



Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024 – 6:00 pm – Round Table Pizza, Waterman Blvd in Fairfield

ROLL CALL

President – Erin Steiger (ES) – Present
Vice President – Bobby Cameron (BC) – Present
Secretary – Meg Herston (MH) – Present
Treasurer – Celeste Cary (CC) – Present
Fundraising Chair – Mckenzie Cotton (MC) – Present
Member-at-Large – Yasmin Khan (YK) - Present

1. Call to Order 6:12 PM

2. Presidents Report

- No report

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

- MH posted meeting minutes on website. Minutes from June 2024 approved.

4. New Items

- Confirming what teams for fall – We are working tryouts for new 10s and 14s (softball) but don't see it right now
- 16U softball is good. 11/12 baseball – we will do additional tryouts.
- 10u Turner is looking at another organization. Parents do not want to pay the fees for the facility. Considering Sorcerers.
- Group suggests that org needs to start at the ground up – at the 10U / 12U level.
- This org needs someone that is full time committed to keeping the org going, We need someone committed to promoting each team. Many other teams are for-profit or much larger, ours is non-profit.
- Families that have not finished paying need to finish paying
- Right now SWAT 16U Gillis is the only fully rostered team
- We need to look at letting the facility go. The lease was signed mid-2022, was a 5 year lease. We can possibly get out of the lease without penalty.
- Should players have to return uniforms when they leave the team?
- Even if we let go of the facility, we can keep the organization going.
- Will need to store the stuff in the facility (pay for a storage facility), or get rid of it somehow if we move out
- We realistically need 4-5 teams in order to keep the facility going.
- This is not the end of SWAT. But we are stretched beyond our means. Salazar and Gillis can choose to stay with their teams. We can rebuild from there.
- ES will call the landlord and figure out what it will take to get out of the lease
- We do have money in our operating budget. We also have a small savings. We could use this to rent a storage unit.
- We could consider focusing on two 10U/12U teams each, not so focused on older girls.
- Should have player agents for each team
- We cannot get by until spring in the facility—there is simply not enough cash. We need to decide soon. We likely have September but not October covered.
- We cannot keep the facility running (especially if it were open to other teams) without a full-time volunteer dedicated to the facility
- Plan for September board meeting



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- We will do what we can to keep the facility open for Gillis & Salazar, with their parents still paying a nominal amount and SWAT covering the rest.
- Gillis may not even need the facility Jan – April (high school season), so let's try to rent to other teams during that time.
- Let's get a statement from the coaches / SWAT that is a positive closing to the organization. A statement thanking SWAT from each team would be really nice.

5. Treasurer's Monthly Report

- No report

6. Committee Reports

- None

7. Additional Comments, Announcements or Questions for the Good of the Order

8. Adjournment at 7:35 PM

Next meeting: September 5 2024 – 6:00 PM, Location: Round Table Pizza Waterman Blvd