

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – March 5th, 2012

I. Call to Order

Jason Wendlandt called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, March 5th, 2012 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Jason Wendlandt, Mike Kopischke, Grant Effertz, Carrie Miller, Mark Flugstad, Bob Christiansen, Beth Johnson, Amy Huett, Michael Taylor, Tod Deming, Melissa Walter and Amy Christiansen.

Non-Board Members: Gina Szafraniec, Jim Leicht, Kevin Caspers, Janelle Swanson, Julie Carr, Kim Evavold, Jim Hanson Sr., Jim Hanson, Tom Marroquin and Penny Witzenburg.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Mark Flugstad and seconded by Jason Wendlandt that we approve the minutes from February, 2012. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Old Business – Old

A. Registration numbers / team selections finalized

- 171 kids registered as of today. Twenty-four 8Us, Thirty-two 10Us, Forty-three 12Us, Twelve 16Us
- The 16U team will be 9 Bloomington girls and 3 non-Bloomington

B. Spirit wear presentation / St. Croix

- Janelle Swanson attended from St. Croix to discuss an online ordering option for spirit wear
- No set-up charge. Can get samples for parent meetings, etc.
- Process: Parent fills out a sell sheet (what they want from samples and sizes) and takes it home to place the order online. The store would be open for specific dates and then “close”. St. Croix would fulfill orders after the store closes.
- Orders can be boxed up and shipped / delivered to each coach. Will deliver for free.
- Ask for a minimum order of 24 for screen-printed items. No minimum on embroidered items.
- Next steps: Jason will set up a meeting with Diana, Mike, Mark and Grant to discuss and make a decision.

C. Heritage Days fundraising opportunity

- Gina Szafraniec from Heritage days attended and discussed a fundraising opportunity for BFA.
- The city is looking for ways for community organizations to make money. For 2012, they are offering buttons for organizations to sell. BFA would purchase buttons for \$3 and would sell them for \$5, making a \$2 profit on each button sold. Each button wearer receives access to the live music and a free wristband for the jump house. Each is a \$5 value. Buttons would be available in May. Buttons are not going to be available at the event, presell only.
- 2011 Heritage Day attendance was \$14,000. The 2012 event is planned for September 15th.
- Next steps: BFA will discuss and decide at the April meeting.

D. High School guests

- Booster members from Kennedy and Jefferson attended looking for funds to help pay for high school field score boards. Bloomington is the only school in the conference without their own fields and scoreboards. The boards will improve softball for all Bloomington players as they also use the fields.
- Boards would be donated to the city of Bloomington.
- Tod motioned to donate 100% of the Water Park of America profits to Kennedy and Jefferson Boosters if both organizations will help us sell tickets. Bob seconded. All in favor.

V. New Business

A. Tryout planning

- Amy has peopled lined up and the tryouts organized
- B. Water Park of America Planning
- Cost has been lowered to \$5. BFA is selling tickets for \$12 until 4/15. Tickets will be \$15 at the door.
 - Mark motioned to pay \$600 to have the schools print and distribute the fliers. Beth seconded. All approved.
- C. Parent / Coaches Meetings
- Jason will work with Tod on planning. Space has been reserved. The coaches' meeting is 4/10 and the parent meeting is 4/15.

VI. Directors Reports

- A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt
- No further report.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke
- 8Us, 12Us and 14Us each will still need 1 coach. 10Us are set for coaching.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming
- Will need to decide on what to do for Heritage Days at the April meeting.
- D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller
- No report
- E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad
- Mark will inventory banners to see what we have. Will likely need to purchase more.
 - Washburn doesn't have bases. If the city puts in pockets and a box, we have bases. City will need to start dragging the field or provide a rake.
 - Mark will bring catchers gear to the Sunday clinic. Would like 8U and 10U coaches to attend the clinics as well so they can help their catchers this summer.
 - Coaches' bags will be ready to be distributed by the coaches meeting. Will need to buy new equipment for the additional teams.
- F. Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen
- Advised the start time for the Sunday clinic may run a little late.
 - Has an acquaintance that is organizing a free scoliosis screening. Bob motioned to add this information to the website. Mike seconded. All approved.
 - Has asked the city for additional fields due to the increase in players this summer.
- G. Member Services & Membership Report: Diana Williams
- No report
- H. Marketing Report: Michael Taylor
- No report
- I. Player Development: Amy Huett
- No report
- J. Tournament Director: Amy Christiansen & Beth Johnson
- 2 Elite teams have withdrawn from the Bash. Minnetonka is looking at sending 10 teams.
 - Able to fill two of the following positions at registration: Asst. Director at Kelly, Asst. Directory at Dred, Concessions and Volunteer Coordinator.
 - For the elite level, we have five for 14s, five for 16s and three for 18s so far.
 - Amy will send out Board tournament responsibilities.
 - Jason motioned to approved USSSA sanctioning option for Elites. Mike seconded. All approved.
 - Will consider purchasing a 4th fence for tournament.
- K. Fundraising: Melissa Walter
- Thinking of raffle tickets to pre-sell to family and friends.
- L. Website: Grant Effertz
- No report

M. Open Comments

- Sunday evaluations went well for the 10Us. Lots of good pitchers and catchers.
- March 6th: Tod motioned and Jason seconded to commit \$1000 to the city to help toward Dred field improvements. All approved via email. March 7th: Tod sent two emails to Greg Boatman regarding the field improvement projects Bloomington Fastpitch Association is assisting with. The first is the Water Park of American event benefiting the Kennedy and Jefferson Booster clubs and their efforts for field improvements on Kelly #4 and Dred #6. The second was BFA's commitment of \$1000.00 towards the netting project on fields 8-11 at Dred and the improvements for fields 2 & 3 at Dred.

VII. Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 9th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt