



Board Members

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Call to Order

Coach Development Director Jesse Bueno called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Lakeville Chamber of Commerce in Lakeville, MN. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

- Present: Kevin Lutz, Justin Larson, Richie Brodsky, Heidi Hebert, Matt Mowry, Amanda Gage-Didier, Bob Curtis, Craig Dose, Jesse Bueno, Nick Borsdorf, Nate Teppo, Steve Schumacher, Jenn Bernard
- Absent: Mike Miller, Allison Carpenter
- Guests: None

Approve Agenda

- Agenda reviewed with no additions
- Motion by Bob Curtis to approve the agenda for the meeting
- Seconded and carried without dissent

Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

- Minutes of the February 11, 2023 board meeting were reviewed and no additions noted
- Motion by Richie Brodsky to approve the meeting minutes
- Seconded and carried without dissent

Reports

- Finance Report: February Financials
 - YTD LFSA still looking good, revenue approximately \$33,000 favorable over budget
 - YTD Ice net revenue approximately \$7,000 over budget

Old Business

- Coaches Pitching Clinic
 - April 16, 10-1 KTMS, Travel Coaches Meeting after
 - Mandatory for traveling coaches, optional for in-house
- April 17 parent meeting, Kenwood Trail Middle School Auditorium, 7-9pm
 - Email reminder to go out
- Tournament Director Search Update
 - Nothing to report
 - Use Indeed to search for a tournament director

- Further discussion for increase from \$600 to something higher
 - In a subsequent GroupMe chat, \$800 per tournament was agreed upon
- Tournament Updates
 - Lakeville Classic, May 12-May 14, 2023
 - Steady increase in enrollment over the last two weeks
 - 36 teams registered (not including four in USSSA 12U division and nine LFSA teams)
 - 10U B/C: 17 teams (not counting LFSA)
 - 10U A: 5 teams (not counting LFSA)
 - 12U B/C: 14 teams (not counting LFSA)
 - Discussion surrounding USSSA 12U division
 - Four teams signed up, all club teams
 - Pool format and bracket planning to start
 - Grand Slam, June 23-June 25, 2023
 - 89 teams registered
 - KTMS fields added to our reservation
 - Upper field fence okay
 - Lower field will need fence
 - Pool and bracket planning to start in April
 - NAFA 14U Nationals, July 27-July 30, 2023
 - No update at this time
 - Fall Classic, September 15-September 17, 2023
 - No update at this time
 - Premier Girls Fastpitch (PGF), October 6-October 8, 2023
 - No update at this time
- Fundraising Update
 - Heggies
 - 1,626 pizzas sold amounting to \$21,253; \$9,234.55 raised for LFSA, before incentives payouts
 - One athlete took the \$400 registration fee incentive, one athlete took the \$400 bat incentive, and one athlete took the pitching lessons with StrikeZone Sports, there was one athlete who sold over 100 pizzas that did not make the top three and received batting gloves (\$28 value)
 - B52's (or other restaurants?)
 - Bob reaching out to B52's
 - Sponsorship Committee
 - Met in March
 - Recommendation to add another tier that has 3-4 maximum members
 - Sponsorships will be one calendar year versus season by season
 - Possible sponsorship in LFSA emails
 - Future goals to offer scoreboard sponsorship program (these sponsors would be for 3 to 5 years before switching, value of sponsorship to be in the \$3-\$5K range annually)
- Season Kick Off Social
 - Communicate with coaches/team managers to coordinate baskets for silent auction (value suggested \$50 but do what you want with it)
 - Baskets are to be brought to the social
 - Bob still working out details re: tickets, kids, etc.
- Saints Spotlight Game
 - Friday, May 19, 2023
 - Field 4 for games, field 2 for warm-ups
 - 10U at 6:00 Lakeville Lightning 10U Black vs Rosemount Irish 10U Blue
 - 12U at 7:30 Lakeville Lightning 12U Black vs Belle Plaine 12 Black
 - Both teams to be present for National Anthem, contacted Greg Isham to coordinate the Color Guard, will know after 4/4 if they are available, Mike is hoping to secure a student/volunteer to play the national anthem
 - 2 Umpires

- MN Ice for concessions
- Board incentive, one free registration per current season, discussion
 - Table to annual meeting

New Business

- In-house Update
 - 7 6U, 21 Coaches
 - 7 8U, 24 Coaches
 - For future board meeting, discuss remove friend requests
 - In-house parent meeting with traveling
 - Uniforms in process
 - HS Mentors
- Additional field openings
 - Currently, we have fields 5-9, Monday -Thursday (except field 5 on Tuesdays) and field 3 on Wednesday and Thursday
 - Additional availability for consideration:
 - Field 1 on Wednesday and Thursday for Spring/Summer season
 - Fields 1-4 on Monday nights for Fall season (after August 13)
 - Additional cost to fields 1-4 as they are otherwise used as rentals for Parks & Recreation
 - Nate said we are interested and working to finalize arrangements
- South Metro Miracle League
 - LBA reached out to see if any of our older teams would be interested in getting involved with the buddy program
 - Teams can sign up for a specific game and buddies are paired with 1-2 miracle league players to assist during the game
 - Buddies must be 12 or older
 - To be discussed at coaches meeting
- LFSA/Ice "Get to Know You"
 - Make part of conversation with Allison
- LFSA Outing at St. Paul Saints, May 5, 2023
 - Communicate with families
 - Add to parent meeting slide
- Coaches/Board Shirts
 - Update to shirts, removing blue across the chest
 - Board members need to get sizes in
- Photographer for 2023 Season
 - SportsStar, date TBD
- Lost gym space on April 22, need to reevaluate dome space allocation
- Stay and Play – Kevin receiving solicitation emails, elected not to proceed
- Tryout Recap
 - Largest issue with evaluators, need to hire someone, suggestion was Flex
 - Change tryouts to sometime after Fall ball starts, suggested September 30
 - "Placed me based on" question needs to be eliminated
 - Pitchers/Catchers placed first, then the rest
 - 8U tryouts caused a significant delay

Future meeting topics

- Review of by-laws
- Review of board member duties
- Update team manager role description

Closing

- Motion for meeting adjournment by Amanda at 9:14 pm
- Seconded and carried without dissent

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Heidi Hebert 3/26/2023