April 18th 2006
Clairemont Girls Fastpitch
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:25

In Attendance: Rocky Cole, Rick Balke, Harold Colson, Mike Reichert, Garth Klem, Carol Lathrop, Patti Estrada, Amberly Scott, Kathy Fears, and Corey Stewart.

Absent: Lenny Gemar, Kim Pelot, Bob Wood, Barb Pepi.

Meeting minutes from March 3rd and March 21st 2006 were passed out and reviewed by the board. Rick Balke motioned to approve the minutes from March 3rd, Carol Lathrop seconded the motion, all members were in favor, and minutes were approved. Harold Colson motioned to approve the minutes from March 21st, Corey Stewart seconded the motion, all members were in favor, and the minutes were approved.

President's Report: Rocky announced that Don Cole did all of the work and labor for CGFP that included purchasing and replacing 26 sprinkler heads with new stainless steel heads. Rocky presented a diagram of the sprinkling system, and stated that the league now has 80% water coverage over the fields. She informed the board that the valves need to be opened one at a time. An additional amount of 167.52 was spent in order to purchase all of the sprinkler heads needed. Patti Estrada motioned to approve the extra amount allocated to replace sprinkler heads for all fields, Amberly Scott seconded the motion, all board members were in favor, and the motion was approved.
In addition, Matt volunteered to make new base plugs for all of the fields.
Rick questioned if it were possible for the drag mats to be repaired. Rocky suggested to purchase new drag mats for better care/maintenance of the fields. The league owns two drag mats at this time, one mat drag and one spike drag. Don Cole will contact a landscaper regarding the repair of each. Patti motioned to budget $400 for the repair of or new drags, Matt seconded the motion, all members were in favor, and the motion was approved.
In relation to care and maintenance of the fields, Patti asked the league to consider adding dirt to field #1. The condition of field #1 as of now, the surface is very hard and cracked.
Garth volunteered to contact A-1 soil and will get information on the cost of ordering dirt for field #1.

Rocky informed the board that the district commissioner approved CGFP to remain a "C" level league.

Rocky also addressed an issue that arose with an 8U division team (Aaron Solomon's team). The issue was regarding a parent who became very upset that his daughter was not being pitched. Aaron was developing new pitchers for his team, and letting them have some time on the mound. The outcome was that the parent got very angry and used profanity in an exchange of words. Members of the board discussed this and made a decision to have the executive board members address the parent directly.

Secretary's Report: Amberly reported that she has contacted Teri from Clairemont Covenant Church, and has reserved room 103 for the meeting of the All-Star Selection. The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 6th @ 5:30pm.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Balke passed out the league's income and expense report which he then reviewed. He also has a record on file of all league checks that have been written and paid. He reported that he is still collecting monies from the 100 inning game fund-raiser. He has estimated a projected income of $9,000 from the event. Rick discussed the prizes that will be awarded from the fund-raiser for the highest earning individual in the league, as well as for the highest earning teams. The highest earning individual in the league will receive an IPOD, the highest earning team in the league will receive a team batting clinic with Rip City, and the highest earning team in each division will receive a pizza party. There will also be a prize for the highest earning individual in each division. The cash drawing for sponsors who pledged $5.00 or more will be held at the closing day ceremony.

A discussion was then held about an e-mail that was received from a parent in the league. The e-mail was regarding the board's efforts in circulating the communication for the 100 inning fund-raiser. The parent had concerns about the information for the event not being circulated more efficiently, the parent felt that the board could have taken better measures to ensure that the information for the event be communicated to everyone in the league more effectively.
The board agreed that with the fund-raiser being an experimental first time event, that they will be able to learn from the experience and set goals for improvement in the upcoming seasons.

Rick also discussed his concerns about the amount of money that is collected from league parents for fund-raisers. He does not want the parents to feel obligated to have to pay additional out of pocket money. Rather get involvement from family, friends, co-workers, and local businesses throughout the community. Matt suggested that the board start early with motivating the league about the fund-raiser events in preparation for next season. Such as posting more information around the field, in the glass case, etc.

Player Agent's Report: Carol stated that parents have been contacting her regarding weekday game times interfering with homework, dinner, etc., and asking if the games could be moved back to 5:00p.m. instead of 5:30p.m. Rocky replied that the umpires had already been contacted about this, and with the other schedules requirements that they have to fulfill it is not possible to change the game times any earlier.

14U Rep's Report: Corey questioned if leagues' umpires had been contacted regarding scheduling conflicts, such as: not showing up to a game, showing up to the wrong game, and being tardy. In response, Garth stated that he has contacted the specific umpires involved and has taken care of all issues in concern. Garth also reported that there is a possibility that the umpire fees will increase next year.

10U Rep's Report: Harold asked about the 72 hour window of time allotted to turn in All-Star nominations. He stated that all team nominations fro the All-Star selection had not been received, but that he would get the final submission in and distributed to the managers ASAP.

New Business: All-Star selection process - Rocky will e-mail all of the division reps with the information, in order for them to contact all division managers and coaches. She suggested that the managers only, attend the final draft selection.
A discussion was held about the player division eligibility for all-star teams, and also about assessing managers and coaches before they are allowed to take an all-star team. The board will ask which managers would like to be considered for the all-star teams. The managers will then be voted on and selected by regular season coaches, managers and the board. If there are not enough managers for the selected teams, and there is no volunteer that steps up, a coach can be permitted to manage.
Matt suggested that the league should use the point system and that the highest and lowest scores should be thrown out, followed by an open discussion at the final meeting.
The board all agreed that the league's goal is to field the best possible all-star teams, and the board will vote on which process of selection will be used for the 2006 season.
The possibility of having an 'A' and a 'B' team for 8U was discussed. Also the board will consider having 'B' teams per division, and decide how many tournaments will be funded by the league for the 'B' teams to participate in.
Patti is in the process of collecting the monies and turning in registration forms to reserve places for our leagues' teams in the all-star tournaments.
Rocky stated that the selection process will be changed and finalized at the next board meeting.

CNC Car show fundraiser - Rocky announced that Heather Ellis will continue to organize the fund-raiser again this year, and that there are many volunteers needed. The league will not be pre-selling raffle tickets this year, although the board along with staff are asked to help solicit raffle prizes for the event, and sell the raffle tickets at the car show.

Mountain Mike's Fund-raiser - Jessica Broadhead volunteered to organize and send out the correspondence for the fund-raiser. The date is set for Tuesday, April 25th 2006 from 11:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. Every league family will receive an invitation and will need to bring the invitation to the restaurant in order to have 20% of the profits go to CGFP.

Equipment - Mike Reichert did an inventory, he reported that more 8U balls are needed for the remainder of the season as well as division balls for the Memorial Day tournament. He estimated that the cost for additional balls will total $500-$600. Matt motioned to approve the amount of $600 to budget for balls, Patti seconded the motion, all members were in favor, and the motion was approved.
Mike also stated the league has three extra bases one of which is brand-new. The league has a pitching rubber for field #2 although it just needs to be installed.

Patti reported that the Easter egg hunt held at the baseball field was a success, there were 860 eggs placed on the field for the 8U girls to gather. She stated that the day was lots of fun, and that the event should be incorporated as a regular event for the league.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:19