

Rosemount Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 2/2/2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Robert Trail Library

Present: Amber Shermo, Tricia Paulson, Janie Lambert, Katie Nemitz, Danielle Waage, Mindy McBride, Debbie Stovall, Nicole Bradley, Amy Hall, Shelby Pogatchnik, Andrea Beckel, Dani Peters, Joe McCullough

Not Present: Sonja Obrycki, Jennifer Chappuis - RAAA liaison

Guests: Cory Samuelson

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 pm

Secretary's Report: (Janie Lambert) GTFS Board approved meeting minutes from 1/12/2025 via email on 1/19/2025.

Treasurer's Report: (Katie Nemitz) \$*** ending budget balance 1/31/2025

Meeting Topics

- **Shout Outs/Welcome Guests**
 - Sonja - for coordinating with Strike Zone Sports to be a host site for summer softball camp; June 24 & 25 from 9-1pm at Shannon Park
- **Next Board Meeting: Sunday, March 9th @ 12:00 pm at Blackhawk Middle School**
- **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

- **RAAA Board Updates**
 - By-laws received verbal approval
 - Ok to post on website (Amber has completed)
 - Fields Meeting
 - 1st meeting held on January 21st with another scheduled for March 4th
 - In-house softball is losing the 2 fields by the middle school
 - The "Pond" field by the high school will not be available for use
 - Emerald Trail Elementary (new elementary school) will have 2 fields

- Jason from RAAA is reaching out to neighboring towns to inquire about using fields
- 14u will still use varsity high school field

- **Director Discussions (Amber)**

- Player requests:
 - Receiving various individual requests
 - 12u player requesting to play 14s; has played 1 summer of 12u, willing to try out at 14u level
 - 10u requesting to play 12u due to another sport scheduled on Tues/Thurs
 - Remaining requests from January meeting
 - Board discussion and consensus to have a meeting/vote once registration is closed and before tryouts/team selection meeting
- Missed tryout/assessment
 - Discussion around what to do if a player is unable to attend assessments
 - Current bylaw states "Discretion of the board"
- Photo date - TBD
 - Will need to reach out to photographer to check availability during the week we would like
 - Need to book Scott Highlands once date with photographer confirmed
- Parent Conduct Incident
 - Review of late Summer 2024 parent conduct incident
 - Suspension has not been completed
 - Will communicate to parent that suspension/probation will carry into spring/summer season as outlined by initial plan sent in Summer 2024
- Summer Registration current numbers:
 - 76 total registered
 - 8u = 17
 - 10u = 39
 - 12u = 18
 - 14u = 3
 - No field use at Shannon Park on May 13th or May 20th due to SPE conflicts
- 2026 Assessments
 - **Friday, Feb 27 2026**
 - 5:30-7pm fields 3,4
 - 5:30-7pm cages 1, 2, 3
 - 7-10pm full dome
 - 7-10pm cages 1-5
 - **Sat, Feb 28 2026**
 - 7-10am fields 3,4
 - 7-10am cages 1, 2, 3

- **Spring Dome League (Amber)**

- Refunds provided to 10u and 14u families (not enough players registered to field a team); 10u dome league was cancelled by S&C due to lack of teams
- Currently 8, 12u players registered - need more girls to field a full team

