



**Folsom Softball Club
Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 6:30 pm @ Round Table E. Bidwell

Cristina Dobon-Claveau - President
Rachel Colwell - Vice President
Bryan Pinnick - Treasurer (phone in)
Amy Domingo - Secretary
Dustin Claveau - UIC
Kim Yeary - Fundraising & Communications
Cotton Dean - Coach Agent
Justin Landon - Field Coordinator
Jason Hardie - Equipment & Field Manager
Kelli Gracia - Retail (phone in)
Gypsy Mireles Waits - Snack Shack (Concessions)

Called Meeting to Order: 6:39 pm

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. It was motioned by Rachel Colwell and seconded by Jason Hardie to approve the minutes. Unanimous vote to approve.

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

Review and Approval of New Bylaws (Cristina/Rachel/Amy):

- Freedom and FSC have officially separated, and bylaws were updated to reflect this.
 - It was motioned by Cotton Dean and seconded by Jason Hardie to approve and adopt the new bylaws. Unanimous vote to approve.

Spectator and Player Conduct (Cristina):

- With the new climate of behavior seen at youth sports, including local high schools and other recreational teams. The club has decided to make sure we have an updated and current Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators, Coach, and Players.
- A draft was proposed by Cristina, and reviewed by the board. All seemed to agree with the suggested draft.
- Once they are cleaned up with some minor updates, they will be posted to Team Sideline/FSC website.
- There is a conduct form that gets signed when registering as a Player/Coach, this will be more of an actual document available to view online and easy to access.

Opening Ceremonies 3/18/2023 (Cristina):

- Cristina provided a print out of all the teams and members that would be participating in the wagon parade
- Teams would line up along the walkway between the top parking lot and L2. There would be a staggering start for the parade (starting @ 8:45am).
- Parade route goes from the parking lot down the walkway towards L1, ending in the outfield of L1.
- Board is in search of a speaker and microphone for an MC to announce the teams.
 - Gypsy may have one that we could use, she is going to check and see if it still works.
- Painter poles/sticks for coaches with numbers for parade identification will be given at time of uniform pickup on 3/15.
- Guidelines:
 - Wagon decorations;
 - Girls should wear uniform/game day gear;
 - Coach participation;
 - Animals are welcome, but should be leashed and abide by park rules;
 - No non-roster participants.
- Judging will be done by Majors, and Rubric for Judges will be created.
 - Teams to be judged on theme creativity, related to team name, Enthusiasm, and whole team participation.
 - Winners will be announced via social media later that same day. There will be one winner PER DIVISION:
 - 1st place: Food & Beverage from Snack Shack & FSC Sticker

- 2nd place: Beverage from Snack Shack & FSC Sticker
- 3rd place: FSC Sticker

Registration (Rachel):

- Officially closed on 1/31 at a final count of 309 players!
 - There were 3 last minute cases that came in after closing, but they were able to get in before uniforms were ordered.
- Uniforms were ordered and should be here on the 13th.
 - Pick up will be at Spirit Night 3/15/23 @ Five Guys 2750 E. Bidwell Street, #100, in the Broadstone Parking Lot, 4:30-8:00pm
 - This will also be a fundraiser for the club. So families can have dinner/burgers and get their uniforms.

All Stars (Rachel):

- All-Star estimates: (estimate 6 teams)
 - 8u - 1 Likely
 - 10u - 1 Likely
 - 12u - 1 Yes
 - 14u - 1 Yes (2 possible since we can have another All Star team in this division if desired that forms in May)
 - Majors - ?? Not sure on this with all the age restrictions and usually they only allow a 16u team, so this is TBD
 - The issue in the past is not so much about age, per Cotton, it is more about not having a lot of 16u teams for them to compete against.
- Recruiting will begin around April 1:
 - Coaches interviews will be conducted by Rachel, Cotton and Cristina.
 - Once coaches are vetted, announcements will be sent to players.
- 1st tournament will be 1st weekend in June
- Practices will begin Memorial Day weekend.

Select Tournament Hosting (3/5 & 3/12) Rachel:

- Volunteers are still needed
 - 8-1pm - volunteer numbers look great
 - 1-6pm - volunteer numbers are light/low
- Registration Tables are all set; all materials have been received.
- We really need some field prep volunteers! Put the word out.

End of season playoffs (Justin/Cotton):

There was discussion on whether or not to have an 8u tournament/playoff.

- Some of the comments against:
 - The age discrepancies in the 8u division, there could be chance the older teams could dominate and take it all.
 - Is the tournament for the coaches or the players?
 - The umpires in this division are younger and new and could run into issues with a 'championship' driven coach.
- Some of the comments for:
 - Helps players develop and participate in a final seating.
 - All other divisions participating should not be an issue for 8u.
- There was a suggestion for a blind draw, to decide which team would play which.
- It was motioned by Justin Landon to have a vote on whether there should be 8u tournaments; Rachel Colwell seconded the motion.
 - 3 - yay
 - 8 - nay
- It was a majority vote to NOT have an 8u tournament.

Allocation Agenda & Field Allocation (Justin):

- FSC has \$3300 saved in the FAA Adopt-a-Facility fund if we want to do some type of project.
- Derik wanted to know if we were going to do a closing ceremony on 05/20 like usual.
- Derik has been verbally informed of opening ceremonies at Livermore. Justin will inform him via email as well.
- L2/L3 Port-a-Potties.
 - Bryan is going to handle getting the Port-a-Potties back out and paid for.
- Derik will get us keys for the concession shed at L1
- City is looking at field armor for the area around home plate. It holds up better to batters digging and the catcher area. They will be doing a trial of it on Lembi A.
- The city has 31 softball tournaments booked in the spring/early summer. If we are going to have All-Star teams during the summer we will need to understand what age groups we're going to do so they don't rent out Livermore on us. We'll have 14u Select that will need a field but we'll need to understand the other teams as well.
 - City is allowing Monday - Thursday practices for us.

- Liberty requested to practice on L1 Saturday morning (03/4) and (03/11) before the tournament. Practice will be early enough as to not interfere with the prep for the tournament. Jason saw no issue with this.
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Discussion

Snack bar:

- Snack bar phone
 - Kelly would like to have a phone strictly for the Snack Shack for square purchases, and if the workers need to reach out for any reason.
 - Board members offered up some old phones they have, that will just need plan activation to be used.
 - It was suggested to use a pay as you go plan, so as to keep cost at a minimum.
 - Mint Mobile is \$45 for 3 months, which would work great for this idea.
- Sam's club membership
 - One is needed for FSC
 - Need it to be a business account so Kelli/Gypsy can utilize the early morning business hours provided by Sam's Club.
 - You can sign up for a tax exempt status account, but not sure what all paperwork needs to be provided.
 - Club would get back 2% of purchases back with a business account.
 - Kim was thinking perhaps Sam's could donate a membership? She is going to reach out and see what they can do.
 - Regardless of which membership the club can get, Snack Shack/FSC will have a Sam's Club membership for the upcoming seasons.
- Need snack bar \$ transferred back to acct by end of feb to prep for 3/5 and beyond
 - Bryan will get that money moved ASAP.
- Teens for hire interviews on 2/16 and 2/23 6:30-8pm
- Kelli is taking on a more active role in regards to the Snack Shack, as Gypsy is going to be stepping aside come June.
 - A new retail spot is going to be filled by Dana Arce.
 - Dana is not a voting member of the board, and is just to help with retail and will work in tandem with Kelli.
 - She is hoping to help provide some retail stock in the Snack Shack
 - Starting with some FSC water bottle stickers.
 - She has some great ideas for revenue building in regards to our retail.

FireWorks Booth (Cristina/Bryan/Kim)

- Cristina turned in an application for the Fireworks booth.

- Bryan said this was one of the biggest money making fundraisers we had last season.

Hit-a-Thon (Cristina)

- It was suggested that \$20 minimum monies raised in order to participate, but it was decided that it would not be beneficial to put a minimum down.
- Coordinating that this takes place at the same time as picture day.
- Donations would be per different levels.
 - How far ball goes
 - Flat donation
- There would be a prize incentive.
 - More money raised, better prizes.
 - Comparable to the sale fundraisers girls have done at school.

Coaches Meeting (Cristina/Cotton)

- Background checks are almost completed on all. But no issues have come up.
 - Cut-off for background checks is 3/5/23.
- Cotton is rebuilding materials for information and how to for coaches.
- There are a lot of new coaches this season, and the board just wants them to be prepared and set up for success.
 - Some have reached out asking for some guidance and help in this regard.
- It was proposed to do the coaches meeting as a Zoom.
- There was also the idea of having some of the newer coaches come out to some of the more experienced coaches' practices and shadow them.
 - This can help give ideas and help newer coaches see coaching in action
 - New coaches can ask questions and learn live, not just from reading materials.

Camps (Marco): (Marco was not at the meeting, but sent over his update on camps via email. these items were on the Agenda and just reviewed for the Board)

- Moved Camps to L3 Livermore. It has all activities at one location, and will be nice so that board members and volunteers can all be in one place.

Camp - March 5th

All American Softball, Inc

- Location: Livermore L3
- Player Cost: \$55 per player (\$40 per player - to be paid to All American - \$15 per player for FSC)

- Coach Clinic: \$20.00 per coach (\$20 to be paid to All American - \$0 to FSC)
- Hours: 11:00am to 3:00pm
- Volunteers: Will probably need 2-3 for registration. Kelly will provide the coaches. We just need to provide equipment and help with registration.
- Registration: FSC site (40 player requirement - no age requirements. Open to 6U+) *Kelly said we don't have any payback if under*

Camp - March 12th

Ron Engel's K-Club

- Location: Livermore L3
- Player: Free
- Times: 8U – 9:00am – 9:50am; 10U – 10:00am – 10:50am, 12U & 14U – 11am – 11:50am
- Volunteers: Will probably need 3 for registration and field prep/set up.
- Registration: FSC site (no minimum or max)

Closing

Next board meeting - March 9, 2023 @ 7:00 pm Renaissance Foothills Clubhouse
1448 Haddington Drive, Folsom.

Due to the Spirit Night being on March 15th, and that coaches will need to be there at 8pm to pick up any left over jerseys, the board moved the meeting to March 9th, so that Board members that are also coaches will be able to attend.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm