



# Mandan Fastpitch Association Board Meeting



August 2, 2023 – 6:30 PM  
Mandan Eagles Club

## OPEN MEETING

Call to order - President

In attendance:

- Ryan
- Scott
- Niki
- Lance
- Nate
- Lacey

Others:

- Mike Hanson
- DeAnne Hanson
- Emily Arnegard
- Scott Caya
- Brandy Caya
- Jason Harris
- Darrin Bugbee
- Jay Wandler
- Nadeen Belahovak
- Michelle Dannenfelzer
- Mike Dannenfelzer
- Mitch Maliski
- Leah Keller

Last meeting minutes approval (April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>)

- Motion – Nate
- Second – Ryan

**Discussion** – