

**Clairemont Girls Fastpitch  
Board meeting-July 18, 2005  
(Unapproved) Meeting minutes  
Location - Boll Weevil restaurant**

**A league sponsored “end of year” dinner occurred prior to the meeting in appreciation for a great year and numerous hours of time and hard work put in by the 2005 board. Dinner conversation revolved around the successes of this year’s teams with a look forward to even more success in the years to come.**

**Call to order** - 6:55 pm

**Approval of minutes from last** - NA

**In attendance** - Keith Bockmier, LeeAnn Bockmier, Rocky Cole, Rick Balke, Matt Pelot, Kim Pelot, Aaron Solomon, Patti Estrada, Jim McNeill, Bob Wood, Amberly Scott, Lenny Gemar, Claire Gemar, Kyrstin Gemar, Mike Reichert, Harold Colson

**Absent:** Odie Gallop, Jim Trammer

**Reports** -

**Presidents** - Keith reported on the success of the 10U All-Star team in taking 4<sup>th</sup> place in state. This year marks the second consecutive year that CGFP has won the district championship in the ‘C’ division. He reported that there are pictures posted to the website. Keith then took a few minutes to thank the board for a great year. Much was accomplished during Keith’s tenure as league president. All in attendance passed along their mutual thanks to Keith for his leadership. Keith then welcomed the newly elected board members in attendance and introduced Harold Colson, 10 rep, and Bob Wood, 8U rep, and Amberly Scott, secretary to the group. Keith then led a discussion on the upcoming Parks/Rec meeting being held on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that CGFP may be moved to a classification as a ‘B’ league up from our current ‘C’ classification. Some discussion was held on the impact such a move would have on our league.

**Vice-Presidents report** - Nothing to report

**Treasurers report** - Whereas a number of deposits were not made prior to the board meeting, an accurate end-of-year report was not immediately available. Jim’s initial rough estimates put our year’s balance statement at break-even. After all deposits are made, a final year-end report will be generated by Jim and new Treasurer Rick Balke.

**Player agent report** - Rocky reported that there was a great deal of frustration in the final weeks of the season and throughout the All-Star season with the lack of involvement by many/most of the All-Star parents. She again repeated the need for all parents to be involved in doing their part. She shared her appreciation to the few that ended up bearing the brunt of the workload and stated the need to us to consider an alternative financial enticement for our parents to fulfill their obligations. A new position was again discussed; Volunteer coordinator. That person would schedule all parental work obligations. It was discussed that we consider a deposit be charged to all parents refundable only if they met their work obligations. That program would be administered by the volunteer coordinator.

**14U rep report** - Patti Estrada again thanked the board members who spent a huge amount of time at the fields during the All-Star season, specifically the Bockmiers, Pelots, and the Coles.

**12U rep report** - Mike Reichert commented on the successes of the changes made in this year's draft and All-Star selection process. He then suggested that the board seriously look to address some of the shortcomings that continue to exist such as forcing two rounds of pitching selection.

**10U rep report** - With Jim Trammer absent, 10U coach Rick Balke reported on a very successful and competitive 10U regular season. The season-ending league tournament was very exciting with the new double elimination format in it's first year of use. The 10U division should again be strong this year with a good number of returning All-Stars.

**8U rep report** – N/A

**6U rep report** - Aaron Solomon reported on a very successful 6U season. He reported that the caliber of our new parents and players to the league is incredible. He reported on a few corrections of errors that would only enhance the program going forward, but if we continue to cultivate the 6U division, the league will remain strong for some time to come.

**Safety Coordinator report** - Kim Pelot reported only one player accident this year, which occurred during All-Star play. The injury was not serious and did not result in a claim against the league.

**New business** -

Harold Colson suggested that a serpentine method be implemented in the selection of pitchers if that process is not currently in use.

Rick Balke then mentioned that the league had been asked to be a trophy sponsor for a CGFP fund-raising event. Proceeds from the event are to go the Ewing-Sarcoma Foundation. Rick moved to donate \$100 for trophy sponsorship; the motion was seconded by Patti Estrada. Motion passed

Rick Balke then suggested that the mesh covers on the bleachers at fields 2 and 4 as well as the sponsorship banners be taken down for the season to save wear and tear. It was agreed that this would be a good idea. Rick will arrange for a date to complete.

A conversation was then held as to what level of involvement we should have with the fall ball program. Although not a league sponsored event, many felt that we needed to be the conduit between potential players and coaches since we have the league website as a communication device. Rick Balke has put together a list of interested coaches and players but felt that some girls may have been left out of that sign up process. He suggested that the current list be distributed in e-mail format to the league, with a sign up available on the website to have girls add their names if interested. It was agreed that this process would be headed by Rick and Lenny. Kim Pelot also reminded the group that coaches and/or managers that were not regular season participants would need to have a current background check and medical releases.

Rick Balke then asked that the league consider some type of appreciation for the special volunteers that have added so much to the league. The subject was tabled until the first meeting of the new board.

The board then voted on a number of vacant positions not filled by the season ending election. Three league parents were considered for a number of these positions: Brad Crawford, Carroll Lathrop, and Laurie Whitley. Bradley Crawford was nominated as Umpire in Chief by Mike Reichert, seconded by Matt Pelot. Motion passed. Carol Lathrop and Laurie were then discussed as possible player agents. Whereas both would do an outstanding job, Rocky Cole nominated Carol Lathrop as player agent and suggested we approach Laurie as volunteer coordinator. Pattie Estrada moved to accept the nomination as put forth by Rocky, Mike Reichert seconded. Motion passed. Barbara Pepi has agreed to take the 12U rep position. Motion was made to accept Barbara for that position, seconded by Mike Reichert. Motion passed. Barbara will also coordinate awards and trophies. Renee Gramlich will oversee the team photo program this year.

Additional discussion on the All-Star program was tabled until the next board meeting.

Rick Balke reintroduced previous discussions on making a financial contribution to Clairemont Covenant Church for the use of their meeting facilities throughout the year. Whereas it was agreed in several previous meetings that a contribution was in order, Rick motioned that a \$200 cash contribution be made to the church which was seconded by Mike Reichert. Motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.