

Clairemont Girls Fastpitch
Board Meeting – August 5, 2004
Meeting Minutes
Approved September 2, 2004

Call to Order: 6:40pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting: N/A

In Attendance: Keith Bockmier, Matt Pelot, Jim McNeill, John Keville, Mike Reichert, Jim Trammer, Kim Pelot, Lenny Gemar

Absent: Rocky Cole

Reports: **Keith** reported that 2004 was a very successful year with many large projects being completed or near completion. These projects included: SnackBar painting, fencing, dirt, canopies, and other minor capitol improvements. **Matt** reported that while we've done some tremendous things, there are more projects on the horizon. These include: Our "Outback" pitching area (located behind field 4), an expansion of our equipment shed, a sprinkler system overhaul, and the completion of field 4's outfield fencing. **Jim** reported our final P&L for 2004 that showed a "profit" of \$3700. Of special note is that CGFP was able to turn a profit with \$1000 spent on clinics, \$5000 on field improvements, and \$2000 in equipment.

Old Business: It was generally agreed that 2004 was a very successful year with the feeling that the 225 CGFP Rec ball girls are beginning to become much better softball players through the clinics that the league is beginning to sponsor. We felt that we can do a better job recruiting the younger 6-9 year old that will be the foundation of the league for years to come.

New Business: New Board members: Jim McNeill moved that the CGFP Board approve **Rick Balke** as Secretary, **Pattie Estrada** as 14U rep, **Jim Trammer** as 10U rep, and **Aaron Solomon** as 6U rep. Kim Pelot seconded and all were in favor. We still have a void at 8U rep and it was mentioned that Bob Wood would consider. Bob Wood will be contacted and invited to participate as 8U rep.

Keith prepared a summary of our Income, Fixed, and Variable expenses. It was noted that based on 225 registrations, the league has roughly \$14,000 to spend in variable expenses. This is discretionary monies that can be shifted to varying priorities such as clinics, capital improvements, or equipment. The Board will determine where these priorities for 2005 should be placed at a future meeting.

In conjunction with the Variable Expense report, **Mike** prepared a "wish list" for a complete overhaul of the leagues equipment. The bottom line is that if we wanted to replace everything equipment related, it would cost roughly \$9000. This would include pitching machines, catching gear, bats, jugs nets, etc. A future meeting will determine what we will buy and how much to spend.

Keith reported that the league will be receiving 30 yards of new infield dirt. The City Parks and Rec will coordinate and cover the labor. The dirt placement will take place sometime in late August or early September. **Matt** took this opportunity to suggest we redo the sprinkler heads and retrench some new PVC to make sure the watering of our fields is correct. It was agreed that this is a top priority and that a date will be provided to the league and Fall Ball teams for volunteers to dig the trenches and rework the sprinkler system. **John** noted that something needs to be done about the drainage on field 1. **Matt** will check with Parks and Rec to determine if there is anything we can do.

Keith brought up the fact that CGFP will be hosting the CNC Car Show September 19th from 8am to 4pm. The league has a chance to make at least \$1000 but the onus is on us to gather the sponsors and raffle items to maximize our profits. We need everyone's involvement to help with the snackbar and staffing for the event. We also need girls in uniform to handle the raffle. There is a chance the City may have Donna Frye and the Mayor attend this event as well to coincide with the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Balboa Senior Field. More information to follow. Lenny will place a link or some sort of web event

presence on our site. Rick Balke and Heather Ellis are heading up what we hope can become an annual event. Many thanks to Heather for her time and effort.

Lenny ran a brief explanation on how to use our website. He is constantly adding very cool enhancements to an already robust site. If you login, please make sure to goto the “admin” link and check the reporting function. These are new and exciting reports that will help our coaches and managers. Please, goto www.cgfp.org, login, and check out the entire site. It’s the best softball site on the net.

Fall Ball: **Jim** started by noting that first and foremost, the league needs to promote the fact that end of season All-Star teams be encouraged to play together in Fall Ball. This was also brought up by the previous board and that something should be noted either on the website or in the minutes. It was also discussed that Fall Ball is unlike the Rec Season, far more competitive and that not all players will be able to make each team. The league will attempt first and foremost to allow all players that signed up to play but the final decision will rest with each Manager as to what team they will field. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that teams be fielded in order of experience in each division if at all possible.

Coaching Committee: After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the 5 division reps become the coaching committee and handle the selection of all coaches during the Fall Ball and recball seasons. The board felt that decentralizing the decision and having a committee handle all coaching related activities will help the perception of the general membership that decisions are made by one or a few. As with all decisions, the coaching committee recommendations will be brought to the board for final approval. This committee will use the previous season’s evaluations and any issues that may have been brought up and communicate these issues, good and bad, to each coach. The point is that we want to have the best possible coaching, and that communication is the key.

14U formation: Margaret Wood asked to take her 14U all-star team and play GSF. This was approved. This left 8 girls and one Manager on the Fall Ball signup sheet. This manager was contacted and has since decided not to play Fall Ball at Clairemont. So, as of this meeting, there are 8 girls signed up to play and no coach to coach. The board decided to have Pattie, the 14U rep, call each girl and let them know that unless we field a coach, a 2nd team will not happen.

12U formation: Beth Croce asked to take the 10U all-star team and move them all upto 12U. This was approved. Barry Urias asked to take a 2nd 12U team. This was also approved and the list of 8-10 girls that signed up in 12U will be provided to Barry along with 1 girl from El Cajon that wishes to play. Barry has indicated that he has a few girls from Mission Bay that wish to play as well. **Mike** will handle this process with Barry. Both teams will play at Mira Mesa.

10U formation: Jim Trammer asked to take a 10U team. This was approved and he was given the list of girls that signed up. He has selected 10-15 of the older 10U girls and will begin to call each and form that team. Jim noted that he wishes to play GSF and play Travelball, this was approved. Heather Ellis asked to take a 2nd 10U team. This was approved and Heather will be given a list of the remaining girls made up primarily of the 8U all-star team moving up. The board stressed that Heather’s team should be comprised of as many 8U all-stars as want to play plus any other 8U girls moving up. Please also note that both teams are being selected based on the experience of each team. Heather’s team will play at Mira Mesa.

8U formation: There are sufficient kids remaining to form an 8U team. Since we didn’t have an 8U rep in attendance, we tabled this discussion until we contact Bob Wood. There are 4 names on the proposed managers list so we believe that a team can be formed and play at Mira Mesa.

A Fall Ball coaching and practice meeting will be scheduled for August 12th at 6:30pm at the fields.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 2nd, 7:00pm. Major agenda item: CNC Car show.