



**Folsom Softball Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 7:00pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Cristina Dobon-Claveau - President
Rachel Colwell - Vice President
Bryan Pinnick - Treasurer
Amy Domingo - Secretary
Dustin Claveau - UIC
Kim Yeary - Fundraising
Justin Landon - Scheduler
Jason Hardie - Equipment
Marco Martinez - Camps/Clinics
Kelli Gracia - Retail

Called Meeting to Order: 7:01pm

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous vote (Published 11/28/2022).

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

The board welcomed the FAA to the meeting. They are going to as many youth sports organizations to introduce themselves and help the new and incoming board members understand who they are and what they are about. They are not a governing body, just available for any general assistance with youth sports. Most members are retired coaches, and have experience in numerous different youth sports.

- FAA helps mostly with facilities and keeping up with the needs and maintenance to maintain our fields. Please reach out for help with any needs or requests, that is what they are there for.

- They believe in “No Child Denied Sports.” They provide and wanted to get the word out about their assistance program. They give a blanket \$200 for assistance. It is up to the individual organization to vet each submission, and then send to FAA for funding. It is a case by case basis, and could even be used to help with equipment for the player. Currently, there is no cap.
- FAA also has a scholarship program. Offering \$500-\$1500 in college scholarships. Last year they funded \$30,000. See the website for more information.
- FAA is currently working to collect Code of Conduct from all youth sports organizations to make a generalized Code of Conduct for all to follow. Allowing each sport to then ‘tweak’ them a bit to conform to their specific sport.
- FAA is also available for consulting on any coach/parent conflicts that may arise. Just to offer an impartial opinion to any issues that may arise in the future.

VETERANS DAY PARADE (Marco):

The Veterans Day Parade was a lot of fun. Those girls that participated had a great time. The Facebook post had comments that it was great to see the FSC represented in the parade again. Though the turnout was small this year, and hoping to get a larger turnout for next year.

LIBERTY:

There was discussion among the board on whether Liberty should stay separated or part of rec, per USA Softball rules.

Per previous board members, it was decided to have Liberty be it’s own team, and not fall under rec play for the Fall Season, and that a vote and discussion would be done for the Spring Season, on whether they would stay separate, or have to play rec and Select, per the USA Softball regulations.

USA Softball has the program designed to accommodate those that want to play on a Select team, which requires they play rec as well. Having practices start early in January, and tournament play only on Sundays.

Questions of conflict of games on days there are Select Tournaments and Rec Games. The program is designed to have this only happen rarely, and Rec is to be a priority.

Concerns of enrollment numbers from last year and keeping Liberty separated. There were only 2-14u the previous season, and if Liberty pulls players to be separate from Rec, there could not be enough to fill other teams.

There is also some interest in the possibility that there could be a 10u and 12u Liberty team for this Spring.

Board members voted unanimously to have Liberty/Select teams to stay as a Recreational play team. As this would help to strengthen the recreational program to benefit and help players to excel in the program.

FAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Cristina/FAA):

We had our first applicant this week. They have been vetted and approved and sent to the FAA for funding. There are possibly two more coming through for review and approval. FAA is very excited about this program, and eager to help families. We are the eyes and ears for this, going to make sure coaches and team parents know about the program.

FFS/BYLAWS (Cristina):

The draft bylaws updates are still pending. We are hoping to get them completed and finalized before Christmas, but at the latest get them completed before the new year.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Cristina/Rachel):

With the current climate with some other sports organizations and schools having some issues with coach and/or parent conduct, it is important that we make sure our Code of Conduct and the Disciplinary Procedures are published and clear to all participating in FSC (Coaches/Members/Players and Parents).

FSC WEBSITE UPDATES:

Rachel has gone through cleaning and making the updates to the information and links on the FSC website.

Dustin is hoping to post soon on Umpire Registration on to the website by Friday.

DISCUSSION - ALL

TREASURER REPORT (Bryan):

- 2019/2020 have been filed and accepted, minimal fees are owed.
- There was no filing with the Attorney General since 2016, currently working on that process to get it resolved.
- The whole process is proceeding in a positive direction, but it is definitely the process to get this all completed and resolved, with it not being handle for so long.

- Registration fees have come in. Currently 71 enrolled.
- Liberty has paid in full for uniforms, etc.
- The tractor should be paid off next June.

NIGHT GAMES ON L1 (Justin):

- Possibility of using L1 for night games, to help fill the field with as many games as possible, per request to help out with Snack Shack profits as well.
- With some discussion, the board didn't see that parents/players would want to come to later night games. It is also harder to get the teen umpires to show up for games the later they get on weekends.
- Decided to have occasional later games, with a pitch start of 3pm, and to leave later times open for rain outs and make ups.

FUNDRAISING (Kim):

Kim needs to get some marketing materials out to the community. She is hoping to revamp and rebuild fundraising and monies coming in from the community.

Her goal is to shoot high, and either get some high numbers, or land somewhere in the middle. She wanted to make sure there were no 'off-limit' businesses or organizations, and the board could not think of any.

Rachel mentioned that sometimes Walmart will donate food/drinks for the Snack Shack and they could sell for FSC profit.

Cristina and some other board members mentioned reaching out to the Hampton Inn, as in the past they have provided meeting rooms for Coaches Training, etc. in the past.

Also, to remind the Intel employees that have players on the team to put in for the match.

PEACHJAR (Amy/Rachel):

- We need to update the flier and get it distributed and out to the schools.
- The account is under the VP email, so goes to Rachel for submission, payment, and confirmation.
- Amy is going to update and create the new flyer for the 2023 season.

- The board agreed to have two distributions done. One ASAP for early registration, and another for regular/late registration.

CAMPS (Marco):

Jeff Fowler provides a pitching clinic for 8U every Monday after practices during the Spring Season. This has been very beneficial for those young girls coming into the sport and want to attempt and work on pitching. Jeff is going to continue for the 2023 Spring Season.

Ron Engle has also done a pitching clinic. Marco is going to look into that.

There is also going to be an ASA Clinic, which could cost \$60 a piece. Going to get more information on that.

Amber (Folsom College Coach) - wanted to let us know that they are turning their fields to turf for the Summer. She would still like to provide and run Summer clinics with FSC, but would like to use our fields, as turf is not the ideal situation for our players. There should not be issue with that request.

Rachel is also going to look into a possible catching clinic, as those are not usually offered as a specific clinic.

Closing

- Wednesday, December 14th, 6pm, Red Bus

**a unanimous vote for the meeting to be moved to one week earlier, new time, and to a new location to accommodate for the upcoming holiday and family time.*

Meeting adjourned 9:01pm