

Soderville Fastpitch Committee Monthly Meeting Minutes
When: August 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Where: Online via Google Meet

Present: Nicki Barry, Corryn Anderson, Randy Lowe, Julie Cooley, Jamielynn Sparre, Terry Olson, Chris Liedman, Heather Wright, JJ Wilkins, Molly Law, Matt Herrmann, Sara Smude, Sean DeCent, Nate Greene

This meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Julie Cooley.

7:00 Call to order

7:05 Public Forum

7:10 Old Business

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7:15 New Business

- Operations Manager Update
 - 8U Fall Ball - 3 teams Centennial League, we have coaches, will take additional registrations if they come.
 - 8U Evaluations - All 8U evaluations in but one. Otherwise, it looks good.
 - Would like to get fall practices scheduled next Monday.

7:30 Fastpitch Director:

- Current Balance:
 - Last Month- \$48,915.42
 - Current - \$49,722.72
- Team Formations and Coach Picks
 - Guidelines for coach picks?
 - Jamielynn: Previously, no stipulations but this was before coach evaluations.
 - Heather - open, pick from anyone. The coach is building the team.
 - After tryouts occur, a decision needs to be made and look at where the kids land.
- Tryouts - Monday 10U Rain Forecasted -- switch 10U to Thursday, just need to get one more person. If there's an issue, we can add a few to Tuesday or Wednesday if Thursday does not work.
- Coach Evals - conversations will be had with coaches regarding feedback. Terry - read all evaluations. Recurring theme is that coaches need more training, what kind of training is available?
Jamielynn: the colleges put on training, we could look at
Heather - colleges: too much information for starting-out coaches.
Julie - attended one last year but too much info. Use all resources available.
Sean - mid-season evaluations for coaches to have an opportunity to correct things

Nate - proper line of escalation, and chain of command discussed with parents
Corryn - parent meeting. This would help address a lot of these issues.
Collecting volunteer fees, fundraising etc

- Machine Updates - Terry: I took a 3-wheeler in, and it cost \$2500 to fix. Buy a used one, which is \$7000. Terry is planning to drag fields on Tuesday.

“Coaches Connection” at Fields

- Coaches - drills, teambuilding
- Managers - How to use Game Changer

Terry - great idea

Jamielynn - coaches “kick-off” meeting. Instead of a basket to raffle, everyone brings a drill to share

Molly - what are the expectations for each level? Coming out of 10U, girls should be able to . . .

“Meet the Fastpitch Committee”

- Picture
- Short write-up of what level your daughter(s) are in
- Your role on the committee
- Anything else you want to share

Email Julie.Cooley@sodervilleblaine.org by August 21

Obligations of Coaches

Jamielynn: since coach evaluations are occurring. What are the expectations for the team? Expectations for girls' development? OUR JOB: pitching/catching practices, communication,

Corryn: 10 years ago, had a professional pitching come in and teach the basics & mechanics (Katie Schoeber). Pitching coach to teach coaches about pitching.

Instead of Complete Game (15 weeks) - split time with another space (The Ball Park) for more room for fielding etc.

Sara Smude- happy to help teach beginning pitching, and teach coaches how to help pitchers

Parent Conduct Procedure - issue with a parent, the director needs to be aware. Send an email to Julie with details, and follow up with coaches and parents.

Molly - even without a bad review, keeping track of parents complaints, trends

Justin - joint decisions between the coaches. Evaluations should include assistants.

Selection or Removal of Coaches

Jamielynn - "I was told I can't coach next season because of reviews. Should be a procedure."

Corryn - "numerous conversations have been had with you (Jamielynn) over the years and this is what is best for the association"

Julie - "my decision and this is what is going to be done"

8:00 Committee Member updates

Assistant Fastpitch Director/Uniform & Apparel -Jamielynn Sparre: Emailed Corryn for numbers, once we get the count will get ordered.

Equipment Manager - Randy Lowe: email to coaches, turning in equipment. Collecting equipment Tuesday - Thursday

Fastpitch Treasurer/Secretary - Nicki Barry: Will have checks for committee members registration reimbursement at tryouts this week.

Committee At Large - Nate Greene: last meeting, no longer coming to Fastpitch committee

Committee At Large - Stephanie Wallschlaeger: not present

Committee At Large - Terry Olson: nothing further

Committee At Large - Sean DeCent: not present

Committee At Large - JJ Wilkins: meeting with Ham Lake - update on fields; closing down fields one at a time during fall ball; creating a new drainage system out to the wetlands; new concession stand.

Committee At Large - Chris Hop: not present

Committee At Large- Heather Wright: nothing further

Committee At Large- Matt Herrmann: nothing further

Committee At Large - Chris Leidman: nothing at this time.