Chris Malinowski

Attendance / Roll Call:

President-Kevin Manmiller (partial attendance)

Vice President-Chris Malinowski

Treasurer-Keith Santangelo

Secretary-Brad Kessler (not in attendance)

Coaches/Assistant Coaches:

15U-Red: Chris Malinowski, Joe Calamita, Terry Hegedus, Kevin Manmiller

15U-Black: Mike Lazar, Rob Kutz, Jim Frederick

12UA: Kevin Pavlick, Barry Spayd

12UB: Steve Smith

10UA: Eric Robuck

10UB: Drew Toucher

8U-Red: Savannah Phillips, Amanda Badinger, Doug DeLong

8U-Black: Keith Santangelo

Parents/Others: Dave Brattley, Joe Scalese

Reading / Review of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Requesting a motion for approval of the meeting minutes:

Motion #1 –Jim Frederick

Motion #2 –Mike Lazar

Approval – Yeah

Treasurer's Report (Keith Santangelo):

Previous checking account balance: \$ 5,403.69

Deposits to checking = \$5,115 (from registrations, uniforms, calendar sales)

Reimbursement to Chris Malinowski for uniform purchase = \$2998.65

Payment to Maidencreek Township for BFC Field Usage = \$300.00

Reimbursements to 6U registrants and (1) 12U girl who dropped out = \$185.00

New total checking account balance = \$7,619.54.

Savings account balance: \$7,619.54

New TOTAL balance (checking + savings) = \$14,654.58

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)

- Kevin Pavlick suggested that to entice parents to volunteer for concession stand duties and to make extra money for FGSA that we offer to allow any parent that works the concession stand may also be allowed to bring a crock-pot dish (e.g. mac and cheese, etc). In exchange for donating the crock-pot food, they will receive something like a \$10 voucher for spiritwear. Kevin said that other organizations do this, and it winds up being a huge money maker.

Fund Raising Committee Report (Earl Hemmig)

- Starting preparation for 2015 Coaches vs. Kids fundraiser
 - The date of the event will be Sat 9/26 (rain date Sun 9/27).
 - This year's fundraiser will go towards "Wounded Warriors".
 - Eric Robuck offered to contact the Strikers in Kutztown to have them at the event.
- 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?
- FGSA at the Fleetwood Pool
 - Thu 6/25 will be FGSA Day at the Fleetwood Pool. FGSA will receive a small portion of the entrance fee for any non-members who come in that day. Additionally, we are allowed to sell any concessions that aren't already sold at the Fleetwood Pool concession stand. We can also sell baked goods. Kevin Pavlick noted that we could probably make a lot of money if 4-6 people brought in some sort of crock pot dish.
 - Special thanks to Mary Templin for getting this offer to us, and to Kelly Prechtl for spearheading these efforts on behalf of FGSA.
- 2nd annual FGSA Golf outing is scheduled for Sat..Aug. 22nd at 1:15pm at Rich Maiden Golf Course

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Kevin Manmiller)

- Per Kevin Manmiller, he has ordered 6 new nets. 15U will utilize the old nets till the 8U season is over. 8U's will then turn their nets over to 15U's for their season.
- We will be scheduling some field work at the Blandon Fire Co field including the removal of the hump around the edge of the infield, square-up second base, place additional dirt underneath home plate, and general clean-up.
- Eric Robuck noted that the bullpen pitching rubbers have a very large divot in front of them. Kevin noted that the township supplies us with a large amount of Diamond-Tex soil that we will use to fill those holes.
- We need to straighten out the bases more precisely. We're not sure everything lines up in a perfect "diamond."
- Barry Spayd suggested the installation of permanent pitching rubber posts at 35', 40' and 43' so that all you ever have to do is move the rubber to the appropriate spot. All agreed this was a good idea.
- We need to check the lighting system to be sure all of the lights are working before the season starts.
- We will be scheduling a day to do some of the above work, and will let everyone know when that day is set for anyone that would like to help. Barry Spayd volunteered to review how the electronic scoreboard works on that day for anyone who may be unfamiliar with it.
- Some or all of the field work may be done as part of a Boy Scout project. Mike Lazar to work with the Boy Scouts to determine if there is one that would like to use this as part of an Eagle Scout project as we did last year.

- Kevin Pavlick confirmed that he intends to build some sort of trophy case for the Blandon Fire Company field. Those efforts will begin when the weather improves.
- Chris Malinowski noted the need to have some sort of covered trailer to keep all of our equipment. Presently everything is loaded and unloaded into whoever's vehicle will take it to and from the shed for each Open Gym. We continue to lose things, and never know exactly where or who has certain things. If we could keep everything in one trailer it would be much easier to keep track of everything and make it so much easier to move all of our equipment around. **Barry Spayd** suggested and volunteered to talk to Stony Creek Rentals about having them sell us (or possibly donate) their used covered rental trailer and then they could buy a new one that they could rent out.

Uniform Committee Report (Julianne Kessler)

- All uniform information for the 2015 Spring Season, plus all of our uniform stock has been transferred from Chris Malinowski to Julianne Kessler.
- Julianne has placed our order for the 2015 season. In addition to meeting the needs of the registrations, we ordered enough to have (5) extras of every size shirt and pants. That will allow parents to swap out if something doesn't fit, and should account for any late registrations.
- The plan to differentiate between the (2) 8U teams and the (2) 15U teams that would play against each other is for the "Red" teams to wear a red T-shirt underneath the uniform shirt, and for the "Black" teams to wear a black T-shirt underneath the uniform shirt.
- Coaches will be wearing the FGSA golf shirt again this season. If you need a shirt, out grown your old one, or spilled adult beverage on your good one, please contact Chris M. so we can place an order to the screen printer.

