

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
August 4, 2019 7-8:30pm
Chadwick Room, Bloomington City Hall



1. Call to order

Molly Belmont called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday August 4, 2019.

2. 7:00-7:05 Housekeeping

a. Attendance

Board Members present (Bold): **Molly Belmont, Kathy Love, Amy Johnson, Jennifer Rosas, Jayson Knutson, Preston Renstrom, Daren Anderson, Dave Powers, Sean Skibbie, Amy Munsinger, Brian Kremer, Rebecca Rudquist, Monica Kremer, Jim Leicht, Megan Bernard (via phone).**

Other attendees: Amy Christiansen (Coach), Tiffany Goehner (Coach/parent) and Liz Friedrich (parent)

b. July meeting minutes approved

c. Monica Kremer agreed to take meeting minutes in the absence of Dave Powers

d. Note-All guests are welcome to share their thoughts, concerns, questions but please wait until the end of the board meeting during "open comments" to share comments to ensure a productive meeting.

3. Monsta Tournament review - All

Heavy discussion about Monsta Team tiering A vs B. 10U Red team was formed as a B1 tier but played in A tier during the summer. Monsta tournament was promoted as a B/C tier tournament but MN Softball authorized 10U Red to play in the tournament as it was clear Red was a B team based off of league play and league tournament results, and they accepted. Though the team did moderately well, they did not advance to any championship games but some board members were concerned about the appearance that the host of the tournament allowed an A team to participate. Heated discussion about whether they were an A or B1 team. The results of this conversation was to have a better, clearer structure for team tiers and participation for future tournaments.

Additional discussion about the tournament:

Brian Kremer reported the coordination and communication from MN Softball was a mess. Field assignments and game schedules were all messed up. Umpire schedules were also affected because of this. There was also concern that one umpire may have been drinking alcohol during the day.

On a positive note, the concession sales were excellent and the idea to rent the ice machine placed at the shed was a life saver. Unfortunately, with no concession's manager, Amy Johnson and Brian Kremer took on the task of managing and both were overworked and burned out. It's imperative we have a concessions manager to handle all the food stocking/restocking and managing staff moving forward.

4. Summer Player/Parent Surveys

- Kathy reported that at the time of this meeting 56 were completed. The majority from both parent and players were positive but a few concerns that need to be reviewed.
- Historically we had received 118 in 2018 and 130 in 2017
- Should there be a survey for the coached to give feedback on parents? Needs further discussion.

5. Fall Ball Registrations

- Kathy reported registrations were at a total of 74 vs 87 in 2018 and 130 in 2017

6. Club Ball Partner

- Discussed next steps for replacing Clutch Hitters as our training partner.
- Sean discussed the need for a potential questionnaire for interviewing new ball partners. Best to target unaffiliated club teams within the next month as these groups are now in the planning and schedule coordination for the season.
- Amy C, Sean, Molly and Jennifer will be part of the fact-finding group

7. Additional training

- Megan has volunteered to step into the Player Development Director position vacated by Amy M. for the rest of 2019 season
- Tiffany volunteered to be part of a committee to help with a development training plan and ball club partner selection.

8. Review of Board positions and future intent

President – (Molly Belmont) - undecided

VP – open – (though following meeting, Kathy indicated her intent to run for re-election)

Facilities Coordinator - open

Marketing Director – open

Corporate Sponsorship Director – Open

Equipment Director – open (though following meeting, Daren indicated his intent to run for re-election)

VP Strategic planning – open

Player Development Director – Megan Bernard undecided

VP Development (Jim Leicht) – undecided

Coach Development Director (Sean Skibbie) – undecided

Treasurer (Amy Johnson) – undecided

Secretary – Dave Powers – two year term

Tournament Director – Brian Kremer – two year term but considering resignation or adjustment to responsibilities. Possible need for Asst Director position to help manage tournament needs.

Membership Director – Monica Kremer – will run for re-election

Communications Director – Jayson Knutson – will run for re-election

In-House Director – Megan - undecided

- Elections for new board positions will be in October

8. 9:10pm Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Monica Kremer