

Open Meeting Min

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

October 27th, 2024– Celts, Farmington MN – 6:00pm

Board Members in Attendance:	Board Members not in Attendance:
Haley Wargin- Communications director	
Gretchen Lilja-Secretary	Kelsey Bohlig-In-House Director/Frenzy Assistant
Meredith Peine -Frenzy Tournament Director	
Jeff Buck- President	
Katie Genzler – Assistant Concessions	
Sara Perkinson-Volunteer coordinator	
Tara Lemke – Apparel	
Rob Grissom-Field/Facilities	
Jen Asleson-Equipment Director	
Eric McAbee-Vice President	
Alexandra Hanley- Fundraising Coordinator	
Sarah Fenske-Off season coordinator	
Preston Fenske– Travel Director	
Chad Redman	
Tamara Barum- Concessions coordinator	
Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer	
Non-Board Members in Attendance:	
Paul Harrington	
Chris Gabbard	

Call to Order 6:06pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting(s): September 29, 2024

Meridith made a motion to approve the min, and Eric seconded the motion to approve min, board voted without opposition and min were approved.

Open items

Paul

- Already working on tryouts and practice dates for spring
- March 1st Bingo
- Louie Schmitz- received donation from them, Will work to get a post on FB recognizing them
- Working on setting up something in March, re rules/questions/drills- setting something up for March (making it open to all who are interested, coaches, families and players)

- Thursday March 6th at BMS- 6pm (start in the cafeteria- move to the gym)- **PAUL to confirm closer to the date**
- Updates regarding field improvements that have been put in place in the high school
 - Dugout roofs, batting cages, score board, field adjustments, HS fields got graded this year so anticipating this spring improvements to the fields. Provided information regarding potential upcoming projects.
- Spring 2025- voting to have HS championship game to be played at the University of MN (Dec 2024)
- Uniforms-
 - Survey results
 - Discussion surrounding board survey feedback
 - Orange sleeveless, black sleeves, white sleeveless for >12yrs
 - 8U only one jersey
- Off Season Opportunities-
 - Clinics start Nov 11th first two weeks will just be clinics
 - Open gym to begin 11/26
 - **Tiger power-** coaches corner, fielding, drills etc
 - 12/3, 12/17, 1/6, 1/14, 1/28, 2/11
 - Jeff to set up registration for clinics
 - Frist set of clinics are 10U and up, second set of clinics for 8U and up
 - Discussion surrounding hosting a tryout clinic- Sarah to work with booster club to see if this is a possibility
- VP Notes/Handbook-
 - Handbook has been reviewed by Tamara and Rob, Eric to email updated handbook to board to review. If changes requested, email Eric by Nov 15th for consideration. Formatting updated and read with intention of being a new softball family to assess clarity and understanding. **Will vote on 11/17 and will be implemented and FGFA families will be made aware these have been updated.**
 - Working on getting dirt delivered to BMS to (3 trucks) to level out the fields and create a pile. Pull bases on C&B and put in plugs and then replace bases after fields have been dug.
 - Background checks- all board members need to complete

New Items

- Treasurer Report-**\$42,767.78** (all accounts)
 - Fiscal year is done this month
 - Send budgets and receipts, proposed budgets for 2025.
 - Taxes to be completed this week
- Preston appoints Chad to the assistant travel director position that was previously approved by the board.
- Bingo- Saturday March 15th at 2pm
- Meredith- Frenzy- Discussion surrounding options for having two frenzys and the dates of those tournaments

- 5/30-6/1
- Chris Gabbard- has a daughter in the program and tried out at 1 and 2pm during 12U tryouts.
 - Daughter was in tryouts for 5 hrs, warmed up and then sat around and waited until tryouts to begin. Posed the questions of if there is any consideration for girls who were in tryouts longer than other girls. Also proposed the questions of if coaches can obtain tryout scores to help aid players. Eric advised that if you reach out to Preston he will be able to provide feedback on where the girls on the team are for hitting/fielding and what comments the evaluators wrote.
 - Discussion surrounding the flow of tryouts and how teams were made based on tryout scores. Discussion surrounding past tryout experiences and how we have experienced these delays previously.
 - Discussion surround pitching machines and the fact that they are only used for tryouts- tire pressure was checked prior to tryouts. Balls that are used during tryouts are only used for tryout days. Discussion surrounding process for re-pitching or throwing if balls were not accurate.

Call to close open meeting

Tamara made a motion to close the meeting, Meredith seconded the motion and the board voted without opposition and meeting was closed at 7:25.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

November 17, 2024

December 8, 2024