

SMGSA Board Minutes

06/02/25

Meeting called to order @ 6:37 p.m.

1. Quorum/Approval of Agenda & Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Robert motions to approve the minutes, Josh seconds. Motion passes.
- b. Victor motions to approve the agenda, Ryan seconds. Motion passes.

2. Treasury Report

- a. Checking account \$58,760/Savings \$127k. All-Star fees have been collected; uniforms need to be paid for. There are about \$43k in outstanding checks, including \$5k for USA Softball and \$2.5k for rings. The money from 99 Pledges is still being held with scholarships pending. Carol is finishing taxes and requests that those who purchased items from Amazon on the league card let her know what items they purchased. Russ mentions that about \$40k of the money in the checking account could be moved to savings. Carol will look into it.

3. 2025 Operations Calendar

- a. Next year's board to remain as discussed at last month's meeting. Chris or Patty will send a league-wide email regarding board members for next year.
- b. SMEC (Mike and Russ) are meeting tomorrow, June 3, with the police chief for discussion about closing the beer garden at 10 p.m. Russ reports the SignUpGenius for volunteers has been opened. Lindsey reports that there are very few volunteers although league members will be able to complete their volunteer hours through this event. Lindsey is not sure if the info is still being shared by the team parents.
- c. A league-wide email will be sent regarding volunteering for the beer garden and the Fourth of July parade.
- d. Fall registration shall be as discussed at last month's meeting.

4. Scheduling

- a. Congrats to Robert on his team winning the spring championship! The same permits as last year have been applied for; we may need to tighten up Camino Grove. There is a discussion regarding field time at Arcadia County Park. Chris shares that the cost is \$130/hour. Toshi shares that the league may be able to get time at this field at a reduced rate by running community clinics there. There is a discussion of holding fall clinics at this park instead of Heasley, but insurance may be an issue if allowing players not registered with the league to attend.

Chris has opened discussions regarding the use of Dapper for 12U and 14U. There is no mound, and it allows for pitching at the correct distance, but there is still a circle of dirt from where the mound was removed that may need to be replaced with turf. We may need to purchase a portable mound.

Jonathan mentions there is a field in Monrovia with all dirt, 30' backstop, and lights that goes unused in the fall. Monrovia High School would like to form a relationship with the league after the league used the field for some games during the field closures that occurred during championships. Discussions with the new principal regarding field use have revealed that fees would be involved. Per Chris, the Facilitron system to rent fields has not been well-received by coaches. Arcadia HS may also be an option. The league is currently at capacity and Glendora is the only league in the area that is bigger with 530 registrants, but they have more field space.

5. All-Stars

- a. Congrats to 10U Gold for winning the championship at San Clemente, 10U Silver A for winning the championship at Glendora, 12U Silver for being finalists at San Clemente, and 12U Gold for being finalists at Glendora. The other teams are playing competitively.

Chris reports there has been a reclassification of teams by USA Softball to B & C versus Gold & Silver. This has led to 10U Silver A having to play up in B during San Clemente and has affected tournaments with teams dropping out and causing unevenly distributed brackets across Gold and Silver. Different commissioners are classifying their districts' teams inconsistently. B State will be held in Irvine this year. The district draw for silver/C will be June 5 at the Elks Lodge in Whittier. A representative from the teams is not required but is recommended.

6. Fundraising

- a. No update from Kara. Russ suggests holding a home run derby as the league previously raised \$15k with a six-day lead time. Russ will reach out to potential sponsors, as there is still space for banners. Carol is still calculating the funds raised from the closing day beer garden, but preliminary numbers suggest we broke even despite the low attendance due to rain.

7. Player Agent

- a. Clinics will be planned for the fall season.

8. Field Maintenance

- a. Brooke reports that new tires are needed for the gator. The new wheelbarrow for Victory is still missing, but the old one is still there, so it will not be replaced. There is storage shed space available at Victory if we agree to clean it.

9. Registrar

- a. No update.

10. Volunteers

- a. Please volunteer for the July 3 beer garden.

11. Diner

- a. There is food remaining that could be used during a potential fundraiser with Little League during TOC. Russ inquiries about Worker's Compensation for the diner staff. Carol will look into it.

12. Publicity/Social Media

- a. Thank you, Jackie and Kristin, for the great social media coverage and article about 10U Gold winning in San Clemente! Jackie would like to remind coaches that she cannot share posts they are tagged in and resharing.

13. Fall Season Format

- a. Ethan begins a discussion about making rules and rule changes clearer to coaches. He is considering having a binder available at the field or booklets of the rules to distribute. Chris shares that USA Softball continues to have concerns regarding the league's inconsistent rules, although there is space for league-specific rules. Kate mentions parents of some younger players have shared that the transition from fall to spring was challenging with the addition of the gold players. There is a discussion regarding potential select showcases to incorporate the gold players and select program more in the fall. Practices will begin September 7 with opening day on September 21.

14. Round Table

- a. Chris thanks the Bragiels, David Cramer, Elizabeth, Kristin, Toshi, and Mike for their hard work and dedication as board members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.