

Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association

Meeting Minutes

02/09/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association was called to order at 5:30 pm on 02/09/2020 at the Buffalo American Legion Meeting Room by President Nate Hintze.

As customary, this meeting is open to the membership of the Bison Fastpitch Association.

Board Members: ✓ = present at the meeting

Jaime Sherwood	Alexandra Bechtold ✓	Jesse Violett
Nate Hintze ✓	Stephanie Salonek ✓	Kari Haugen ✓
Dani Eiklenborg ✓	Nathan Aspen	Jason Mix ✓
Adam Bjorklund ✓	Amber Jorgensen ✓	Brad Zrust (Advisor)

Absent: Jaime Sherwood, Nathan Aspen, Jesse Violett, Brad Zrust, and Jason Mix (for first 30 minutes)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed/with changes/additions.

1. Questions or comments from visitors
2. Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes (01/05/20 Board Meeting Minutes)
 - b. Bills to be paid (January 2019)
 - c. Policy updates (If applicable)
 - d. Recognition and Thank You's
3. New/Other Business
 - a. Treasurer Update
 - b. Board Responsibility Pairs
 - c. Coaching Commitments
 - d. Commitment Emails
 - e. Advertising for Clinics and Registration
 - f. Clinic Planning
 - g. Tournament Hosting
 - h. 6u/8u Update

- i. Summer Costs
 - j. Field Update
 - k. Equipment Needs and Checkout list
 - l. Heggies Planning
 - m. Practice Scheduling using BAC
4. Other Reports by Board Members
 5. Next Meeting Date (TBD)
 6. Items for the next meeting
 7. Adjournment

Motion: Dani Eiklenborg moved to approve Agenda

2nd: Adam Bjorklund

Discussion: None

Result: Motion Passed

Questions or Comments from the Visitors

- Chad Stoll was present at the meeting to discuss the importance of hosting additional tournaments.

Approval of Consent Agenda (includes 01/05/20 minutes)

Motion: Dani Eiklenborg moved to approve Consent Agenda

2nd: Adam Bjorklund

Discussion: None

Result: Motion Passed

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

A. Treasurer Update - Adam Bjorklund

1. Treasurer Bjorklund gave the board an update on the finances of Bison Fastpitch. There were a few bills that needed to be paid.

Motion: Jesse Violett moved to approve treasurers report.

2nd: Kari Haugen

Discussion: none

Result: Motion PASSED.

B. Board Responsibility Pairs - Nate Hintze

1. A discussion was had about board members pairing up to complete responsibilities.

C. Coaching Commitments - Nate Hintze

1. President Hintze informed the board that we have some coaching commitments from former BHS players who are now playing at the collegiate level. Chad Stoll and President Hintze continue to work to secure coaching commitments from parents and former players

D. Advertising for Clinics and Registration - Nate Hintze

1. A discussion was had about the importance of advertising for clinics and registration. A push to ensure information is posted on Facebook and other social media. Stephanie Salonek stated she is setting up the mobile signs. The board was also informed that registration postcards will be coming out soon as well.

E. Clinic Planning - Nate Hintze

1. President Hintze stated that clinics will have to start on 3/5/20 due to Super Tuesday Primaries on 3/3/20. Discussion was also had that since basketball is still going ages 6, 8, 10, and 12u players will be the primary attendees.
2. 1st set of clinics will be geared towards the younger players
 - Structure for the younger players
 - 4 stations
 - Hitting
 - Sliding
 - Pitching
 - Throwing
 - Fielding
 - Pitching/Catching
 - Could another gym be used for the Pitching/Catching hour to allow for safety
3. "Open" for the older girls
4. Alex Bechtold will email out the plans for clinics - All board members should be there for the clinics (if possible)
5. President Hintze stated he will contact Brad Zrust about kicking off the clinics on 3.5.20.
6. A discussion was also had about the Parent meeting on 3.5.20. It was determined that the meeting will be split by levels and a 6u/8u meeting will be combined and a 10u/12u meeting will be had.

7. During the 1st 2 clinics, parents will be encouraged to have their child try on gear for sizing purposes along with helmets.

F. Tournament Hosting - Nate Hintze

1. President Hintze informed the board that we will continue to host the Bison Showdown. It was suggested that we reduce the number of teams to 48 so that we can avoid using Northwinds fields. President Hintze suggested to only use Bentfield Mills and Lions Park fields.
2. Discussion by the board was had on registration costs. Focus was placed on ensuring Bison Fastpitch fees are in line with other tournaments.
 - a) Stephanie Salonek motions to raise fees for Bison Showdown to \$350
 - b) Dani Eiklenborg seconds
 - c) No Discussion
 - d) Motion passes 8-0
3. Vendors - Alex Bechtold and Kari Haugen will work on vendors, donations, and concessions to support the Bison Showdown.
4. A discussion was also had about hosting a 2nd Tournament during the summer.
 - a) Chad Stoll addresses the board in favor of having an additional tournament as it brings in additional money. Mr. Stoll gave background on the history of board finances and what was done to ensure Bison Fastpitch is viable. He suggested hosting 14 or 16's qualifier or state tournament. He also stated that Buffalo will always have a team there and that we need to rely on parents to help support the tournament.
 - b) After ongoing discussion, Alex Bechtold suggested tabling this until next meeting. All agreed and it was tabled until the March meeting.

G. 6u/8u Update

1. Stephanie Salonek updated the board on the status of 6u and 8u planning. She stated that we still need to solidify umpires, have parents pre-register for helmets. In talking about other needs she suggested we need to get materials and instruction for the pitching machine. She stated that she's had quite a few parents reach out via Facebook looking for more information and that some parents have stated they would like to continue to coach a team.

H. Summer Costs - Nate Hintze

1. President Hintze updated the board about the costs of running the program in collaboration with the City of Buffalo. He spoke to Lee from the city and confirmed that the costs will be as follows:
 - a) \$600 per tournament weekend
 - b) \$3900 flat fee for the year
 - c) Plus extras over the year

I. Summer Costs/Registration fees - Nate Hintze - This was tabled until next meeting.

J. Fields Update - Nate Hintze

1. President Hintze shared with the board the City of Buffalo's plan for the possibility of relocating or upgrading the current town ball fields. A discussion was had on the impact this would have on the softball program.
 - a) Loss of field in the future
 - b) Inequity in the investment for sports
2. He stated that we will have to dig in a bit more and contact the council members to ask the questions about this.

K. Equipment Needs and Checkout List - Dani Eiklenborg

1. Board member Eiklenborg stated that although it's early right now, we need to get to the HS and inventory our materials and then order items that we will need soon.

L. Heggies Planning - Jesse Violet

1. Tabled

M. Practice Scheduling for BAC

1. Tabled

N. Other

1. Tryout dates? Can we move the date - Youth Boys State Basketball

O. Other Reports by Board Members

Agenda for Next Meeting

- 1.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 by Nate Hintze. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on March 8th , at Huikko's.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Mix

Approved by: _____ (1st), _____ (2nd)