



Romeoville Revolution Girls Fastpitch Softball Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/06/09

1. **Call to order** –President *Chuck Osborne* called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
2. **Roll Call** –Secretary *All executive board members* were in attendance as well as 10U Commissioner *Dan Wirkus*; 12U Commissioner *Joe Guerrero*; and 14U Commissioner *Scott Skarecky*. Others in attendance were: *Julie Carco, Jessica Skarecky, Michael Eccleston, Rob Prokaski, Rick Reuland, Patti Prokaski, Dawn Mannucci, Eileen Minahan, Yvonne Bambule, Kelly Szulczyk, Eddie Rendon, James Hernandez, Stephen Obradovich, Ann Nerger, Scott Nerger, Robert Nove, Andrea Anderson*
3. **Approval of Minutes** *Joe Guerrero* made a motion to approve the September minutes, *Dan Wirkus* seconded the motion, all were in favor, the minutes were accepted as written.
4. **Reports:**
 - a. Treasurers report
 - ▶ *Linnea* reported that travel teams are requesting funds the same day as deposits are being made, and this needs to stop (all funds are drawn from one general account, and right now, on paper, it appears as if our general fund has a deficit. This is not the case, but it is creating a headache for *Linnea*!). Funds require 7-10 business days to clear, therefore, if you don't have the money in your account to cover your request, you will not be granted the requested funds for 7-10 business days when the deposit clears. No exceptions!
 - *Joe* suggested that the travel teams take ownership of their own accounts, with the ability to write their own checks, but still be responsible for submitting a budget /receipts to the treasurer as well as get purchases approved. This is not an option at this point because the organization is still ultimately responsible for the money in those accounts and would be held responsible if someone decided to mishandle those funds.
 - Another suggestion was made to perhaps split the general account into separate accounts, one in-house and one travel with separate check books. The Treasurer would maintain control and continue to write all checks needed, but funds would be kept separate. This would help to avoid our current situation with funds being drawn from the general account to cover withdrawals until checks clear. No action was taken at this time.
 - It was also pointed out that the Credit Union, where our account is currently housed, has limited hours of operation. *Linnea* is going to look into possibly moving our funds into a mainstream bank with better hours so that she has better accessibility. She will also investigate fees involved (if any).
 - *Chuck* reported that an error was made when our taxes were done, the wrong box was checked regarding our “not-for-profit” status. This has

resulted in a fine of \$330. However, our tax person, Rudy Luveano is working to rectify the situation, and does not expect the fine to be paid out. Rudy is also going to look into our options re: travel vs. in-house accounts.

b. Vice President's SWS report

▶ Chuck reported that SWS is taking suggestions on how to spend their \$10,000.00 surplus. They would like ideas on how to spend the money on the girls of the organization, which encompasses about 32 towns. If you'd like to make a suggestion, please e-mail one of our board members.

▶ SWS is also looking for commissioners at each age level for the spring. If you're interested, please attend their next meeting which is the first Thursday in November at the Rec Center.

▶ Chuck asked travel coaches who would be playing in SWS in the spring. Eddie Rendon's IOU Starzz will be our only travel team playing in SWS; all others are playing tournament level travel only. Rosters, birth certificates and \$375 is due at the next SWS board meeting in November.

▶ SWS has voted in a new board. President: Ron Kunkel, VP-In-House: Greg Torkelson; Treasurer: Bill Spittal; Secretary: Nicole McClellan; VP-Travel: remains open

c. Athletic Director's report *No AD's report*

d. Commissioner's reports *No Commissioners' Reports*

e. Committee Chair reports *See below: Marketing for Spring Registration*

5. **Old business** *All bills for fall have been paid.*

6. **New business**

a. Marketing For Spring Registration

▶ Committee Chair, Andrea Anderson, and Kelly Szulczyk presented the following ideas:

