

ROCKETTES FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Call to Order

A board meeting of Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association was held on June 25th, 2025 at 1 Campus Avenue Spring Grove, PA 17362. It began at 6:05PM and was presided over by Shawn Parks as President, with Ashley Schnetzka as Secretary.

Attendees

Board members in attendance included - Shawn Parks (President)

Todd Harvison (Vice President)
Ashley Schnetzka (Secretary)
Tyler Schnetzka (Treasurer)
Bradly Weaver (Field & Equipment Maintenance)
Brittnay Weaver (Fundraising & Concessions Coordinator)
Derrick Wallet (Player Advocate)

Guests in attendance included - Amanda Mort, Amber Dull, Brittney King, Christine Castillo, Danielle Swope, Derek Alessi, Judy Myers, Rachel Rossbach, Stacey Gilson

Members not in attendance included - None

Approval of Minutes -

A motion to approve minutes of the 4/23/2025 meeting was made by Shawn Parks and seconded by Tyler Schnetzka and followed by everyone else agreeing.

Public Comment-

Christine Castillo - There seems to be a paper scoring issue and communication regarding the issue is lacking. Christine wanted a solid answer on if we have to do that or not since it has never been a requirement before. Shawn said he spoke with Terry and informed him there are multiple ways of doing the score keeping. The only reason a

paper scorebook is needed is to dispute rosters and scores especially during playoffs. If there are any protests of players during playoffs then there is a discrepancy they can go back. Christine would like someone to look into getting a rule across the board on the paper score book to avoid issues.

Amber Dull - There is concern over lack of accountability from the board, Shawn and Todd seem to resist change. There is a lack of unity and it's trickling down. Things are not being handled correctly. Todd said this is his last year with the organization. He feels women need to be in leadership positions.

Tiffany Hunter - Also agree, concerned about the strong male ego. She wants a change in leadership and won't be back in the Fall until something is done. Need female leadership for examples for players.

Amber Dull - There was supposed to be coach training provided by Todd but that didn't happen. Brittany said coaches can go get training and pay for it own their own if they want. Amber said she is talking about more than just the online training, more specific to our organization and working with girls. Tiffany agreed and wanted to know about standards. She feels there are some bullying issues occurring and that is not ok. There needs to be a change because coaches' words mean a lot to a player.

Christine Castillo - It's become hard to want to recruit other girls to come play for our organization not knowing what they will be getting into when she refers them to us.

Tyler Schnetzka - Coach training is in need of serious improvement. We need to train coaches to give tools to their players to help them through difficult situations. Some coaches only do the bare minimum and that just isn't enough with young girls and especially as they enter the crucial years of influencing and learning who they are. Bullying discussions need to happen on teams that there are issues and going forward that needs to be addressed with all players and parents and they need to be reminded of the code.

The topic of coaching multiple teams in one organization came up. Tyler said he wanted to piggy back off of that and agree. Both himself and Derrick are running on fumes while they try to balance coaching 2 teams. They have both pushed themselves to make sure they are providing every player the opportunity they deserve but it has been extremely difficult. It was ultimately decided that going forward no coach can coach two recreation teams in this organization except in rare circumstances that need preapproval by the board with a strong plan in place on how that would be properly executed.

Todd Harvison - 10u and 14u are "pissed" they couldn't be at the board meeting. Ashley explained that the meeting dates were on the calendar since October 2024 and were scheduled a year in advance. All head coaches are aware of when meetings are and 14u practice and game was cancelled tonight so those parents could have come if they wanted to just like some of them did. Coaches couldn't help when scheduling make-up games or if another team wasn't available at a different time for a game. There is no way to make every board meeting date work for every person in the organization. People who come have to miss other things. There are several people in the room who missed out on their kids' games tonight to be here.

Tiffany Hunter - From a nurses perspective, Tiffany wants protection for girls arms and board stance on pitching. Derrick added we need to look into protecting the girls and maybe have individuals set max pitches for themselves.

Christine Castillo - Christine thinks we have too many grey areas for rules with coaching and discipline. She wants board to set rules and accountability

Amber Dull - Likes surveys but not anonymous, Christine agreed and said that we need to get surveys out everyone but not anonymous. It leaves it open for people to make stuff up.

Amanda Mort - Code of conduct issues, we need to talk to the girls about the bullying situation and hold them accountable.

Rachel Rossbach - Rachel feels if there are issues then the board needs to talk to the coach. Also, if a parent has an issue, talk to the coach, then Derrick as player advocate and the board. Also agrees, send out the surveys but not anonymous.

Danielle Swope - Danielle feels that if girls are bullying each other the coach needs to draw them in and help them have stability for the girls.

Christine Castillo - Christine would like to know what happens if there are complaints regarding a coach and then no change were to happen during the next game. Derrick said we will enforce guidelines instead of suggesting them.

Ashley Schnetzka - After everyone was finished with open comments Ashley asked Todd if the people he told her complained about her were coming or already here. He said no they are at a game. Ashley addressed the members in attendance and said 3 weeks ago during a private meeting regarding something else, Todd informed her that he received emails complaining about her and saying she shows favoritism to both the

12u Minor and 12u Major teams and there is a whole list of other stuff but that they would be coming to the next board meeting to address her personally. Ashley asked for the courtesy of knowing what it is that she is doing wrong so that if there are issues she can correct them and she was not afforded that ability and was told she had to wait for the meeting. No one showed up at the meeting to address her. She asked again, I would like to know what I am doing so that I can fix it. Todd stood his ground and said I told you what I could about favoritism and that's it. The only example given was Facebook posts. Ashley said she only assists with Facebook. The members in the audience attending all agreed Todd needed to let Ashley know what it is that she is doing so that she can make corrections if needed. He said he can't. Everyone in the audience agreed that it wasn't right that Ashley was being told to wait 3 weeks and still isn't being told. Ashley spoke up and said well I would like to add that Tyler and I do everything we can for everyone. There are things that our kids teams or in this case the team Tyler is coaching do that we provide as parents and as a coach. It is simply not possible to make every event outside of softball equal. Ashley then stated that last year when Tyler did an allstar team for 10U there were complaints that Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association funded it. It was explained that was not the case. The parents funded the stuff and donations were made for uniforms. So in light of that being a previous issue Ashley said she wanted to let everyone know ahead of time that she filed for a permit to host an under the lights game for 12U this coming Saturday. The township agreed and if it goes well Ashley will try to plan this for all age groups next year. Everyone in attendance thought it was a great idea and said Ashley is a parent too and has the right to plan events outside of softball. Other parents on other teams can do those types of things too.

Executive Officers' Reports-

President's Report was presented by Shawn Parks - Shawn announced this will be his final year as President for Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association.

Vice President's Report was presented by Todd Harvison - Todd said he had nothing new to report other than this would be his final year as Vice President for Rockettes Fastpitch

Secretary's Report was presented by Ashley Schnetzka - Things are coming along with end of season planning. Ashley has half of the photo gifts complete, working on the other half. Also working on plans for girls hitting their 5 year anniversary with the Rockettes this year. Jackets will run around 50 dollars so she proposed that 5 year girls are given the option to get a jacket, sweatshirt, or a 50.00 Dicks or Acadmey gift card for alternative options. She will work with each of the girls/families so they can make

their decision. She reached out to coaches about superlative awards so she can get those printed. Working on the food options for the end of season dinner. Pool party is still on the calendar. She picked up the Revs tickets. The new uniform sample is ordered and will be here by the end of season dinner so we can reveal that as well as the new logo. Coaches will all be getting new coach shirts for fall. We are going to navigate away from the polos and move on to a sport tek style shirt. For Fall girls will also be receiving a sport tek style shirt very similar to last year's Fall shirsey. The spirit store will be opening up with the new logo at the beginning of August. Ashley also got us registered for the Halloween parade this year. Registration for Fall is underway and she will send reminders that it closes at midnight on the 18th of July

