

**Rosemount Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date:** 7/13/2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Robert Trail Library

**Present:** Amber Shermo, Janie Lambert, Katie Nemitz, Danielle Waage, Debbie Stovall, Amy Hall, Shelby Pogatchnik, Andrea Beckel, Dani Peters, Joe McCullough, Jessica Henderson, Sonja Obrycki

**Not Present:** Tricia Paulson, Mindy McBride, Nicole Bradley, Jennifer Chappuis - RAAA liaison

**Guests:** N/A

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:05 pm

**Secretary's Report: (Janie Lambert)** GTFS Board approved meeting minutes from 6/8/2025 via email on 6/18/2025.

**Treasurer's Report: (Katie Nemitz)** \$53,195.21 ending budget balance 6/30/2025

**Meeting Topics**

- **Shout Outs/Welcome Guests**
  - **Debbie & Amber** - Spent a TON of time into making sure our 12U C qualifier host site went off without a hitch.
  - **Andrea** & family - all her time spent working to find volunteers and paid help for 12U C qualifier shifts.
  - **Nicole** - all her help with making sure concessions were well stocked over the last month.
  - **Joe** - helping with several field prep shifts and tear down over the 12U C qualifier weekend.
  - **Janie** & family - SO many extra hours put in during the 12U C qualifier tourney, from setting up fences to early morning field prep and filling any gaps, thank you for always being willing to lend a hand!
  - **Katie** - All your work processing check requests and managing cash box for the tourneys.
  - **Everyone** who took time to come to fence set up and/or take down. We now have several new board members that know this process!
- **Next Board Meeting: Sunday, August 3rd @ 6 pm at Robert Trail Library**
- **Upcoming Timeline review**
  - Link to Public Google Calendar for upcoming important dates. Link to be shared with families for awareness of important dates (state tournaments in spring/fall, parent meeting, etc).
    - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=dHJhdmVsaW5nLXNvZnRiYWxsQHJvc2Vtb3VudC1hYWWEub3Jn>
  - Internal Board Softball Calendar of to-dos from last year
    - Amber provided link to individual board members to utilize for reminders for next year or reminders when passing on a board position to a new member

## Larger Topics for Discussion & Focus

- **Hit-a-thon**

- Currently at \$8930
  - Will need to wait until after completion of hit-a-thon hitting for accurate amount of donations (due to some donations based per hit)
  - Donation window has officially closed - will request to open for 1 more week
  - 52 players have a pledge
- Cory has multiple dates set for next week
- Announcement of winners
  - Plan to post on social media
  - Prizes - pizza party for winning team, other category prizes still being determined

- **Player Development Update**

- Summer pitching lessons are done - very successful!
  - Some players are planning to continue with instructor 1:1
  - Location TBD - outside while the weather is nice
- Player reviews will be sent to all coaches this week

- **Review Board Member Terms**

- Open positions:
  - Fundraising & Concessions
    - Need before fall ball
  - Director of Club Development
- Terms ending in September - Danielle, Amy, Debbie, Tricia, Mindy

- **Director Updates (Amber)**

- Fall Ball Registration
  - Registration closes on July 25th
  - 70 players currently registered
    - 14u = 3
    - 12u = 15
      - 3 players indicated interest in the Elite team
    - 10u = 30
    - 8u = 22
  - Shelby will send a reminder this week to register
- End of season survey
  - Working with RAAA to get sent prior to fall ball registration closing
- 14u conduct violation update
  - Amber obtained 8 statements from various perspectives of those involved/observers
    - Jen C assisted with formatting of the letter
    - Player received first and final warning
    - Coaches held a team/parent meeting
- Coaching concerns
  - Discussion around a "coaching partner" from a different team to check in with; provide support and development
  - Could consider an old coach who could be a mentor to support coaches
  - Question brought forward regarding expectations for coaching conduct/guidelines

- Info provided at beginning of season and on website (practice plans, clinic options, etc)
  - Discussion around updating the wording in the bylaws that if no one volunteers to coach, the team will not move forward (other sports abide by this philosophy)
- Playing time expectations
  - Discussion around reminder being sent for post-season playing time guidelines
- Checks will be cut this week for coaches for state gate fee
- Tryout date conflict
  - Girls MYAS state basketball tournament weekend is the same as our current tryout dates
  - Discussion around possibly changing tryouts to October
    - Teams would be formed in fall
    - Could request to use fields in October from city
      - Would need back up plan for possible weather issues
    - 8u tryouts could still be held in spring
    - Late registration/no tryout in fall would be placed on lowest team
- 14u
  - Requesting year round team
    - Will plan to consider/discuss at later meetings
- Fall team formations
  - Plan to have internal call regarding formations
    - Discuss the naming of teams and colors/levels
    - Discuss how to select head coaches for fall
  - Propose moving up board meeting to August 3rd to address in person
- **Finances (Katie)**
  - Exceeded what we estimated from the Shamrock Showdown
  - State Qualifier tournament made \$4000 with concessions (with volunteer checks subtracted)
- **Irish 12u Elite Team (Danielle)**
  - Information meeting tonight after board meeting
    - Amy facilitating meeting
  - Tryouts will be held on August 5th

## **5 Minute Updates**

- **Fundraising/Concessions**
  - Will confirm with Nicole that she has a hot spot lined up for fall weekends
  - Planning to purchase a cheese pump for nachos
- **Equipment (Joe)**
  - Will send email to coaches for equipment return
  - Will begin thinking about equipment needs in relation to budget by September
- **Community & Culture (Jessica)**
  - Leprechaun Days parade
    - We are #33 in the line up
    - Send out sign up genius for volunteers
    - Amber has candy buckets
    - Plan to have coolers with bottled water/ice
    - Coordinate arrival and pick up time with parents

- Meeting adjourned @ 7:59 PM
- Next regularly meeting scheduled for **Sunday, August 3rd** @ 6 pm at Robert Trail Library
- Meeting minutes prepared by: Janie Lambert, Secretary