

Clairemont Girls Fast Pitch Softball League

General Board Meeting

Thursday December 5th, 2013

Marie Wiggins, League President called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Meeting attended by: Marie Wiggins, Mylende Liseski, Amy Griffiths, Jackie Nettles, Mark Casey, Jason Robertson, Anthony Peters, Mary Ellen Brancheau, Gerald Cave, Donna Valverde-Flores, Maureen DeLuca, Ronda Ramsey, Jennifer Destino, Geno Sippel and Liz Pallamary.

Unapproved meeting minutes from November 7th reviewed. Correction is made in clarifying language. Jackie motioned to approve the minutes. Geno seconded. Motion passed.

Treasure Report:

- Approximately 14K balance in the budget. Gino motioned to approve the budget. Gerald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Registration:

- There are ninety-nine registrations so far. Considerations for an 8U and 12U scoreboard were discussed. This option will be priced for further consideration.

By-Laws:

- At the January meeting the updated by-laws will be presented- one for discussion and one for approval. Also the Rules and Regulations will be discussed in January.

Sponsorships:

- Jennifer is looking into Chili's, Souplantation, Mountain Mikes, etc. We'll talk further about this in upcoming meetings.

- Matt talked to owner of Charlie Rose. He's got further information about sponsorship that can be provided. They have items that can't be found elsewhere.

Vacant Positions:

- Umpire in Chief- John Keegan is possibly interested in taking the position.
- Treasurer- this position may continue to be maintained by Lori and Marie unless someone else is very interested in taking the position.

Fall Ball:

- We need to consider limiting the number of All Star players on each team. Jason proposed doing a draft to avoid the problem. This won't prevent other leagues from bringing their All Star teams in to our Fall Ball league. We could call other leagues before games and have them provide their rosters prior to the start of the game, or they will forfeit their game. If we do this, we need to make this clear prior to beginning the season. Another option would be to do away with play-offs for Fall Ball.

- There were many girls left out of Fall Ball on the list again this season. It is agreed that the way Fall Ball is formed needs to change.

- One suggestion is to have a draft for only pitchers and catchers. Before voting on any Fall Ball changes, we will consider the major changes with a committee.

- Another idea is to have pitching/catching clinics during Fall Ball to develop and give more practice to newer/less experienced pitchers.

- Anthony, Matt, Liz, Brooke, Donna will form a Fall Ball committee and we'll vote on these changes at the next meeting.

Memorial Day Tournament:

- There was discussion about moving the CGFP tournament to another weekend besides Memorial Day. It's a good income producer for the league. If we decide to keep it on this weekend, a suggestion is to raise the registration fees a bit as we are already one of the least expensive tournaments that are offered. It was decided to keep the tournament on Memorial Day weekend.

- A discussion developed about using a pitching machine for 8U.

- Matt suggested taking away Coach pitching in 6U and keeping the batting on the tee.

- Jackie got an email from a few female umpires that are not interested in returning. They came in to volunteer, but they got reimbursement. Jackie will talk to them about returning to possibly coach.

Snack Bar:

- Ronda is curious if we should hold a check to be sure parents work their snack bar hours.

Field Maintenance:

- This weekend will be the last tournament for the 10U, 12U and 14U teams.

Other business:

- Marie is meeting with Area Managers of North Clairemont Recreation Center regarding obtaining Mystic fields. Marie has asked for at least four days including the Memorial Day tournament.

Safety:

- Amy is concerned about the safety of people walking along the sidewalk area in between the park and the 12U field and would like to consider a way to prevent any injuries. Options will be looked into and discussed later.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Next meeting on January 2nd, 2014.