

Vancouver Girls Softball Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2023

Present:

Call To order: Madonna Underland, Gina Fifer, Brian Lew, Rick Hansen, Jami Towne, Jami Countryman, Mike Sturdevant

Guests: Kris Kyle, Kamella O'Neil

Call To order: 7:06

Agenda:

1. Approval of July 2023 Board Meeting Minutes- Gina 1st, Brian 2nd. Minutes accepted
2. Reports:
 - President - Nikki Meler
 - Marketing presentation – guest speaker Kris Kyle. Kris is interested in helping VGSA with our social media and some marketing. Madonna will connect with her and get her access.
 - Still waiting for state check from Vancouver Patriots. Rick will follow up with Bob.
 - USA softball Fall State Meeting – October 6-7, 2023 - Yakima
 - First VP – Jami Towne
 - Practice schedule- Fields are booked for practices. M-F. Some Sundays. Reserving fields on Saturday for scrimmages.
 - Try-out schedule- Rampage still owes for field rentals.
 - Second VP - vacant
 - Kamella O'Neil is interested in helping out in this position. Executive board agrees to appoint Kamella to this position for the remainder of the term. She will primarily be in charge of sponsorship and fundraising.
 - Treasurer – Gina Fifer
 - Budget – Nikki has it for review. Gina will also send out to board.
 - Financial Report- checking account \$27,614.16 Money market account- \$63,142.23
 - We are a little behind in budget because of no Fall ball.
 - Will contact Waste Connections about getting a lock on the dumpsters.
 - Secretary – Madonna Underland
 - No registration updates at this time
 - Tournaments – Rick Hansen
 - Is reaching out to others for 2024 tournaments. USSSA? West Coast Premiere. He should have a better idea by the planning meeting in November.
 - Concession – Jami Countryman
 - Will be meeting with Christopher with DOH for an off season site visit.
 - FVHS Volleyball is interested in doing concessions for tournaments in 2024.
 - Field Maintenance – Holly Roy
 - She cannot attend tonight. She is working on the fields. At this time, Holly will dig up and replace dirt, pack down the pitching areas, and not purchase clay since we are not doing fall ball. If we buy it, then it will dry out before next spring.

- Rick believes that there is a pallet of clay available in the connex. Brian will see if it is ok to use for the meantime.
 - Sprinklers on several fields are still not working. Getting an error message. Rick thinks he will be able to fix Field 2 with a new solenoid. Will investigate other error codes.
 - Brian got soil results and emailed the board. Major ideas were to water more and put pads up in bullpens.
- Equipment – Rick Hansen
 - no updates. Still needs to do inventory to make sure all equipment has been returned.
 - We will need to get more removable pitching plates for next season.
- League Directors –
 - TB, TL, 8U – Madonna Underland
 - 10U – Ronda Swanson
 - 12U and 14U -Brian Lew- Has had a lot of feedback from others about not having a 14u league. We will revisit this at November planning meeting.
- UIC – Mike
 - no update
- New Business:
 - Mike shared that he has had contact from USSSA to discuss holding tournaments at VGSA. We are open to opening the complex up to outside organizations holding tournaments at VGSA. Mike will set up meeting to meet with USSSA next Tuesday, Sept. 19.
 - Need to schedule the November planning meeting. It was suggested we do it over two evenings in November. November 6 and 7. Place TBD.
 - Need to contact Nikki about where are we at with county contract.

adjourned 8:30