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

- Joe will be adding a section to the website with information that may be useful to coaches. If anyone has anything they'd like added, just let him know.
- Joe noted the following websites which may be useful to coaches:
 - signupgenius.com – for scheduling volunteers
 - remind.com – for sending texts to parents
 - teamer.com – for setting up schedules and contacting parents
- Our domain name has been paid for 2015.

Registration Committee Report (Chris Malinowski)

- There will be (2) teams at each level at 8U, 10U, 12U and 15U.
- Unfortunately we did not have enough 6U girls for even one team. All of the girls who registered will have their money refunded and have been directed to FABA if they would instead like to play T-ball.
- We need to do a better job of advertising for 6U next year to make sure attract more interest. Here's what I think will do the trick:
 - Advertise that 6U is **free** and includes a **free** T-shirt. The 6U girls will then simply be a part of the dual \$20 Lotto Calendar sales just like the girls are at all of the other levels. I think FREE should definitely get people's attention.
 - Send out (2) waves of flyers to the schools. There were enough parents of K, 1st and 2nd graders that said they don't remember seeing anything, that I'm pretty sure one of the elementary schools dropped the ball and never distributed our flyer. If we sent out (2) waves of flyers – once in the Fall and another time around Christmas – one way or another every parent should see it.

- We didn't send our flyer to any of the pre-schools. As a result we certainly missed getting the attention of any girls who just turned 5 who won't be going to Kindergarten until the Fall. So the flyer needs to get to the pre-schools next year as well.
- Again someone brought up that our new registration signs are really hard to read from the road. Kevin M. has heard this loud and clear. So someone needs to volunteer to do it next year or we will once again be subject to Manmiller's Micro signs.

Scheduled Fun Events:

- Mon 4/27: Berks Catholic will be playing Fleetwood's Varsity Softball team at our Blandon Fire Co field.
- Sat 5/02: All-FGSA Games and Picture Day. All (6) Spring teams will play home games throughout the day starting at 8am with 8U, followed by 10U in the afternoon and finishing under the lights with the 12U teams. Come out and show your FGSA spirit by routing for teams at all levels! All teams will have their photographs taken by a professional photographer this day as well. Kevin M. indicated that possibly the 15U's could do a scrimmage on the same day so the older girls could get their pictures taken as well and get some practice in.
- Sat 6/06: FGSA hosts the BCGSL 10UA and 12UA Championship games at the Blandon Fire Co.
- Thu 6/11: The 3rd Annual FGSA Reading Phillies pool party. As we have in the past, this includes the all-you-can-eat buffet, and the girls on the field in their uniforms during the National Anthem with the Reading Phillies players. Tickets are \$24/each. You can sign up and pay at the registration desk at any of the remaining Open Gyms.
- Thu 6/25: FGSA Day at the Fleetwood Pool.
- Sat 8/22: 2nd annual FGSA Golf outing, 1:15pm at Rich Maiden Golf Course.
- Sat 8/29: 2nd annual FGSA night at the movies. Exact time and movie to be determined.
- Sat 9/26: 3rd annual FGSA Coaches vs. Kids Fundraiser (for Wounded Warriors)

Unfinished Business:

- 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.

New Business:

- The scheduling melee for 8U, 10U and 12U is Thu 3/19. 8U is at 6:30am and 10U & 12U are at 7:30pm.
 - It was decided that teams would stick to a specific weekday for home games and practices at Blandon Fire Company, and that anyone could grab home games at any time on Saturday or Sunday. These are the days of the week for each team:
 - Mondays – 10UB
 - Tuesdays – 12UB
 - Wednesdays – 8U
 - Thursdays – 10UA

- Fridays – 12UA
 - 8U typically plays at least 8 games (4 home/4 away), 10U plays 10 games, and 12U plays 12 games. You may, if you chose, play more games than that.
 - The earliest that teams can play a game is April 11th, but it's suggested that coaches try to schedule most games in May. That will give teams more time to practice and prepare for the first games, and also will avoid some of the cold and rainy days that we sometimes get in April.
 - Coaches should show up knowing in advance which days they CAN'T play games, so that you don't inadvertently schedule a game when you are on vacation, or when half of your team is away at an afterschool function.
 - FGSA Secretary will be providing a master schedule prior to the maylay, then collecting everyone's data to create a finalized master schedule. We ask that in the event of a cancellation or time change coaches square things up with the county then report the final change to the honorable Mr. Kessler so he can update the master schedule.
- Eric Robuck set up another learning experience for FGSA. On Fri 3/13, Eric arranged to have Dan DeMarco meet with interested coaches and parents to review the proper ways to teach kids how to throw a ball overhand. Eric continues to find new and interesting ways to advance the FGSA and become an even better place for our girls to play.
 - At some point over the next few weeks, we will need to arrange to meet with all coaches/teams at the shed to hand our equipment bags and first aid kits for the season.
 - **Approval vote to enter the amendments to the FGSA by-laws for Tournament Funding and All-Star team selections:**
 - Motion #1 Jim Frederick Motion #2 Mike Lazar**
 - Approval: Yeah**

Adjournment:

Vice President Malinowski adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Future FGSA Meeting(s):

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	4/09/15	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	5/14/15	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa

Keystone Villa is located on Park Road in Blandon.