

**Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association
Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session
July 18, 2021 - Celts – Farmington MN – 7pm**

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President
Kim Boyd – Secretary
Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development
Robin Leonard – Volunteer
Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director
Lindsey Schepers – Treasurer
Mika Kieffer - Assistant Concessions
Neena Wilcox – Fundraising
Tara Lemke – Apparel
Matt Johnson – Communications
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities
Chad Redman – Travel Director
Jeff Buck – Equipment Coordinator
Eric McAbee – Vice President

1. Welcome and call to order by Christine (Chris) Schweich.

2. Approval of June meeting minutes

Robin L made a motion to approve the June 2021 meeting minutes, Neena W seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the June 2021 meeting minutes.

3. Fall Ball – Registration Update

8U – 11 Registered (5 new players that will need jerseys)

10U – 25 registered (2 new players need jerseys)

12U – 8 registered (2 new players need jerseys)

14U – 8 registered

16U – Open for registration (Eric has talked to Lakeville and Rosemount and they are going to try to have teams). Not sure if we will have a team.

Players should be registering for the level they are playing next spring/summer (remember last year was different with COVID and they were able to stay at the summer level). If someone wants to play up to a higher level for summer ball they need to petition to board to play up (10 to 12, 12 to 14). We have had people petition in the past. What is the boards stance for fall ball? For now we need to know what the numbers are at each level and see how it plays out we may need to move players around to form teams. We will send a message out to the organization with a reminder for birthdates and level of play so families know where their child should play in the spring.

4. Fall Ball hosting

As of now we have three opportunities to host fall league games and one state tournament due to availability of Empire. There are fall ball volunteer hours so we will need to work that out with

families. Saturdays are 8U and 10U and Sundays are 12U and 14U the times would be from around 9am to 4pm. We need board members there each day we host to oversee the volunteers. We can host Saturday only for league and then not do Sundays and then host a state tournament. We can also lower the amount of concessions for fall ball there are many places we go that don't even run concessions during fall ball. We will volunteer to host on Saturdays for the 8U and 10U and do limited concessions. But then for the state tournament host for the weekend tournament and do full concessions.

5. 12U/14U/16U Tryouts

We need to select a date for tryouts. Girls Basketball tryouts are on September 18th-19th, so we need to avoid those days. Tryouts for 12 and up, on September 25th.

Do we still want to hold tryouts in the fall? Is there enough interest in teams doing winter training to still have tryouts in the fall? With the conversations we last meeting regarding girls who play other sports and are not as committed to softball would holding tryouts in the spring help with that? Would having tryouts in the spring help with the numbers so girls who decide to play later aren't just put on the bottom teams (following the bylaws/handbooks)? Neena said if it is left up to just having 12u teams thrown together for the winter trainings there will be players that don't get asked to participate. . It's better to have the teams formed. Another board member asked if we should we start paying the higher level coaches like they do in other sports?

6. September Elections

Nominations for positions are due August 29th, then the membership will need to be notified by September 5th.

Positions up for election are:

Vice President – Eric McAbee plans to run for reelection.

Secretary – Kim Boyd is not renewing as Secretary.

Program Development Director – Corey not renewing as Off Season/Program development.

Fundraising Coordinator – Neena is not renewing for fundraising but plans to stay on the board and run for another position.

Communications Director - Matt plans to run for reelection.

Frenzy Tournament Coordinator - Sara Perkinson plans to run for reelection.

Concessions Coordinator – Sara Preston is not renewing as Concessions coordinator but Mika K will run for election.

Matt will work on the communications to the membership regarding elections.

Directors Reports:

Chris Schweich - President – Nothing more to add for this meeting.

Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development – nothing more to add for this meeting.

Chad Redman – Travel Director - Chad will make the request for hosting opportunities for fall ball dates/days discussed. Chad asked if we wanted to sponsor two kids per team for the MN Softball USA

selects like we have in the past. The tournament is August 13-15, 2021 in Andover. Yes we should do this again this year.

Robin Leonard – Volunteer – Robin will go through the DIB sheet from the tournament last weekend and make sure all hours were completed. The checks will be cashed in the next month. We had a few families that said to just cash their checks. We need to see who is left that did not fulfil their hours. Are there additional 6U parents that did not fulfill their hours? There are quite a few people that say cash my check. It is the same situation every year with the last tournament of the year there are far less volunteers and it falls on the Board. Did we front end the volunteer hours and give too many out early? Robin followed the same guide/schedule that has been used in previous years.

Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director – nothing to add for this meeting.

Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities – The August meeting is now scheduled for the 22nd due to a conflict with getting the room at Celts. Do we need to move the October meeting to an earlier date due to tryouts? No there will be a special meeting for approving teams.

Boeckman is taken for the fall due to football, but trying to get one additional field at FES for the fall for practices. Indoor space for Nov-Mar will get notice in the next few weeks but the time will be 7:15-9:15 again.

Neena W – Fundraising – Neena will be meeting to return the 150 fundraising cards. No changes in numbers provided last meeting, Hy-vee would not sell the remaining cards. Lots of teams are using their fundraising money. Lots of teams have had success selling Heggies pizza and the next fundraising coordinator should make sure that the coaches understand how easy it is to fundraiser outside of the cards.

Tara L – Apparel – The pins are getting dispersed in the next week for teams participating in NAFA and Tara will get MONSTA pins out soon. Tara will work on setting up a fall store for apparel.

Eric M – Vice-President - nothing to add for this meeting.

Lindsey S – Treasurer - FGFA has \$64,700.47 (\$43,792.87 checking and \$20,907.60 savings) in total funds. Lindsey would like to look into having electronic payment options for concessions. We could buy an Ipad, Square, even track inventory. We have had many people ask if we accept electronic payments or even Venmo. Lindsey will put together a proposal with all costs. Chris will touch base with Lindsey regarding taxes that are due soon.

Jeff B – Equipment – Jeff has collected equipment from all summer teams except for those that are not done (Nationals). Fences will need to be taken down so that might be an opportunity for 6U parents to get some volunteer hours in if they missed the other opportunities. Jeff will work on fall ball equipment once we have teams. There was a freezer open in the shed so some of the meat had to be thrown out. We need to be diligent on making sure that the doors are always closed to the shed as well as the fridge and freezers in the shed.

Mika K – Asst Concessions – Mika is working on an excel spreadsheet to track purchases and inventory to have a tracking system for tournaments.

Matt J – Communications - nothing more to add for this meeting.

Kim B – Secretary - nothing to add for this meeting.

Jennie R (given by Chris) – 6U skills night is Thursday evening, we need 3-4 people to help. The skills night starts at 6pm and we will be providing hotdogs and drinks. There will be multiple stations that will need assistance. Mika and Matt said they would be able to assist.

1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings

Dates for Open Board meetings –

August 22, 2021 - 7pm at Celts (confirmed)

September 19, 2020 – 6-7pm Voting 7pm Meeting at Celts (not confirmed)

October 17, 2020 – 6pm at Celts (not confirmed)

2. Adjourn Meeting

Jeff B made a motion to adjourn meeting, Matt J seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.