Treasurer's Report was presented by Tyler Schnetzka - Tyler went over cash balances but said that the files were corrupted and he dropped the flash drive off for repair. He would have that back in a few days and anyone who had any questions about any further balances, he would be happy to provide that. Tyler also added that he attended a board meeting for North Codorus Township and was present for questioning regarding usage of a softball field there. It was agreed that they would be tearing out the infield on the top field and converting it to a softball field for us to use. He also got them to agree to use the concession stand. This will all take place come Spring. Tyler also mentioned that Stacey Gilson suggested we offer a scholarship so he would like to start an essay scholarship for senior girls starting in 2026. Initial thoughts on requirements are having to play for 5 years and write an essay as to why they should be chosen. Christine Castillo says they use a non biased scholarship group to select a winner so there is no conflict. Christine is sending over that information. The Rockettes will look to offer 500.00 -1000.00 depending on registration number any given year. More discussion and getting the ball rolling with this to happen at a later board meeting this year.

Officers' Reports -

Fundraising Report was presented by Brittnay Weaver - Brittnay is working on a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser night for July. Also, will post about the blankets and Croc charms on Facebook. Brittany asked about setting an age limit for being in the concession stand. The general consensus and decision was no age limit to be in there just don't handle food under 10 and can't be in there operating it alone without and adult under 16.

Player Advocate Report was presented by Derrick Wallet - There was a Coach removed due to code of conduct violations.

Field and Equipment Report was presented by Bradly Weaver - went over needing 14u rubber for Thoman, need in ground mounds for 14u. Make due with dirt we have for no but in the Fall plan for Spring season and dirt needs. Need to level spots at Farmers. Brad getting quotes for dirt and clay. Pitching machine is 22 years old, nothing wrong with motor Jugs said hard to find parts. Brad presented a new one for 2,500.00 ish it was decided not to go that route and look for one that is good used condition on Facebook Marketplace.

Meeting Day Change - Brittnay and Bradly Weaver requested the meeting day for board meetings be moved from Wednesdays to a weekend day so that it didn't interfere with games. Ashley said in reality one board meeting in the Spring would possibly affect games. Instead of moving meetings to weekends we should just block out the dates of those meetings from games. All meetings for 2025 were scheduled in October of 2024 and were on the calendar for coaches to see when they scheduled games. SOme games were not even initially planned on that date but due to all the rain this year games needed to be made up. Everyone agreed to keep meetings during the week and advise coaches not to schedule games on those days.

Fall Registration - Planning for Fall teams, it was decided that teams would be kept the same from Spring to Fall just like in previous years. The Fall is considered a continuation of the Spring. Girls who have to move to the next age group the following Spring season will be allowed to play up in the fall if that is what is decided by their parents and if the numbers allow. Any gaps in rosters from the Spring to the Fall season will be filled with newly registered girls and girls moving up from the lower age group. Someone asked about 7u/10u minor and how that works. Because there is no 7u in the Fall, any eligible 7u girl would have to play 10u minor in the Fall. Ashley gave projections of possibly 1 10u minor and 2 10u major teams but depending on how many players register that could change and maybe have 2 10u minor teams. Someone asked about coaching and it was stated that at the 10u level Dutch would probably have his team and depending on if Patti wanted to move Hannah to 12u or not she would have the other major team. If she moves, that spot would be open. Amber discussed possibly moving to 14u this Fall leaving Tyler with the current 12u team his daughters are on.

Action Steps

Shawn Parks- N/A

Todd Harvison - N/A

Ashley Schnetzka - Finish planning swim party. End of Season dinner, work with 5 year families to pick gift option, continue promoting registration for Fall. Get spirit store ready for Fall. Set coach shirts and Fall jerseys.

Tyler Schnetzka - N/A

Brittnay Weaver - Stock concession stand and plan Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser, post about Blanket sale.

Derrick Wallet - Follow up with coaches regarding complaints

Bradly Weaver - Find out cost for dirt and clay

Announcements -

Next meeting is scheduled for August 6th 2025 at 6PM at the Spring Grove Borough Office 1 Campus Avenue Spring Grove PA 17362

Adjournment

Shawn Parks moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 9:26 PM

Submitted by,

Ashley Schnetzka

Secretary

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