- add P.O. Box to the registration form to accept mail-in registration.
- looking into using PayPal to accept credit card payments.
- Proposed Registration Incentives: \$10 off for early registration; \$5 off if you bring your own form; possibly money off for working the registration table and multi-child discount. Please note, final discount amounts will be determined when the budget is completed.
- Work fundraising into fee somehow
- Send ½ sheet forms to schools to be handed out to girls in grades 2+ to promote program and registration dates (1/2 sheets will help save on printing costs)
- Add on-line registration if possible
- Get info into the Bugle and Herald

SPRING REGISTRATION DATES WERE ESTABLISHED:

JANUARY 23 & 24 ** FEBRUARY 13 & 14

Please note, these will be the ONLY 2 registration weekends for spring

▶ If you'd like to help out on this committee, please let Andrea know.

b. Committee Groups

▶ Julie Carco agreed to be the committee chair for the Fundraising Committee, and to head our bowling event.

▶ It was suggested that, in lieu of selling bowling tickets, the travel teams would each pay \$200 to cover the cost of the insurance for the organization.

▶ If you'd like to help out on this committee, please let Julie know.

7. Comments from membership

c. Recreation Department representative

d. Coaches

▶ Stephen Obradovich addressed the board re: bringing his 16U in-house team to Romeoville. Steve has been a coach for 8 years in Crest Hill. The program in Crest Hill seems to be deteriorating, and, while his girls no longer want to play there, they still want to play. He has 8 girls committed at this time. Since we haven't had a 16U in-house team in many years, this would be a nice addition to our in-house program. He was advised that our in-house program is open to anyone who registers, but that he, and those who coach with him, will need to submit to a background check before they will be allowed to coach in our organization.

▶ Rick Reuland addressed the board re: bringing a 16U travel team to our organization. Rick has coached baseball for 12 years and softball for 8. He left the Naperville Diamonds program where he was a coach for 6 years. He would like to bring this team here to help build the upper level of our travel program, however, he does not have any girls from Romeoville on his current roster. Some questions posed to Rick were:

● What is the benefit to our program? A: to build the upper level of our travel program. He would play 16U this summer and then move up to 18U next summer. These are levels we haven't been able to offer in the past.

● What is your policy re: recruiting the best players vs Romeoville players? A: Of course we're looking for the best players, but there always should be some bias toward the hometown players (i.e. if 2 girls are of equal skill, the hometown player should be chosen).

Rick came highly recommended by Mike Eccleston, current coach of our 16U travel team (Rick's team would be in addition to Mike's team), as well as Scott Skarecky, a parent of a former player in our program.

▶ The board needs to vote on accepting Rick and his team into our program. This vote will take place at the November meeting.

e. Parents (Ann Nerger)

▶ Ann & Scott Nerger were at the meeting to request that their \$500 be refunded from the 14U travel team. Their daughter attended only 3 practices before quitting the team. The board went into closed session at 8:37pm to consider both sides of this situation. We returned to open session at 9:03pm.

Chuck Osborne made a motion to refund the money & open roll call vote of the board was taken. All were in favor, motion passed. The Nerger family will be refunded their money. Linnea will either mail or drop off a check at their house.

f. Visitors

8. New Board

a. Vote for new Board *The results of the election are as follows (names in blue were elected at this meeting):*

President: Chuck Osborne

Vice President In-House: Dan Wirkus

Vice-President Travel:

Secretary: Tina Smith

Treasurer: Linnea Guerrero

Athletic Director: James Hernandez

Equipment/Fields Director: Carlo Capalbo

▶ *A new VP-Travel will be appointed at the next board meeting. This position is currently vacant because Chuck Osborne has assumed the position of president. The person appointed will serve the remainder of the term, which is up in October 2010. If you're interested, please let a board member know! CONGRATULATIONS to all of our newly elected board members.*

Adjournment Dan Wirkus made a motion to adjourn at 9:27pm. Tina Smith seconded the motion, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Tina Smith, Secretary

****Our next open board meeting is on Tuesday November 3rd at 7pm at the Romeoville Rec Center. All coaches are parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. ****