



FWSA Team Rep Meeting/Board Meeting

August 15, 2017

TEAM REP MEETING

- Time the meeting was called to order:

7:10 p.m.

- Names of the meeting participants:

Big Thanks to those that were in attendance!

Board Members: 14/10 Voting

Team Reps: 24

Kateri Pineda	Kris Sallade, USA
Cathy Beck	Carol Quin, Ageless Wonders
Teresa Buchholz	Rachel Martinez, Motley Crew 2
Freyja Bergthorson	Elaine Balducci, SIS
Shallen Gorman	Jeanne Farris, Vintage
Sheri Dunlop	Susannah Wood, Honey Badgers
Jen Giannini	Beth Young, Bugs
Melanie Sasser	Donna Powers, Gerihatrix
Suzanne Samuels	Nancy Swanson, Genesis
Lynn Thompson	Sharon Parr, Stardust
Ruth Walton	Chris Terpak Malm, Sharper Babes
Andrea Wessel	Andrea Feldman, Smashing Pumpkins
Lee Ann Green	Debbie Orem, Magic
Sarah Brachman	Melanie Sasser, Strikers

	Crystal Courtner, Queen Bees
	Sydney Shepherd, Prime Time
	Tees Burruss, Wolff Pack
	Aimee Harwick, Cheetahs
	Jennifer Garman, Shots
	Nancy Fitz, Nemesis
	Aly Moss, Rapids
	Heather Casey, Bordeaux Bleus
	Pat Hellings, Fire & Ice
	Joanne Shabelski, Spirit

TEAM REP MEETING MINUTES/QUESTIONS:

Agenda:

1) Board Introductions

2) Fall 2017 Season Update:

- **FIELDS** – (Suzanne) Field locations/permits, Gate/Goal combos & where to find; any changes to combos would be emailed immediately
Padlock Field PR#4 in stands remember to remove after game
Use cheat sheet!
- **SCHEDULE** – (Kate) Release date, Start date and anything else you'd like to say; Mention that EVERY team will have at least 1 difficult game - trying to schedule as fairly as possible

EMAIL from Kate:

- THANK YOU to everyone who got requests in on time! Each season is a better and more timely response.

- I appreciate all the information and feedback, as it really helps me schedule, but not all requests can be 100% accommodated, although I try my best. Given field availability, some teams who requested 100% Saturdays will have to accept a few weeknight games.
- I'm trying to schedule as fairly as possible, with consideration given to what's best holistically for the league. This means most games will be fairly even, but every team will play one or two "challenge games" against opponents who are better. This means that most every team will also be the "challenge team" for a game or two facing a weaker opponent, so please remember your sportsmanship!
- First day of the season will be Monday, August 28. No games Labor Day weekend or Columbus Day weekend. Games will be scheduled through approximately Nov 4, but the season could extend through the 18th due to make-ups.
- The schedule should be posted late Sunday, August 20 or early Monday, August 21.
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3) TEAMNET/DEMOSPHERE – (LeeAnn/Andrea)

- Any questions? Team Reps email Lee Ann if you do not have PIN
Very important to enter scores

4) RECRUITMENT – (Ruth/Andrea) If anything...players needed in Over 30/Twitter/Social Media

5) SUBPOOL - How to sign up, who is eligible, why you may not be receiving requests and what to do if you are not, etc.

6) Reminder on procedure for referee complaints **None last season**

7) Reminder to report scores where instructions are located; your DCs will elaborate on this

8) Remind about discounts from stores

9) Divisions Breakouts –

DCs to discuss with Reps –

Team reps will meet with the DC they have been communicating with up until now Please ask, if you have questions on this.

- Confirm that Final Rosters are in (For teams still building, who they have to date).
- Review Schedule Requests (make sure they were turned into Kate), make sure teams specified a bye date, or week - if team is unavailable all days a specific week.
- Confirm, if needed, Team Rep contact info.
- Score Reporting (Go over again if needed) - Instructions on FWSA website ;“Team Representative Only” tab (password: T00lK1t (“o’s are zero’s and “i” is the # one)
- **REQUIRED** - Discuss a procedure for reporting scores, subs & infractions **to DC.** (DC's can decide how/when they want the information, e.g. - sent by specific day; each week; etc.)
- Hand out yellow sub cards & Team Rep duties sheets - tell them to read them and

suggest they put it in their bag/car, so they can record score on back at game so they don't forget it.

- Cover Division Specific Issues/Concerns/Questions – i.e. Missing Registrations, scheduling issues, anything else of concern.

FWSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Time the meeting was called to order (see above for 14/10 Board Attendance)

8:00 p.m.

- Corrections and amendments to previous meeting minutes

July 2017 Transition Meeting Minutes

Lee Ann Henderson: Motion to Approve Minutes

Suzanne Samuels: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 10/10

- Was a quorum present? **14 Board Members Present/10 Voting Members**

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a minimum of one-half of the sitting members who are eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum. Each member of the Board present at any meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote, and the requisite vote necessary to take any action shall be a majority of the votes cast.

- AGENDA and Additions to the current agenda:

DCs present questions for answers or clarification from TR meeting

- **Jen Giannini:** What to do when players have registered, however, not showing up on Roster. Lee Ann to follow-up. This is most likely due to players not completing the online application process. If they have a receipt, they have paid. If they paid, they should be registered.
- **Melanie Sasser:** player moving will get refund as long as requested prior to first game.
Reduced fees for multiple teams has been eliminated. Instead, overall fees have been reduced - \$74 now down to \$70.
- **Andrea Wessel:** If you request a sub and you get a sub you cannot change your mind. You must accept that sub.
- **Sarah Brachman:** Summarize the rules for DC' to please email sub rules to team reps. There was a discussion regarding sub NO-SHOWS. Sub List no-

shows should be sent to Sarah. Sarah to summarize and present to board for further action regarding their eligibility.

Make sure **DCs know the next step to send Final rosters**: If rosters are complete, check Demosphere and once everyone is registered and on roster, email official roster to team rep - instructions on FWSA website, Board tab, password: Br3sources)

- **Jen Giannini**: questions regarding score reporting
 - Team Reps must email scores to DC's
 - Team Reps must report scores in Demosphere before next game
 - Email Lee Ann if incorrect score recorded

Fields: per Suzanne, use Cheat Sheet

Scheduling: see Kate's email above as presented to Team Reps

Ask Kate to send schedule out to DC's before it goes out to Team Reps

- **Freyja Berghthorson**: players expressed concern that when playing cross over games, the over 30 top teams had the best subs drawn from the over 30 sub pool – pulled in their over 30 ringers.
 - Suggestion made that perhaps best when over 40s are playing over 30s in the cross over game to be able to pull from the over 30 pool as well?
 - Refer to Rules Appendix D: "how it works"
 - Board decided to continue to monitor the situation

Credit Card Fee Discussion:

- **Cathy Beck**: FWSA is a very solvent organization. Administratively, it is easier to not have the credit card fees. Folks still pay by check, money order, even cash.
 - Doing very well with donations: \$3100 last year and up to \$1800 already this year.

Suzanne Samuels: Motion to eliminate credit card fee starting Winter 2017.

Sarah Brachman: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 10/10

Transgenders in FWSA Membership:

The Board agreed to continue to discuss and monitor case studies (as there are few other precedents set in women's leagues) before making a decision whether to welcome transgenders into the FWSA Membership.

O55/O58 league possibility:

- **Andrea Wessel:** There are only 15 in the over 60-league. Andrea to reach out: ask true over 60's if they are okay with lowering to 58? Also, send email to over 58's to see who might be interested in joining the Over 60's to create an Over 58 League.

Sheri Dunlop: Motion to Create GOLD Division Over 58 League to replace Over 60 League

Shallen Gorman: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 10/10

Proper procedure in dealing with a player who is negatively impacting our league:

As a result of complaints of unsportsmanlike behavior, the Board discussed this very important topic for over 30 minutes: what should be done with players that display unsportsmanlike behavior?

The board agreed that there needs to be a formal complaint against any player displaying a pattern of inappropriate behavior in order to remove that player from the FWSA Membership.

9. GAME RULES

2. Physical threats or assault;
4. Support or encouragement of poor sportsmanship, including harassment of less skilled players;

Should any of the above behavior be reported, the Board will investigate and take appropriate action, which may include expulsion from FWSA.

- **Sarah Brachman:** Sarah voiced her concern, and stated more than once, that there is a player in our league who needs immediate attention, and that something needs to be said to her as soon as possible.

- New business

- **Ruth Walton:** suggested reduced registration to fill team voids

Shallen Gorman: Motioned to allow recruiters to offer reduced registration to current players in other division to fill out teams in danger of not making the 14-player roster minimum.

Sarah Brachman: 2nd the Motion

Vote Passed: Unanimous 10/10

- Next meeting date and time: **Target Date October 2017**
- Time of adjournment: **9:45 p.m.**