

VGSA General Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2015

President: Scott Smith
2nd Vice President: Nikki Meler
Past President: Todd Marquiss
UIC: Mike Sturdevant
12U/14U Director: Nikki Meler
8U/10U Director: Cyndi Johnson
NSA Representative: Ray Hutchinson

1st Vice President: George Countryman
Treasurer: vacant
Secretary: Tricia Garcia
ASA Representative: Nikki Meler
Training League Director: vacant
T-Ball Director: Tara Wood
Equipment: Gary Garcia

Meeting called to order by Scott Smith at 6:55pm.

The office of Treasurer is currently vacant. Trudy Wood is graciously overseeing the position until she moves in May. Anyone interested in serving this position, please contact any board member

ALL registration is online through our website. We will have live registration on Saturday, January 17th from 9am – 3pm and February 11th from 5pm – 8pm. We will help register players online at these times.

Emails have been sent out to returning coaches regarding tournaments, insurance and facility information for indoor practices. Coaches, please remember to get your ACE background checks done as well.

George Countryman will start building maintenance projects in March along with work parties. He has received a bid to have the main building at VGSA painted at no cost.

VGSA will be hosting the Washington State Umpire's School March 21-23.

VGSA is still in need of a Training Director. This position will help coaches and players by way of instructional videos and training sessions.

Thank you Becky Hoyt for being our web designer of our new Bonzi website!

VGSA would like to form a marketing committee. We are looking for a few individuals who have experience and expertise in the many aspects of marketing. This would include the internet and advertising to local businesses. Should you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity please have them contact Scott Smith or any board member.

Clark County is looking to make VGSA a dual sport complex. We have been in talks with the local lacrosse group. Scott will follow up with Nick Underland to find out the group's exact plans. They have proposed using fields 5 and 6 as their potential playing fields.

High school softball starts the beginning of March. VGSA will host the Jamboree at VGSA on Saturday, March 15th.

The Skill-a-Ree will be on Saturday, March 28th at VGSA. Local high school coaches and players will help provide a coaches clinic followed by a players clinic. There is no charge for this event.

Recently, several board members were invited to attend the Little League Regional meeting. In breakout groups we learned ways to help promote, market and modify some of the ways that VGSA is run. After the meeting we met with some of the Little League officials to talk about jointly promoting girl's softball here in Clark County. Yes, we are two separate entities but we can work together to promote the sport of softball. We jointly agreed to run and sponsor Major League Baseballs Hit-Pitch and Run program this year. Little League would prefer to do this event in late April or early May to allow time to promote the event. There are two sides to this program, one for baseball and one for softball. Both of the local Little League Districts will be involved with VGSA. Luke Jensen Park and our complex will more than likely be the venues used to host this event.

VGSA would like to allow Little League softball players to play at VGSA against our teams perhaps in an "invitational" setting. We may be able to alter each set of rules but the insurances that we carry and Little League carries differ thus making it a challenge to play.

We must acknowledge other organizations such as the lacrosse group and Little League. We need to boost our numbers, get the players out on the fields and keep the complex full!

Due to budget restrictions, we will not be able to afford to have a paid concession crew during league play. Therefore, parents will work the concession stand this season. This generally works out to each team being assigned the duty to twice a season including trash duty. The number of times will actually depend on the number of teams participating in league play this year. We will still use volunteer groups for our weekend tournaments.

On our website we have posted a notice that we are looking to form a parent association similar to a school's PTA. It will be called PCA, Parent/Coaches Association. A board for this group will be formed and bylaws compiled. This group will help with fundraising, contacting volunteers and organizing events.