

HGSL Board Meeting
6/1/25
1:00 pm Halifax Township Building

Not approved Meeting minutes

Attendance: Jen Teter, John Wells, Emilia Engle, Lindy Wetzel, Kristen Dorman, Megan Wetzel, Kristin Tobin, and Chris Gilmer

Business from the floor – NONE

Old business –

Concession stand – 2nd microwave has been great. The hot dog roller was moved off the counter, covered, and stored behind the counter top (field 1 side). Deep fryer was purchased but not used yet.

Sponsor Thank Yous/Shout Outs – These were purchased from Colleen & Co. These will be delivered this upcoming week. Patty has two more videos to upload but then all team sponsor videos would be completed. We heard a lot of great feedback about the videos and appreciate Patty for putting in the time to collect footage and edit the videos.

Ice Cream dates – all teams went to Enders Corner Ice for ice cream.

Secretary – Meeting minutes from 5/18/25 – Jen motioned to approve. John 2nd.

Treasurer's report –

Checking account total - \$6,870.94

Fundraising account total - \$18,933.03

*Transferred money from fundraising to checking to account for astro turf purchase, gun raffle winners (check to Out on a Limb for \$4100 then two checks to winners that wanted cash instead of guns). Transfer was approved by the board.

Lindy motioned to approve. John 2nd.

Fall Ball/fundraiser

Registration fee will be \$25. Registration form/coaching forms will be up on the website by the end of June.

Fundraiser – Mums and Hanging mums from Charles Flower Garden. 9" mums will be sold for \$10 and hanging mums sold for \$17. Girls receive \$5 (9" mums) or \$8 (hanging mums) towards their registration fee. Orders are due August 15 and pick up will be 2nd week of September. Fundraiser info and order form will be posted on HGSL website.

Another fundraiser that was suggested was Joe Corbys Pizza. Perhaps, we can look more into this for the spring registration fundraiser.

Fundraisers –

Fire and Ice Restaurant Night 5/28 4- 8 pm - Easy fundraiser, unsure of profit as of now

July wing sale **FRIDAY, JULY 18**

Wings and sides preordered to ensure we have enough. Presale orders pick up 5-6pm, window sales from 6-7pm (until supplies last). Pitas are preorder only. Sides should be at the fields at 4pm so we can distribute into side containers.

Fall Mum /Plant Sale – Select a provider, choose dates (*see fall ball/fundraiser info*)

Fields

Mowing schedule – Sign up genius with a mowing schedule was sent out to coaches for coaches to send to parents they feel would be capable of helping with this.

Kris Latshaw is going to the fields Tuesday/Wednesday to add dirt and laser grade fields 1 and 2. We will need to pay him once invoiced.

End of season celebration – Pool party on Saturday June 21 6-8pm

Signup genius RSVP and snacks

\$50 deposit or pay full \$200 up front for renting the Halifax pool.

Order pizza from Dough Boys Pizza and Pub. See if we can get a discount.

Player Gifts – sweatshirts from Lakeside Apparel and Graphics. We are going with design #3 (options sent in board group text) – grey sweatshirt, black letters for last names on back. = \$22.50/sweatshirt.

Lindy will send order to Zack at Lakeside Apparel and Graphics. Lindy motioned. John 2nd.

Open Field Days/Practices each division – Reach out to coaches to see who is willing to donate time and if they want to do separate division practices.

-Erin is holding 8U practices on Mondays 6-8pm. We will check with other coaches about their availability and interest

Summer agility and skills camp – Coach Katie 1x/week?

Katie is interested in putting on this camp but nothing is set in stone. Open to boys and girls (not limited to softball only). Katie will get us more information.

Will our insurance allow us to have others on our property or just have the liability waiver to cover us?

Maybe next year we can turn it into a fundraiser.

Evening vs daytime hours. Daytime hours may be hard for parents to get kids to the camp.

Other:

Kristin will help with the current signup genius but she is going to resign due to busy schedule. Kristin gave her concession stand key to Emilia.

Kristin brought some concerns from the 10U Gold parent to the board. Essentially it seems as though the parents feel the way that the teams were split was unfair with a “stacked” team and a less experienced team. The Gold team players are discouraged. We are setting up one team to win and the other to lose.

Apparently, there have been some unkind comments made by Black team players to some Gold team players. Kids at school cheering for the Black team but not the Gold team. There is some concern that girls will not want to play next year and families will not sign their children up to play.

Previous years there have been similar concerns but teams have pushed through. Previously, parents were told that there is a learning year when you move up to a new division and then the second year is usually where teams are more competitive.

Siblings should be on the same team. There was a misunderstanding about one player playing on both 10U teams for games but she could only play on one team (her rostered team) for the midseason and playoff tournaments.

This year there was a greater number of new girls to the 10U division. It made the division of experience more evident between the two teams.

- Suggested to ask permission for those brand new girls to play down a division for their first year so that they can get some basic skills.

- Can practices be meshed together early in the season (almost similar to open gyms/fields) to work on basic skills and ensure that girls are working on similar skills/learning the same thing? However, this can only be done to a certain extent. Eventually the teams will need to do their own practices/skill building drills.

Bad attitudes and no desire to be at practices or games made it difficult for girls to want to play on teams. Girls not coming to practices or games can bring down the team as well.

Is it better to play 2 innings on a winning team or play all innings on a bad team??? Again, these are questions we cannot easily answer.

A try out was suggested however that may also cause a separation of experience. Would players be cut?

We do not want to miss out on girls playing but where do we draw the line that skills need to be met in order to be on a team?

Jen reached out to other town/league Presidents and the Perry County Board to see how teams with more than one team were splitting their players. She was told that players stick with their coaches, not drafted each year. If there are new girls or a team is split up due to a coach moving up or not coaching any more then those players are drafted by current teams.

→ Should we have a written policy for parents to know how teams are split and organized? Coach's child(ren) are on the coach's team. Siblings are on the same team regardless of age as long as they are within the same division. Possibly if coaches both agree to a draft then a draft can happen instead of players staying with the same coach? – There is some complications that can come about from that such as a team splitting in half from one season to the next, coaches may feel pressure to draft from another coach, players are learning from different coaches (not necessarily a bad thing but it may be hard for players

at times if they learn one way then need to relearn it a different way. Coaching styles differ as well).

→ We can write something up and present it for our annual general meeting at the end of the year. Then it can be added to the bylaws.

Important upcoming dates:

June 6-8 10U Playoff Tournament (Shermansdale)

June 13-15 14U Playoff Tournament (Newport)

June 21 – End of Season Pool Party

July 13 - HGSL Board Meeting

August 10 - HGSL Board Meeting

Lindy motioned to adjourn the meeting. John 2nd.