

FGSA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 03/10/16

Time: 7:01pm

Location: Keystone Villa

Call to Order: President- Kevin Manmiller

Attendance / Roll Call:

President – Kevin Manmiller

Vice President -- Chris Malinowski

Treasurer -- Keith Santangelo (not present)

Secretary -- Brad Kessler

Coaches/Assistant Coaches:

15U: Mike Lazar, Steve Smith, Chris Malinowski, Bob Bastian

12UB: Eric Robuck, Kevin Manmiller

10UA: Drew Toucher

10UB: Jason Koehler, Shawn Seidel

8UA: Jon Chwatek, Jane Szilli

8UB: Crystal Drumheller

Parents/Others: Brad Kessler, Mary Templin

Review of the Minutes from Last Meeting:

Requesting a motion for approval of the meeting minutes:

Motion #1 – Chris Malinowski Motion #2 – Steve Smith Approval – Yeah

Treasurer's Report (Keith Santangelo – not present):

New Business

- FGSA has officially been approved by the IRS for 501C3 status! We still have not received any actual paperwork from the government, but the IRS website confirms that we are approved and now have an official number that we can use to more easily obtain sponsorships.
- Keith was not able to attend the meeting, but did send in the latest Treasurer's Report:

Balance in Saving & Checking as of March 10th, 2015						
	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
Cash Checking						\$ 6,435.55
	3/3/2016	401	Fleetwood Borough	extra gym rental for feb 20th	\$ (16.00)	\$ 6,419.55
	3/3/2016	402	Maidencreek township	field and light usage for bfc	\$ (300.00)	\$ 6,119.55
	3/3/2016	403	Kevin Manmiller	Reimbursment for limer/drag	\$ (325.99)	\$ 5,793.56
	3/4/2016	deposit		reg/lotto/uniforms deposit (\$4,935 checks \$345 cash	\$ 5,280.00	\$11,073.56
Total cash Checking						\$11,073.56
Total Cash Savings	Prev Balance			\$8,453.85		\$8,453.85
Total Savings and Checking						\$19,527.41

Requesting a motion for approval for the Treasurer's report:

Motion #1- Jon Chwatek

Motion #2- Drew Toucher

Approval- Yeah

Fund Raising Committee Report (Eric Robuck, Steve Adam, Val Foley)

New Fund Raising Business

- **Sponsorships:** Eric and his team have sent out letters requesting donations to our organization, over 100 letters, and the FGSA has not received any responses yet. Eric Robuck has suggested that it is possible that not many people outside of the FGSA family know who we are and what our association is about. Eric has placed calls to several businesses originally solicited, and these businesses have no recollection of ever receiving letters. A committee will be formed to personally visit establishments, and solicit donations.
- **Advertisements on Outfield Fence:** The FGSA has gotten approval to place signs on the outfield fence of the Blandon Fire Company field. The group is working on purchasing signs and securing patrons. Guidelines are being set on pricing for sponsors with discussions on length of term or selling the advertising space per season. Fund raising volunteers will be requested in securing advertising for these signs.
- **15U vs. Fleetwood Police:** Our 15U girls will be kicking off their summer season with a scrimmage against the FLEETWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT on Saturday, 5/21, at 1pm! Yes, you heard that right. We're going to play the Fleetwood Police. I just hope that our girls don't hurt too many of them. Donuts will be served at the concession stand. It is unclear if stealing will be allowed.
- **Games of Chance Permit:** FGSA should really have a "Games of Chance" permit just to be safe. The permit is \$125.00 per year and would cover any 50/50 raffles and lotto calendars.
- **Donation Jars:** Eric has suggested starting a trial of the donation jar at the BFC concession stand, where hopefully patrons will deposit the excess change they receive.

Old or Unfinished Fund Raising Business

- **Spaghetti Dinner:** Eric Robuck has stated that this event will take place, and has given the lead to Val Foley. Possibly utilizing the Fleetwood Community Center or the Keystone Villa.
- **50/50 Raffle Tickets:** The plan is to have the raffle tickets ready to go for opening day, April 30th. Selling tickets all day and having one drawing was a possibility, charging \$1.00 per ticket.
- **2016 FGSA Golf Tournament:** The date has been set for August 20th, Rich Maiden Golf Course, 1:15pm, Shotgun Start. More details to follow. For more information contact Keith Santangelo.
- **Coaches vs. Kids:** Mary Templin confirmed that she will spearhead the effort on the 2016 Coaches vs. Kids fundraiser. She has stated that this will be a group effort, and anyone volunteering to assist these efforts would be greatly appreciated. Mary has stated that so far, two suggestions for beneficiaries of the event: Special Olympics and One Wish. A formal vote may take place on opening day, but suggestions are welcome at any time.
- **FGSA Skills Camp:** The fund raising committee has stated that any possibility of bringing fruition to the Skills Camp, it would definitely have to be a fall event. This will give more time for the committee to thoroughly organize an effort and will help to secure the needed guests, possible College/High School coaches/players.
- The **On-line Spiritwear store** has been up and running for about the two years. After investigating the settings, it was found to be set up incorrectly, changes were made, but still no money has been transferred from this endeavor.

ACTION ITEM: Fund Raising Committee to report on progress of Sponsorship letters.

ACTION ITEM: Fund Raising Committee to continue to pursue outfield fence sponsorships.

ACTION ITEM: Fund Raising Committee to prepare Donation Jar to keep at the concession stand.

ACTION ITEM: Keith Santangelo to obtain the Games of Chance permit.

Concession Stand Committee Report (Mike Lazar)

Old Concession Stand Business

- Our concession stand prices are considerably lower than other youth sports locations. Our prices will rise at the concession stand in 2016, but continue to be a delicious bargain!

Facility and Equipment Committee Report (Kevin Manmiller)

New Facility and Equipment Business

- Mike Lazar previously raised a concern about not having a batting circle / on-deck area during games. (We've had a number of near misses over the years.) Kevin Manmiller has presented an option to the Township that was accepted: On the first base side, bleachers will be removed and a bench installed. Third base side, the first set of bleachers removed, bench also installed, and removed bleachers would be positioned into the grassy area. The out of play line would have to be changed to accommodate. The other set of bleachers would go in storage with the township. BUT.....The Blandon Fire Company has vetoed the idea. Jon Chwatek has agreed to personally speak with members of the Company to find out reasons.
- Kevin Manmiller has purchased the new limer and new drag for the BFC field.
- Our FGSA Batting-Tees have gone missing as of a month ago. Chris Malinowski agreed to purchase new Tees at the FGSA Night at Rawlings on 3/14.
- FGSA does not have good catchers gear small enough for a 6 or 7 year old. Chris Malinowski agreed to purchase the smallest gear possible if it exists at Rawlings.

Old or Unfinished Facility and Equipment Business

- The following items are approved and will be purchased by Kevin Manmiller:
 - Lock-box is needed at the Willow Creek field so that coaches don't have to lug bases back and forth between the HS shed and the WC field.
 - (4) Additional nets, three of which will be kept at Blandon, Willow Creek and the HS Field so coaches would have an extra net for additional hitting stations. Those "extra" nets would be tagged somehow (colored tape?) so that we'd know they should stay at the field.
- The purchase of a batting cage for the Middle School has been put on hold. The school originally proposed funding half of it, but it did not make their 2016 budget. We have kept the original FGSA cost in the budget as a placeholder. Even though it will not be purchased in 2016, those funds will be saved for potential purchase of the batting cage next year.

ACTION ITEMS: Kevin Manmiller to purchase the following items: the lock-box for Willow Creek, additional nets to be kept at each field, a new limer, and a new drag.

ACTION ITEMS: Chris Malinowski to purchase new batting Tees, and catchers gear that may fit a 6 or 7 year old.

Uniform Committee Report (Julianne Kessler) not present

New Uniform Business

- The FGSA uniform order has been placed through Longstreth. Uniforms will not arrive until just before the season. The reason for this is that there were a ridiculous number of registrations not submitted until many weeks after the registration deadline. (More than 20! In fact, there are still people who haven't registered but obviously are playing because they are showing up for practices!) We waited as long as we could to place the order since we needed to be sure we had a good list of everything that people were going to need. Next year we definitely need to add an incentive discount for people who are kind enough to register prior to the deadline.
- Chris Malinowski obtained quotes for "fancier" custom-designed jerseys for the 15U teams from a business called 2:5. They designed them specifically for us based on a suggestion from Makayla Calamita to have a Tiger Paw ripping a tear across the front of the Jersey. Cost would be \$70/jersey. A survey will be going out shortly to determine if this is the way a majority of people would like to go, and if so, an order will be placed ASAP so they are received by the end of May.



Webmaster Report (Joe Calamita) - www.fleetwoodgirlssoftball.org

New Webmaster Business

- Keith Santangelo launched the new Google Sheets calendar for games and practices, making scheduling fields stress free. So far this has been a great success!

Old Webmaster Business

- Joe Calamita is also working to provide a site that incorporates scheduling, registration, ordering and contacting parents, from Blue Sombrero/Dicks Sporting Goods.

ACTION ITEMS: Joe Calamita to report on progress of website that would allow us to do scheduling of fields on-line.

Registration Committee Report (Chris Malinowski)

New Registration Business

- A total of (95) girls are registered for our Spring/Summer season:
 - (26) at 8U
 - (23) at 10U
 - (23) at 12U
 - (23) at 15U

This is an all-time high for FGSA!

General and Miscellaneous Business

New Misc Business

- A memo was sent to have all outstanding First-Aid kits delivered to be re-stocked, and only ONE showed up (thank you, Mike Lazar!) All coaches will now be responsible for having the First-Aid kits stocked.
- FGSA Day: Every year it is tradition for FGSA to have a day when ALL of our spring teams play a home game. They used to do this the first weekend of the year and call it "Opening Day" but that usually meant it was cold and miserable. So the last 4 years we moved it to about the 1/3 point of the season and call it "FGSA Day". We shoot for the first Saturday in May, but unfortunately that is the date of the Blandon Fire Co fishing rodeo, so we're moving our FGSA Day to Sat 4/30. Tentatively, this will be the schedule:
 - 9:00am - 8UB
 - 11:30am - 8UA
 - 2:00pm - 10UB
 - 4:30pm - 10UA
 - 7:00pm - 12UB
 - 9:00pm - 12UA
- Crystal Chwatek Photography will be providing photography services this year.
- FABA has offered to give us space for an advertisement on the fence at Smith Field. There are a lot of families with boys in FABA who may have daughters interested in FGSA. Smith Field gets a lot of traffic, so a banner there would be good advertising. A meeting was held with the president of FABA, and the outcome was any sign, no larger than 3'x6' could be placed on the Smith Field fence. President Wessner suggested using Heffner Printing, for they have done numerous signs for the field.

Old Misc Business

- A suggestion was brought up to bring in Evolution to do one of their clinics for our girls. This seems like a great idea, but unfortunately this project is on HOLD.
- A new sound system is available for use at the BFC field, just contact Steve Smith for instructions.

Scheduled Fun Events:

- Mon 4/18 – Fleetwood HS vs. Conrad Weiser “**Strike Out Cancer**” **Fund Raiser Game** (7pm, at BFC)
- Sat 4/30 – **FGSA Day** (All teams 8U, 10U and 12U will play a home game – see schedule above)
- Sat 5/21 – **FGSA 15U vs. the Fleetwood Police** (1pm, at BFC)
- Sun 6/05 – **Fleetwood/Brandywine Softball Movie Night** (tentative, details to come soon!)
- Sat 6/11 – **FGSA Pool Party at the Reading Phillies**
- Sat 6/12 – **10UB and 10UA Championship Games** hosted by FGSA at the Blandon Fire Co
- Sat 8/20 - **FGSA Golf Outing** at Rich Maiden, 1:15pm shotgun start
- September 2016 – 4th Annual **Coaches vs. Kids** charity fundraiser (exact date TBD)

Future FGSA Meetings:

Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	4/14/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	5/12/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	6/09/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	7/14/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	8/11/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	9/8/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	10/13/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	11/10/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa
Thursday	12/10/16	7:00 p.m.	Keystone Villa