



**Folsom Softball Club  
Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday July 19, 2023 7:00 pm @ Red Bus Brewery

**Attendance:**

Cristina Dobon-Claveau - President	Jason Hardie - Equipment & Field Manager
Rachel Colwell - Vice President	Nikki West - Upper Div. Rep
Bryan Pinnick (Geri Villero) - Treasurer	Jason Hardie - Lower Div. Rep
Amy Domingo - Secretary	Marco Martinez - Event Coordinator
Dustin Claveau - UIC	Kelli Garcia - Snack Shack (Concessions)
Kim Yeary - Fundraising & Communications	Gypsy Mireles Waits - Snack Shack
Cotton Dean - Coach Agent	
Justin Landon - Field Coordinator	

**Call meeting to order: 7:11pm**

**Approval of Minutes: There was no June meeting**

---

**Organization Updates**

Welcome to New Board Members

- Rachel is returning as VP
- Geri Villero is Treasurer
- Jesse Castro is interested in the UIC shadowing.
- Michael Szelenyi is Field & Equipment Coordinator
- Kelli Garcia is returning to Snack Shack/Concessions
- Marco Martinez is returning for Event Coordinator
- Jason Hardie is 6u/8u Division Rep.

### Need updated Mission and Purpose Statement (Cristina)

- Need to review and come back with any corrections or questions in email to Cristina Dobon-Claveau, will need an update by new year.

- **Current Mission & Purpose Statement:**

The Folsom Softball Club is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (501c3). We are a recreational and competitive softball organization focused on developing girls fast pitch softball players, at multiple age levels, from the greater Folsom community. It is our hope that our players will continue in the sport of women's fast pitch softball at the high school and college levels. We have a Board of Directors with a Recreational Committee and a Competitive Committee that operate independently. The Executive Committee oversees the operation of both the recreational and competitive programs.

- **2023 Mission & Purpose Statement:**

The Folsom Softball Club is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (501c3). We are a recreational ~~and competitive~~ softball organization focused on developing girls fast pitch softball players, at multiple age levels, from the greater Folsom community. Our goals are that our players will develop a love of the game, make friendships and if they choose, continue in the sport of women's fast pitch softball at the high school and college levels. ~~We have a Board of Directors with a Recreational Committee and a Competitive Committee that operate independently. The Executive Committee oversees the operation of both the recreational and competitive programs.~~

### All Stars Recap-(Justin, Rachel, Marco and Cristina)

- Marco's team had a good time, it was more competitive for sure. But it was still fun and they all enjoyed it.
- Rachael had a good experience even with how young her team was. The competition was definitely higher.
- Justin had a challenging season with 14u. But, from Day 1 to the end, there was a lot of improvement and growth with the team overall.
- 14u received a berth for Western Nationals July 24-30, 2023.

- Dana had a great time as a new head coach, and had an overall good time. It was challenging teaching some of the rules, ex: third strike drop.

#### Fall Ball Program - Final Details (Rachel)

- Team emails went out today 7/19.
- Uniform orders will be submitted by Amy/Rachel by EOW
- Justin will plan a field draft 1st week of August.
  - Board would like to keep as many games/practices as possible at Livermore, not Sheldon. If there are any further issues with Sheldon, or need assistance, reach out to Gypsy, she can help.
- 2 teams in each division (10u/12u/14u)
- 0 teams in 8u/16u (not enough players to field a team in either division)
- Total of 17 players turned away/refunded
  - 8u - 8
  - 14u - 3 (waitlist - unable to place due to capacity)
  - 16u - 6
- This is a lower turnout than normal, but still a good one. Finding coaches was a challenge, and there was almost not a second 12u team.

#### FSC Select Teams 2023/2024 Season (Rachel)

- Board is very excited to have a 12u team, and see the Select Teams expand. It will add a more competitive edge for those not quite ready for travel ball.
- 10u - OPEN
- 12u - Yes
- 14u - Yes
  - If Justin's daughter gets on the high school team, there is a need for a new 14u Select Coach. He would like to nominate Jason Hardie to take over the team now, so the transition can be smooth and no delay in keeping the team operating and playing if/when he leaves.
  - It was unanimously agreed that Jason Hardie take over the coaching for 14u Select if/when Justin Landon leaves.

---

### **Discussion**

#### Treasurer Report (Bryan)

- Account is looking good, and there is a positive balance at the end of the Spring season.
- Parent volunteer refunds are being processed, and there are still some no responses from some volunteers that are entitled to refunds.

- If no response, will roll over the \$100 towards following Spring season enrollment fees.
- If they do not enroll for the following Spring season, will just cut an actual paper check and mail it to the address on file at time of registration.
- Working on getting a non-profit account on Venmo so that the daily amount of transactions will be more than 10 a day.
- Tracy with USA softball earns money for her volunteer hours with USA softball, usually those earned monies are given back to USA Softball, but she allocated her time to Folsom Softball Club this year! The club will be getting a \$1000 donation from her.
- Per the CPA processing our back tax filings, we should not worry about the money owed. Currently going back and forth with the IRS, and with a 501c, this should go away.
- It is also notable that FSC does not want to have too much revenue, as that can cause owed taxes for the 501c filings. The positive revenue does have to hit a threshold and be in the account constantly for 2-3 years.

#### For hire shirts and training final payment to FNLL, leagues are splitting cost (Gypsy)

- FSC owes their half of the hire shirts and training to FNLL.
- Amount owed is \$1006.49
- Bryan/Geri will provide a check/payment to FNLL.