- **Player Development (Amy, Sonja, Dani)**

- Dome injury incident

- Amy provided details surrounding the incident to the board; Amy reached out to parent as a follow up after incident/prior to board meeting
 - Player was attended to by dome volunteer, did not participate in further training that evening, and was picked up early by parent
 - Plan to emphasize concussion training/awareness for all coaches
- Assessments
 - Friday, Feb 28th, 530pm - 10pm at Irish Dome (hitting/pitching/catching)
 - Plan to attempt to have 14u fielding on Friday night
 - Amy to reach out to HS athletic director to see if we can get into the dome early on 2/28 to beginning setting up equipment for tryouts
 - New pitching machine balls were stinging hands- plan to use dimple balls for assessments
 - Saturday, March 1st, 7pm - 10pm at MASH in Savage
 - Timeline will be determined once numbers are finalized
 - Did reserve 1 cage at MASH in case
 - Amy has a message into MASH to see if we need to provide our machine(s) for fly balls/fielding/etc
 - FLEXX completing 10u, 12u, and 14u
 - Amy will observe Eagan's tryouts on Friday 2/7 (FLEXX is completing)
 - Wednesday 2/26 - 8u skills assessment; will need evaluators/volunteers
- Dome Ball
 - Strike Zone's contract is up, so they are done running training as of Wednesday
 - Working to secure Strike Zone for both Wednesday and Fridays next year
- Winter training
 - Pitching lessons with StrikeZone on Saturdays at dome have started
- **Finances (Katie)**
 - Budget approved - will send out details
 - Working on projection for numbers
- **Board Member Terms (Amber)**
 - Nicole Bradley - Concessions & Fundraising; agreeable to renew for 1 year
 - Board voted unanimously to approve via Google Form online vote
 - Shelby Pogatchnik - Concessions & Fundraising; requesting to move into Website & Communications position; agreeable to renew for 1 year in new role
 - Shelby left the room for board discussion; Board voted unanimously to approve
 - Open board positions:
 - Community & Culture
 - Director of Club Development
 - Concession & Fundraising

5 Minute Updates

- **Assistant Director (Danielle)**
 - Coach Selection Groups
 - Will send out groups as well as who is lead for that group
 - Leader will communicate with the coaching candidates to set up a virtual interview
 - Group will rank questions individually and then meet as a group to collaborate

- No communication to the coach until team selection occurs
 - Reminder that these are confidential interviews/conversations
- Tournament Registrations
 - 5 teams are registered in all of their allotted summer tournaments
 - All other teams have been registered for 3 at this time
 - Danielle will communicate with coaches how to add/drop tournaments as needed
- **Secretary/Marketing (Janie)**
 - Prepping to begin reaching out directly for tournament sponsors
 - Board discussion around other local businesses to contact
- **Tournament Director (Debbie)**
 - Shamrock Showdown registration will be ready to post/share by 2/15
 - 14u will play at UMore due to the permanent pitching mound on DCTC field
 - Debbie beginning to secure vendors
 - Send her ideas for new/different vendors
 - Recommendation to consider renting a water tank (possibly from Sunbelt rental) to spray down fields during the tournament weekend
- **Uniforms & Apparel (Tricia)**
 - Uniform try-on dates:
 - Tuesday 2/18 & Thursday 2/20 from 5-7 pm at CA Gear
 - Summer uniform designs are in progress - current design shared with board
 - Order ready to be placed for masks/helmets
 - Apparel:
 - HumNow - website went live for another order window
 - GameOne - updated designs/apparel options
- **Concessions & Fundraising (Nicole)**
 - Purse Bingo - currently none available due to closure of the Clover; has been in contact with the football booster, potentially going to try partnering/hosting at Celts
 - Hit-a-thon
 - Nicole will take over; Cory to pass along info on how to set up
- **Equipment (Joe)**
 - Cory present for meeting and officially handing over to Joe; both will plan to meet with Katie to review budget line by line
 - Budgeted for extra batters box templates; game balls have been purchased
 - Priority should be on catcher's gear (need approximately 8 new sets for 8u/10u; 1 for 12u)
 - Ice packs - Cory has the first aid kits to return to RAAA to be resupplied; Katie will ask if we can order and directly expense ice packs via RAAA (as they typically provide ice packs, but quantity is typically low for our needs)
 - Plan to have first aid supplies for assessments
- **Meeting adjourned @ 8:11 PM**
- **Next regularly meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 9th at 12:00 pm @ Blackhawk Middle School**
- **Meeting minutes prepared by: Janie Lambert, Secretary**