

**Clairemont Girls Fastpitch
Board meeting-February 24, 2005
(Unapproved) Meeting minutes**

Call to order-6:37pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting-NA

In attendance-Keith Bockmier, Lenny Gemar, Jim Trammer, Odie Gallop, Rocky Cole, Aaron Solomon, Rick Balke, Patti Estrada, Mike Reichert

Absent: Kim Pelot, Matt Pelot, Jim McNeill

Reports-

Presidents report-Keith began meeting by discussing the collection of candy money. 8U rep Odie and 6U rep Aaron asked to make sure that the money from their age groups was collected on Saturday if possible. March 5 is the deadline for collection from all teams. Discussion then turned to the condition of the fields. The excessive rain has caused severe erosion damage to all fields. After numerous calls today, Keith and Matt were unsuccessful in getting more dirt before this weekend's games. Don Cole spent today at the fields working specifically on field 4. Rick /Don to spend Friday afternoon working on getting fields in playing condition for Saturday's opening day. Rick requested authorization for funding of 2 workers to spend the day Friday weeding and hauling dirt to repair the fields. Mike Reichert moved to allow for \$150 to be spent for this purpose. Motion was seconded and passed.

Vice-Presidents report-Nothing to report

Treasurers report-Keith gave a status report on the financial condition of the league. We are in good shape. Since October of 2004, we are approximately \$50 in the red after having already paid for a good deal of major season startup expenses for this year including the \$5000 umpire fees deposit. Several league expense checks were distributed for signatures.

Player agent report-Rocky reported that currently we are at 196 registered players with 2 additional players still in the process of being added to teams as late additions. The number currently stands at 14 players for our not yet finalized 14U team. Patti reported that she had made a number of phone calls to girls that had not made their high school teams but had been unsuccessful in getting additional players to come out and form a second team. Keith then suggested that because we need to finalize the game schedule, we should stay with the one team and move forward. It was agreed that this seemed to be the best course of action. Aaron Solomon reported that the modification of the Saturday game schedule where the first games are not played until 9am has been very well received. We are currently at 51 players in the 6U division with only 4 teams. Several late signups have made the team sizes a bit larger than we should have planned for. Keith suggested that because of the team sizes, he would like to add some additional games to the schedule after the time change in April. This would allow for more playing time for all of the girls. Aaron then asked that there be someone experienced at the

snack bar for Saturday's first game to train his new parents who have not worked in there before. Patti Estrada said that she would be there as will Keith and Lee Ann Bockmier. Rocky then reported that she had received discount coupons from Charlie Rose sporting goods that will pay back a portion of all sales to the league. Rick then asked about the status of face masks for the players. Since many of the local retailers are out of face masks, what steps are available for girls that do not have them yet or do not have the official ASA approved version. Keith reported that at the presidents meeting, it was announced that the umpires would be enforcing the rule that every girls have "a" facemask. The rule about it being an officially licensed ASA facemask would only be enforced after the regular season concluded and district/all-star play began. Rocky then requested the authorization to spend \$500 for additional league merchandise. Several teams are ordering league sweatshirts for their girls as well as a number of parents are asking for them. Mike Reichert moved to approve the expenditure, Odie Gallop seconded, motion passed. It was then discussed that a number of new coaches/managers are struggling with organizing their teams, practices, etc. Rocky then offered to pair up the new coaches/managers with the more experienced folks in the league to help with the transition. Odie Gallop reported receiving several calls from some of his teams in the 8U division that are overwhelmed. Jim Trammer suggested that the experienced coaches conduct a joint practice or offer to attend a practice to help out with this process. It was agreed that this was a good plan of action. Rocky will organize. Further discussion was then help on the status of the 14U division. Although we thought we would have a good number of late signups after final high school cuts were made, we have been disappointed at the lack of interest. While we would like to have a second team, we must move forward to secure schedules with other leagues.

Secretaries report-Rick reported that May 15th has been selected for the CNC carshow fundraiser. Heather Ellis is getting with the city to finalize the permits. Rick then reported on the status of team sponsorships. He requested that we continue to push for every team to solicit a sponsor. We currently stand at 8 team sponsors. Rick reported that Troy Chang has offered to help solicit sponsorships to the league as well as Karen Anderson Thatcher and her husband John. Rick will organize these parents to work on additional league sponsors as well as sponsors for the upcoming carshow event. Rick then reported on the status of players/pitching clinics. We are set for March 6 as our first clinic date. There will be a 6under total division practice date from 9-12 on field 2. All players/coaches are asked to attend to be taught by several college level coaches and players. There will then be a series of players/pitching clinics for the remainder of the afternoon. Details will be sent to Lenny to be posted on the website and will be emailed to all league coaches/managers.

Webmaster report-Lenny Gemar then reported on the status of collecting all data needed for opening day. He requested sponsorship details ASAP for the website and league brochures. He then ran through the opening day agenda.

A brief discussion was then held on a proposed change in the all-star selection process that creates greater accountability for the coaches making the selections. It was agreed that the process needs to be transparent to help alleviate ill feelings that can be generated by the selection process. The proposed change will be distributed to all board members via email from Keith for a formal vote in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm