



# BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Saturday, May 31st, 2014 7:30 PM  
Bloomington Center for the Arts- Dakota Room

- I. Call to order  
Karen Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:40PM on Saturday, May 31st, 2014 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.
- II. Attendance  
The following persons were present:  
  
Board Members: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Craig Johnson, Mark Pearson, Carol Effertz, Gary Hanson, Stacy Acketz. Tony Acketz,.  
  
Non-board Members: Tod Deming representing Clutch Hitters
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (May2014)  
Motion made by Craig Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stacy Acketz to approve May 2014 Minutes as distributed prior to the meeting. MOTION APPROVED.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. 12U USSSA Tournament 5/23-25
    - i. Non-BFA team, with BFA rostered players and BFA coaches not approved
    - ii. Followup email recommendation was Approved for BFA team under Coach Christiansen. First offer to 12UA team players then open positions offered to all other 12U players first come first serve to fill roster openings
    - iii. BFA team with roster of 10 players attended tournament
    - iv. Follow up Action Items: Board Code of Conduct; Coaches Code of Conduct; Process guideline for coaches to fill open roster spots when short players
      1. Identify target completion – Tod Deming noted that BFA had previously had code of conduct documents in place. Tod will check files from his tenure as board member for previous code of conduct documents and forward to Karen Johnson
  - b. BASH Readiness
    - i. Mike Kopischke unable to attend meeting. Email update from Mike reviewed in meeting.
    - ii. Elite Bash
      1. Tod Deming reported 34 teams including Clutch teams are registered. 12 - 14's, 14 - 16's, 8 – 18's
  - c. FAQ's - Cathy
    - i. Cathy will have a draft prepared for committee to review by June 16th

- d. 8U League – Plan for Update in July Meeting
  - i. 8U league director internal BFA candidate search
- e. Grant Awards
  - i. Update: \$3500 process to access funds
    - 1. Stacy has not yet received response from John Stutzman on process to access and collect funds.
  - ii. Purchase Update: \$1,200 BASH Elite tourney
    - 1. Craig purchased equipment as approved in May meeting.
- f. BFA Key control (Inform)
  - i. Action Item: Cathy Currier will develop form that key recipient and BFA will sign to acknowledge receipt of key and to sign acknowledging key return.
  - ii. Cathy has completed key control form. She will have current key holders sign.
- g. 8U State Tournament Host
  - i. June 28-29 (same weekend as 10U/12U qualifiers & Clutch USSSA state)
  - ii. Fields available and reserved if decision made to host at Dred
  - iii. Tournament Director is needed (if we hire, league will pay \$400 to the TD)s
    - 1. Cathy Currier will act as Tournament Director
  - iv. Cathy reported that Mike Kopischke advised MMFL that Bloomington would host 8U state tournament.
  - v. Work with 8U coaches to determine if parents are able to assist with field and concession duties.
- h. 16U and 14U Player Additions (Inform)
  - i. Recommendation made and Approval Received via email
    - 1. 16U add Anna Olson and 14U Red add Sydney Osvak

## V. New Business

- a. Treasurer's Financial Update
  - i. Sarah unable to attend meeting. Submitted Income and Expense report via email.
- b. Purchase Request / External Drive
  - i. Request for ~\$100 +/- expenditure approved.
- c. College Scholarship Program
  - i. Gary Hanson asked if BFA would be willing to establish a scholarship fund. Tenure with BFA could be one of qualifying criteria.
  - ii. Generally positive response to pursue the concept and discuss further.
- d. BFA All Star Team Sponsorship (Decide)
  - i. Request \$225 - Kylie Macziewski
    - 1. Motion to sponsor Kylie Macziewski for full \$225 by Gary Hanson.  
2ndy by Tony Acketz. MOTION APPROVED

- e. 2014 Fundraising Update – Stacy
  - i. Catch the Fire results 29% participation – some coaches team returns still pending. BFA results \$5606, Clutch \$1285
- f. BFA Position on NAFA Team Buy In opportunity

2014 will follow past history, if team wants to buy-in they can with team funding the full cost.

2015 Season: Agreement that as an organization BFA teams just earn berth to participate in NAFA tournament. This will be clearly communicated prior to commencement of 2015 season.
- g. Additional Tournament Participation Funding
  - i. Currently 8's and 10's are funded for BASH +1 regular season tournament and 12's and up are funded for BASH +2 regular season tournaments as part of registration fee.
  - ii. Teams can enter additional regular season tournaments but team needs to raise funds or parents need to pay additional cost to cover tournament entry fees.
  - iii. Overall agreement that BFA as an organization should seek to cover additional tournament costs as part of the fundraising efforts. This would allow team opportunity for additional tournament play without driving up registration fees.
- h. Gym space -
  - i. Anticipated Fall/Winter needs
    - 1. JAC and KAC no longer sufficient to meet interior space needs.
  - ii. Possible solutions outside Bloomington Public Schools
    - 1. Several options discussed to include gym space at Bethany, 7 Hills Academy, Nativity, Game Changers, and others. Stacy suggested investigating LifeTime as we have a player parent with Life Time. Stacy will provide contact and Mark will follow up.
- i. Board Discussion two key questions
  - i. Deferred to July meeting for maximum board member participation.
    - 1. What is BFA today?
    - 2. What do we want BFA to become?
- j. July Meeting Date
  - i. Scheduled for July 6 (holiday weekend) keep / change
    - 1. Multiple board members unavailable. Send email to board members to identify date for July meeting to insure maximum participation.
- k. July Agenda Requests
  - i. July Meeting focus will be on BFA current state and future state discussion.

- VI. Director Reports
  - a. President: Karen Johnson
    - i. Received email from Mike Kopischke stating that he planned to resign effective June 9, after BASH completed.
  - b. Vice President: Cathy Currier
  - c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
  - d. Secretary: Melissa Walter
  - e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson
  - f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson
  - g. Player and Coach Development: Tony Acketz
  - h. Tournament Director: Mike Kopischke
  - i. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
  - j. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
  - k. Marketing: Gary Hanson
  - l. Fund Raising: Stacy Acketz
  
- VII. Open Comments
  - Tod Deming reported that UofM concessions at Gopher softball games was potential fundraising effort. Sedric Owens has contact. Stacy will contact Sedric.
  
- VIII. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>** at **7:30pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts