



**Folsom Softball Club
Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday August 16, 2023 7:30 pm @ Mtn. Mike's Pizza on Blue Ravine

Attendance:

Cristina Dobon-Claveau - President Rachel Colwell - Vice President Geri Villero - Treasurer Amy Domingo - Secretary Dustin Claveau - UIC Cotton Dean - Coach Agent	Justin Landon - Field Coordinator Nikki West - Upper Div. Rep Jason Hardie - Lower Div. Rep Marco Martinez - Event Coordinator Kelli Garcia - Snack Shack (Concessions)
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Call meeting to order: 7:35pm

Approval of July Minutes: Motioned by Rachel Colwell and Seconded by Kelli Garcia to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Unanimous approval by all Board.

Organization Updates

New Select Team Name:

- The Board voted and the final unanimous new name for the Select Program teams is: Folsom Blues.
- The current uniform vendor will help to design and create the new logo. Once done and approved, the logo will be ours and we can then have it used for swag, etc.
 - The estimated cost is about \$200, with a \$300 cap, which is within the \$500 budgeted.
 - It was also discussed that the new jerseys be of a different design/quality than the bulk jerseys, making them stand out more as a Select Team.
 - Current color theme is all different shades of blue.

Cohesive transition for players from FSC to Folsom Freedom:

- Still reaching out to discuss with other leagues in regards to how they handle relationships with travel/comp teams within the same boundaries.
- Travel Parents responses:
 - Travel team coaches should not be going to team practices to speak with parents/players.
 - Travel should not be coming to rec. Practices for players, that's inappropriate.
 - If a parent feels their daughter is ready for more competitive play, in the way of travel team play, parents will seek out a team.
- Other Travel Team responses:
 - Travel coaches should not be going to practices.
 - If a travel team wants to recruit players, information on tournaments and teams playing within them is posted publicly. They should go to the tournaments to observe and recruit players.
- Overall Conclusions:
 - Travel should not be coming to the All Stars/Rec practices to have a meeting with players/parents to recruit them.
 - If a parent does approach any coach or board member requesting information on their daughter being ready for travel and requests help, we will happily direct them towards the local (Freedom) program.
 - Our goal is to help build up the Select program that just came back, giving players that introduction to more competitive play before going to travel.

Final Fall Ball Numbers:

- 63 Players Total
- 2 Teams in each division of 10u/12u/14u.
- Some jerseys have already been distributed, some are still pending, but should all arrive before games.
- Opening tournament is Labor Day Weekend.

Discussion

Treasurer Report (Geri):

- Geri is still working on the transition to being the treasurer. Her reports will come through a month behind for meetings. Similar to how the board minutes work. So next meeting the treasurer report will be for August.
- We received a \$3400 +/- check for the volunteer Fireworks shifts.

- Rachel is going to help in getting the volunteer credits to the participating families accounts for Spring registration.

Heat & Air Quality Threshold:

- It was decided to use the threshold numbers that are used for many school districts, as USA Softball and NorCal have a very high threshold for game play.
 - 105 degrees or higher - no practices
 - 150 or higher air quality - no practices
- Cotton had created a template for this previously. He is going to work with Rachel and they will get something out to families.
- This will affect FSC Practices ONLY. Any games are under the NorCal Softball or USA Softball Guidelines.

Communication to Fall Ball Coaches (Spectator Behavior/Expectations):

- Need to make sure that coaches and families are aware of the NorCal Softball rules regarding appropriate behavior and expectations as a spectator.
- FAA is still working on getting generalized and cohesive rules for behavior for parents and coaches for all Folsom Athletic programs.
- There were issues last year with a parent/spectator being ejected from a game, and the Board was not notified until weeks after.
- The Board just wants coaches/parents to please inform them immediately when a problem comes up, so it can be handled timely.

Spring 2024 Season Dates:

- It's a good time to start thinking about the Spring Season dates.
- Cotton would like us to start brainstorming some new marketing ideas. Enrollment numbers have stayed steady the last few years at just over 300 players.
 - Suggested getting some materials out to the Mangini Ranch neighborhood. It is new and not much is getting out there.
 - Thoughts of maybe the small lawn stake signs on the corners of traffic stops, etc. just to get the word out more.

New Board Group Text/Email:

- New members need to be added to the group text and the group email for the new terms/season.
- Cristina will create the new text group.
- Amy will update and do the email side, including updating TeamSideline with correct names and emails.

Revisit Equipment Needs/Available Funds:

- Discussion on new equipment needs was had, and the overall determinations were made for:
 - 2 new pitching machines
 - One replacement for current machine at L2
 - One replacement with the auto/random change up function for L1
 - The City found one in the storage container and have offered it to us, but not clear on the condition.
 - Replacement storage bags for the league Bownets. Nets are good, just the carry bags are coming apart.
 - Jason found some on Amazon for cheap. They are not brand name, but they work.
 - Need more 12u/14u balls. Lower division has plenty.
 - Safety plate for first, ours have become slick and are missing tread.
 - Clay/Dirt for the pitching mounds.
 - With the new requirement by FSC to have Face Masks for all pitchers, we will need to purchase some for the 2023 Season.
 - 2 Facemasks per team for 8u-10u
 - 1 Facemask per team for 12u-14u
 - At the older divisions, most players have their own facemask at this point, so only providing 1 per team for those players.
 - Motion was made by Cristina to allocate \$6,000 towards new equipment for FSC. Kelli seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the board.
 - Jason will look into and work on getting the price quotes on all of the requests.
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Closing

Next board meeting - September 20, 2023 @ 7pm - Mountain Mike's Pizza on Blue Ravine

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27pm