



**Elk Grove Girls Softball Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 24th 2019**  
**7:00 p.m. Pavillion**

**Agenda:**

- Call to Order – RJ
  - 7:04 pm, Nick, Scott, RJ, Matt, Jackie, Jamie, Brian & Peter K.
- Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – RJ
  - RJ motion, Scott second, approved
- Presidents Report
  - Play, Picnic & Party went well, need ideas to draw attention
    - Hitting type carnival games or dunk tank – something more fun
  - Need an expense or request form for outlays to run the transactions so we can track things when everyone is doing their own thing – need to create a google form to everyone to use (Jamie / Nick)
  - Need to promote senior league early next year, potentially raise the age, other local park districts are allowing adults – park district call since it's not technically 'youth' if we raise the age limit on that division
- Treasurer's Report (Michelle via phone)
  - \$6K approx. coming out in July – Spirit wear, all-stars, tournament fees for Fire
  - Expense Approval, Jamie motion, Nick second, approved.
- Park District Updates
  - CAF Cleanup
    - We need shelves installed so we have enough room for storage, the home run fences, most of them are the Heat's. We also have Heat Canopies, we should give them back as well
    - RJ & Berenice will take a walkthrough and put together a list of what we want
  - President/Treasurer's meeting
    - Nick, RJ & Michelle – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at the admin building
  - Website Update
    - Still no update on the website or transitioning over
  - Budget – Park District is reviewing how they want to handle the budget for next year, they will let us know the outcome of their meeting
  - Marketing – we need to get everything in by August 19<sup>th</sup>, we can have the framework ready then finalize at our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Price out socks for next year so we can include in reg fees
    - Can Marketing come to one of our next meetings, Aug/September to talk about marketing plan for the year
- Quick season recap
  - Scott did a great job with Umps
- Skills / All Star recap & next year planning
  - Timeline, potentially need to push back timing, volunteers are difficult to get there in time to setup and be ready for skills to start at 6
  - The volunteers need better direction on what they're doing
    - Do a volunteer meeting in advance and define what they are volunteering for

- Need signage directing people where to go
- Maybe add some skills where anyone can win – things like accuracy in pitching
- Highlight the allstar girls and give out uniforms at the skills competition
- If you sign up for skills competition you can win a free registration for next year or spirit wear
- Coaches home run derby
- Umpires next Season & Potential for outsourcing
  - RJ believes the opinion of the outsource is the preference of the Park District, Brian confirmed – Scott & RJ went to a meeting with a potential outsourcing company. We would contract with the assigner, load up our schedules and their umps can self schedule their own games, then they get assigned
  - The assigner would also allow local youth / residents to join their platform and would give them preference for games in our league
  - We set the rates and the program pays \$7 fee per ump per game for the assignment
  - Need to add to agenda for voting, would like the assigner to come in and answer any questions at our next meeting
- Open positions / potential board members
  - Officiating Coordinator – do we keep the position or remove if we go with the assigner which is likely
  - Fields & Equipment, fill them both and revisit next year – potentially adjust responsibilities here – maybe stripe on weekends. Equipment needs to take uniforms
  - Positions:
    - Nick running for open President position
    - Jamie running for open Commissioner position
    - Michelle staying as Treasurer
    - Chad staying as Equipment
    - Matt running for open Member at Large position (currently holds)
    - Jackie staying as Ways & Means
    - Promos is open
    - Secretary is open
    - Fields is open
  - Four interested so far: Peter Kokones, Pat Kelly, Maria Irizarry, Melissa Wagner
- Swing players for next year
  - Players that can play up if teams are short and need players, this would avoid them borrowing from another team, they could only play outfield positions, can't pitch or catch but do get to bat
  - Bring up at managers meeting to have them identify girls who they think can play up and be part of the program, they would need to nominate the players
  - Motion to create a structure for swing players, approved (Scott)
- Managers meeting recap / feedback
  - Ideas for improvement:
    - Referral program – discount for someone who refers a first year player
    - Softball fun / summer skills camp
    - Joon Kim offering to do a pitching clinic for winter training – let him to a sample clinic with a group of girls to see how that goes
    - Skills / drills email blasts throughout the season
    - Free drop-ins for winter training – need to consider capacity though
    - From both the baseball and softball managers there were players with major conflicts, just need to highlight that more on the draft sheets
    - Add column for parents who want to volunteer to the draft sheet
- Used gear collection / program
  - Be specific in what we are looking for and what we can take
  - Setup a disclaimer for gear that goes back out

- Find out equipment / bat bags with the EGGS logo on them what the cost is
  - Can we setup a donation box at the pavilion? Brian will check
- Fire program for 2020
  - Matt / Jamie will setup Google sheet with Fire program revamp for next year for approval
  - There was a complaint from a parent on the Fire team regarding the program, Brian will pass his info to RJ to address
- Fall ball team
  - Waiting on ages/dates + full team registration if we do our own uniforms.
  - Need to send out an email as soon as we get info
- New Business
  - Need to pick a day to clean up the warehouse – try Square for inventory
  - Add key dates to the agenda so we know what's coming up in the next 30, 60, 90 days
  - Will the park district help the board setup a clinic with the Bandits
  - Brian will talk to Bob about Winter Training / securing the space
  - Can we do registration coupons?
  - Promo items for the parade: \$1,000 for promo items, motion approved, seconded.
  - Need dates on Capital expenditures – generators / lights at multiple fields, Brian will get us dates
  - Brian working on Survey, had to cut down to 13 – request to see the new draft before being sent out.