

**Clairemont Girls Fastpitch
Board Meeting – September 2nd, 2004
(Unapproved) Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President Keith Bockmier with 8 additional board members present. They were Matt Pelot, Kim Pelot, Jim Trammer, Rocky Cole, Jim McNeill, Aaron Solomon, Mike Reichert, and Rick Balke. Also present were Patti Pena, Lenny Gemar, and Heather Ellis.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion to approve was made by Mike R., seconded by Matt P.

Introductions of guests followed. **Keith then gave a report on the Mira Mesa League** meeting that he attended. All CGFP teams will play in that league except one. Discussions were then held as to the makeup of the league. The Mira Mesa Fall ball league represents itself as a developmental league. Games will be played at the Mira Mesa facilities with all games (double headers) held on Sundays beginning September 12. Aaron Solomon, 8U coach, asked about rules for the 8U league. A discussion was then held as to the viability of the 2nd 12U team. Although we are at this time short several players from fielding a full time, it is acceptable to borrow players from other teams according to league rules. It is hoped that the coach for this team (Barry) will be able to recruit additional players to complete the team.

Matt Pelot, league VP, then reported on the condition of the golf cart used to drag the fields. It is currently inoperable. Matt reported of an acquaintance that has offered to look at it to see if it can be repaired. **A motion to allow for \$100** to be spent to look into repairing it was made by Mike Reichert, seconded by Jim McNeill.

Rick Balke, Secretary had nothing to report. A request was made to have several packets of the CGFP letterhead produced for solicitation and official league letters and correspondence. Rocky Cole offered to have several packets of letterhead produced.

Jim McNeill, Treasurer, reported that he has begun to work on next year's budget. He reported on the status of the filing of taxes for the last two years. Jim will submit at our next meeting a proposal for the hiring of an outside attorney/accountant to complete the revision of our by-laws and file our taxes in advance of our application as a 501C3 organization. Jim feels confident that all of these steps can be completed this year.

Rocky Cole, Player agent, then reported that Garth Klem called her and offered to take the open 8U league rep position. Patti Pena has also offered to take that position although she does not have a daughter playing in that age bracket. Discussion on this topic was tabled until our next meeting when Garth can be in attendance. Discussions were then held on the condition and need for new BBQs for use at our snack bars. It was also suggested that the league should purchase 2 12x12 pop-up canopies since we have been borrowing them from league parents this past year. A motion was made and seconded to budget \$600 for the purchase of one new BBQ and 2 tents. Inquiries will be made into several areas retailers to find the best deals possible on these items. Rocky then

reported that she has received several calls on fall/winter ball rules and team selection processes. CGFP does not have clearly laid out rules since we officially do not sponsor these teams but provide them with equipment and practice facilities. Although the Fall/Winter ball program is self sustaining, it was agreed that we need to better lay out the team/participation process. It is not purely rec ball as is our regular season. It has been laid out as a league available to girls who register and are then selected by the individual team managers. The number of teams at each age level is limited to the number of managers who commit to taking teams. Our goal is to attempt to keep the all-star teams from the previous season together if possible. It was also suggested that once the board has clarified our rules for this league, that we post those rules on our website as other leagues do. It was reported that several players were lost to other winter ball league simply because it was not clearly understood what league CGFP would play in or whether the teams would simply operate as travel ball teams do at a heightened level of competition. The second 12U team lost a number of players for this reason reported Patti Pena.

A report was then given by Heather Ellis, chairperson of our league fund raiser car show. The event will be held on September 19th, from 10am to 4pm at the athletic fields. The event is co-sponsored by CGFP and Clairemont Neighborhood Cruisers, a local classic car owners group and league sponsor. Music is being provided by DJ San Diego and Lenny Gemar. Heather reported that although she has met with city officials numerous times, that we have yet to receive an official permit to host the event although we have been given verbal permission to proceed by the city parks/rec director. Heather distributed copies of the official event flier and solicitation letter being used to solicit cash sponsorships and raffle prizes. She then distributed a list of over 20 sponsors that have committed their participation thus far. She reported that over \$4000 in cash donations has already been committed by these sponsors. Heather stated that her goal was to have at least 10 items to raffle per hour. Heather then distributed lists of community businesses to all in attendance asking that all of us in attendance visit those on our list and solicit participation. Should we be unable to get the required 60 raffle items, Heather mentioned that she would take part of the cash sponsorship monies and use them to purchase raffle items at Wal-Mart or another like retailer. The league will supply/staff a snack bar during the event. The menu has not been finalized but will be overseen by Rick Balke and Matt Pelot. Heather will organize a schedule for girls from all different age groups and assign them to time slots to work the prize raffle and 50/50 raffle. We will need to have as many of the girls from the league in attendance as possible at their assigned times. All board members are to contact Heather with the donations they have solicited. All in attendance offered their gratitude to Heather for her tremendous efforts in pulling this event together. Our hope is that this can become an annual event and fund raiser for the league.

Further discussion on the organization/selection process for the fall/winter ball league teams then occurred. Parents David and Rachelle Allen were in attendance for this discussion and offered suggestions and comments on this years selection process and the need for improvements and clarification of this process. A lengthy discussion was held

and several excellent recommendations made with the need for additional managers/coaches and volunteers also mentioned as a primary need by VP Matt Pelot.

Kim Pelot then reminded all in attendance that any new fall ball managers/coaches/chaperons must acquire and provide a non-felony letter/background check from the sheriffs department. It was suggested that an email be sent to all team managers reminding them of this requirement.

The meeting was then adjourned. Next scheduled meeting TBA.