

Clairemont Girls Fast Pitch Softball League

Board Meeting

October 7, 2010

Pattie Estrada, League President, called the meeting to order at 7:20pm at the Clairemont Covenant Church.

Meeting Attended by: Pattie Estrada, Melissa Diaz, Debbie Duncan, Casey Butler, Marie Wiggins, Kathy Fears, Kim Jacobs, John Warrens, Stephanie Frushone, Kevin Ludwig, Brad Crawford, Lori Whitley, Jim Trammer, Tracey Brodeur and Kim Estes.

Kim J. motioned to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2010 board meeting as written. Brad seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

President's Report – Pattie Estrada.

- Fall Ball

John motioned to give long sleeve T-shirts as the “trophy” for Fall Ball. Brad seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- o Pattie was able to schedule some games for the 12U Mira Mesa Fall Ball team. She is working on 10U games. Mira Mesa started the Fall Ball season with 3 teams and now they have 1 team – this is proving to be a problem.
 - Possible Solutions
 - o Ask managers if they want to play games on their bye weekends.
 - o Split up the Mira Mesa girls and put them on CGFP teams.
- Pitching Lessons
 - o There has been a lot of confusion.
 - o The focus is on girls who have been developing as a pitcher but are not seeing a private pitching coach (for whatever reason).
 - These pitching lessons are NOT geared toward girls who have never pitched and just want to try.
 - These lessons are NOT geared toward girls who are already taking private lessons – those girls are too advanced for what is being offered.
 - o Jr. Umpires in 8U – information needs to be passed along to Pattie if there are any problems so that she can talk to the Jr. Umpires.
 - o Umpire fees for Fall Ball playoffs – last year the league paid the umpire fees for CGFP teams during the playoffs.

John motioned for the league to cover the umpire fees for CGFP teams during the Fall Ball playoffs. Brad seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- Memorial Tournament

- o Memorial Day weekend conflicts with the 8th Grade East Coast trip with Marston Middle School. The following weekend is a conflict for the 8th Grade East Coast trip with Standley Middle School.

Brad motioned for CGFP to continue the Memorial Tournament on the Memorial Day weekend. John seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

John motioned to spend \$275 for a full page ad in the Tournament Blue Book. Kathy seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- Spring Season
 - o It was suggested to continue to waive the snack bar fees for Board members and team managers.

Lori motioned to waive the snack bar fee for Board members and team managers. Marie seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- o Walk up registration will happen on Assessment Day again this year.
- o Registration
 - Registration information will be submitted to the Clairemont Community News, Craig's List, and the Union Tribune – Kathy will do this.
 - Registration on the website should be up and running in about a week. Pattie has asked Lenny to get the uniform information on the website this year so the girls do not have to fill out a separate form at assessments. Lenny will do his best.
 - Registration banners – Jim will put banners up by Albertsons and Costco. Stephanie suggested the fence on Genesee and Highway 52.
 - Registration flyers will be distributed via email.
 - o Stephanie suggested that we do paper flyers to the school where most of our players go – at least for students in grades K – 4th Grade.
- Key Dates
 - o January 8th – Assessments
 - o January 10th – 11th – Draft
 - o January 22nd – Practices begin
 - o TBD – Clinic Dates
 - o February 26th – Opening Day
 - o March 11th – Movie Night
 - o March 19th – 100 Inning Game
 - o March 27th – Ma & Pa Tournament
 - o April 16th – 6U Easter Egg Hunt
 - o May 1st – All Star meeting
 - o May 7th – Closing Ceremonies
- Proposed rule changes
 - o If medical attention is required for an injury that player must have a Doctor's note before being allowed back on the field.
 - o An Incident Report should be filled out for ALL injuries.
 - o If a team has 9 players present at the field – they MUST play with all 9 players on the field.
 - o If a manager has a 1st round pitcher he/she cannot pair up with a coach whose daughter will also be a 1st round pitcher.

Melissa motioned to instate the rule that a manager with a 1st round pitcher cannot pair with a coach with a 1st round pitcher. Lori seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

- o Brad inquired about double elimination playoffs – do we have to do this?
 - No we do not have to have double elimination playoffs – it does give the girls more chance to play.
- Assessment process – We will do this as we’ve done in the past if no better way is suggested.
- Field dirt runoff – the fields were closed yesterday due to rain.
 - o Some of the new dirt on Fields #2 & #4 ran off due to the rain.
 - o Temporary fix – purchase hay bales and line them up along the fence.
 - o Permanent fix – install wood at the base of the fence.

Jim offered to recruit help to install the wood if the league will buy the supplies.

- Pattie called Steve Palle (head of SD Park & Rec) about the foul balls from the baseball field. These balls land on both fields #2 & #4 causing a serious hazard.
 - o There needs to be some sort of barrier to block the balls.
 - o Steve promised to call Pattie back next week to meet and discuss possible solution.
 - o League members are encouraged to contact Donna Frye about this matter.
- Movie Night raffle items – Kathy will start to work on this.
- Credit card service
 - o Our fees are ~\$100/month. There are 2 merchant accounts – 1 for the website and 1 for the credit card machine. Each account costs ~\$50/month.
 - Could we deactivate the website account when we don’t need it?
 - Lori suggested switching to Pay Pal for online credit processing – they charge 1% and we don’t pay individual bank fees.

Vice President’s Report – Melissa Diaz. No Report.

Secretary’s Report – Debbie Duncan. No Report.

Treasurer’s Report – Lori Whitley. We opened an interest earning savings account to avoid bank fees. Tax letters have gone out to our sponsors.

Player Agent

Stephanie Frushone – No Report.

John Warrens – No Report.

Umpire in Chief

Marc Held – Absent.

Raul Duarte – Absent.

Division Representatives:

6U Division – Marie Wiggins. No Report.

8U Division – Dayman Jameson. Absent.

10U Division – Kevin Ludwig. No Report.

12U Division – Kim Estes. No Report.

14U Division – Brad Crawford. On November 10th SDSU is playing Professional Fast Pitch. Brad will look into group rate tickets.

Equipment Manager's Report

Mario Estrada – Absent.

Jim Trammer – Jim suggested the league do something to honor Kirsten Gemar on the 1 year anniversary of her tragic death. Pattie will talk to Lenny about a Memorial.

Field Maintenance

Dayman Jameson – Absent.

Mark Casey – Absent.

Safety Manager – Casey Butler. No Report.

Snack Bar report

Kathy Fears – No Report.

Tysha Bland – Absent.

Sponsorship Director – Kim Jacobs. 2 Fall Ball teams have not yet turned in their fees.

Fundraising Director – Kathy Fears. No Report.

League Consultant & Apparel – Rocky Cole. Absent.

The next scheduled board meeting will be determined at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Debbie Duncan
CGFP Secretary 2010 - 2011