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Presenter

Northfield's softball association President, Emily Zimmer, joined our board meeting call.

- Emily received a call from Tom Bye about signing the release waiver for the 12U girl.
- Emily was informed from MN Softball that she shouldn't sign the waiver. She mentioned that this was her kid.
- Emily has heard from AV, John Bulluck.
 - o John offered to add color to the situation but mentioned that he wouldn't be granting access to the two waivers that were sent to him.
 - o John just became the director of the AV association. Kristen was the former AV President who requested the waiver to be signed for her daughter.

Allison

- Allison had a conversation with Dan Pfeiffer asking what it was going to take to get us back in the league.
 - o She asked what it would take for MN Softball to look at LFSA as a separate organization from the ICE.
 - o Allison mentioned that our financials were separate.
- ICE have their own by laws.
- The things that the ICE and LFSA share are the insurance, fields, and tax status
- Allison will start the 501(c) paperwork. (*ICE applied for their own 501(c)(3) application later that week*).
- Allison would like confirmation on what the appropriate steps are for LFSA to get reinstated.
 - o Need this information to know how to move forward.
 - o Concerned that we will send a reinstatement email and won't get a response.
 - o The original understanding was that Allison would need to receive waivers from the non-Lakeville 12U ICE girls, or have them released to have LFSA reinstated.
 - As of Nov. 13, Allison has two waivers signed, 4 won't be signed, and is hoping to not have to cut the players.

Kevin/Steve

- At the MN Softball director's meeting where we were voted out of the tri-county league, Steve received a verbal that we could either get waivers or cut the girls.
- Next MN Softball meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7.
 - o Will ask if there is an earlier meeting since this affects the kids.

- Steve and Kevin will ask about reinstatement.
- Legally we are looking to fully become two separate entities.
- We will state that the ICE teams will not play in the Tri-County
- Researched the MN Softball website for November director's meeting notes and bylaws.
 - o Director's meeting minutes didn't capture what it would take for reinstatement.
 - o What's on the MN Softball website isn't their updated bylaws.
 - o The bylaw that was added in July isn't posted on the website.
 - LFSA wasn't aware of the bylaw change since no one was at the meeting when this change went into effect.
 - o According to MN Softball's bylaws, you can't change a bylaw unless it is an annual meeting.
 - The meeting that this bylaw was changed wasn't an annual meeting.
 - LFSA was informed that another group talked to an attorney about a similar situation. The attorney said that they would probably lose because last year was a different type of year.
- Originally, we were told that we could get the waivers for the girl's or release the girls.
 - o Tom Bye had calls with the associations regarding the signing of the waivers.
 - Based on these calls it doesn't appear that the waivers are an option, even though this is LFSAs preferred option
 - o Cutting the girls would result in Allison losing 5 players and a coach. At this time, this may be our best option.
- Discussed the next steps to resolve this issue.
 - o Create an email to MN Softball
 - Start with what do we need for reinstatement
 - Explain how we feel we are two separate entities.
 - Steve will start the initial draft and share with the board.
 - o See if we can meet with Tom Bye and/or Dan Pfeiffer on resolution

Steve

- Traveling tryouts
 - o We will use Team Genius software that automates the scoring and team selection.
- Looking into leasing a space for LFSA and ICE
 - o This would allow for additional winter clinics and events to be held locally.
 - o We would need to come up with some additional funds.
 - o Based on past expenses we estimate that two thirds of the cost would already be paid for.
 - o This will be a conversation for a future meeting.