#### All Stars Survey to participants (Cristina)

- It was requested that a small quick All Stars survey go out to families/coaches.
  - Very basic questions just to get some feedback
  - Should go out sometime next week

#### Coaches Feedback on Surveys affecting next year eligibility (Cotton/Cristina)

- Cotton was asking how much validity we wanted to put on the end of season surveys when considering coaches for future seasons.
  - There were only three negative reviews in regards to coaching, and it was for the same coaches.
    - It was suggested that when considering negative comments on coaching, to take into account the trend.
      - Is it the same team/coach with the negative response?
      - How many overall complaints were received?
      - Was the issue already handled prior to surveys going out?
- Surveys as a whole should be used and reviewed to help improve the club and address any issues that may have come up. However, overall the positive responses far outweighed the negative this Season.
- There is also a project by the FAA to have a blanket Code of Ethics that all Clubs will adopt. Then each Club will then make the few updates to that template that

are specific to their Sport/Club. EX: Swim will have some different Coach/Player/Parent Ethics than Softball. More information to come

#### Survey requests on league needs (Kim):

- Kim is looking into getting a survey out that requests Club needs. So when sending out donation requests, she can list wanted/needed items, so the company could provide that piece of equipment, instead of just a blanket monetary donation. (\$500 +/- donations)
- Gypsy suggested also requesting some auction items that could be auctioned off at the end of the season, or have a Facebook auction to bring in some money. Or possible raffle prizes.
- Dick's online should be coming up for renewal soon, so she will be looking into that.
- Also, looking into Amazon Smile account. So families can donate amount of their purchases towards the Club when shopping for normal items on Amazon.
  - We could also make a FSC account with a wish list as well. Then items can be purchased and donated.

#### Requiring face masks for pitchers as a league rule (Justin):

- There have been some close calls this Select 14u Season where if the pitcher was not wearing a facemask, there would have been severe head/face injuries.
- Justin would like to make it a requirement for our league that any pitcher be required to wear a facemask.
  - It was recognized that in some of the lower age groups, the balls aren't quite as fast coming back at the pitcher.
  - However, after discussion it was agreed upon that if the girls start wearing facemasks at a younger age, when they get up to the older age groups, it won't be such an adjustment.
- It was motioned by Amy Domingo; seconded by Jason Hardie that facemasks become a requirement for all pitchers in the FSC. Unanimously passed by the Board.
  - With this becoming a Club requirement for upcoming seasons, two face masks per team will be provided as part of the equipment handed out.

#### Select Waivers for 1-2 High School students to join Summer Games (Justin)

- It came to the Select Coaches this Season that teams in the league have High School players on the roster. When high school starts, traditionally Spring, their place on the team is held, as they cannot play high school and Rec/Select at the same time. Then for the Fall/Summer Seasons, the high School player comes back to play on the Select team.
- Our Club currently requires that our players play rec in order to be on the Select team. This is not possible for any high school player.

- Justin Landon has suggested that we utilize the high school waiver in order to keep some high school players on the roster, so they are able to play for FSC Select for Fall/Summer, like other leagues.
- Justin has the rules and regulations required for this waiver. And will provide those exact rules to the Board, to be added to our Club rules.
  - You can only hold 1-2 High School Players
  - Players would try out in Fall to secure their spot, just like it works now.
  - They would play the fall season, then leave for Spring, with a secured place, would leave to play for the High School. Come Summer, they come back to play Summer/All Stars.
- It was motioned by Kim Yeary; seconded by Kelli Garcia to allow the high school waivers for 1-2 players to join Summer games. Unanimously passed by the Board.

#### Select Program Rebranding (Rachel/Justin/Jason)

- Jason, Rachael and Justin would like to rename/brand the Select teams, currently Liberty, to correspond with the past relationship with Freedom.
- Jason handed out some random suggestions in regards to possible new logos, and names, for the future.
- The attempt was made to keep the logo more simple, as there have been issues with printing and getting the current logos on swag/retail items.
- Nikki also volunteered to help with any design help, as that is what she does, and is willing to help where needed.
- Jason will take any other suggestions in the next week. Then send out a survey for voting.
  - Voting will be for the top three choices, then he will send out the top three for a final vote.
- In order to avoid any delay in ordering, it was suggested that the Board go ahead and vote on a budget for the new branding now, so new uniforms can be done ASAP.
  - Motioned by Rachel Colwell; seconded by Bryan Pinnick that \$500 be budgeted for rebranding of the Select Teams. Unanimously passed by the Board.

#### Camps and Coaches Training (Marco)

- FSC would like to continue the relationship for further camps.
  - The girls really do enjoy the past camps and it is nice to continue that relationship.
  - Turn out for their camps is always good.
  - Only negative is the college field is still going through turf installation, so they will need a field/facility to hold the camps until their field is finished.
- It was suggested to have some conditioning camps in December.
- High School camps would be good exposure for the girls, and the Club would like to have relationships with the high schools.

- With new coaches coming in, it would be nice to have some older age teams and/or more experienced coaches to hold open practices. Where girls can all practice together, and so coaches can take on some ideas or drills that others use that are beneficial to players growth.
- Dates for camps will get worked out by October for upcoming camps.

---

### **Closing**

**Next board meeting** - August 16, 2023 @ 7pm - Mountain Mike's Pizza on Blue Ravine

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:42pm**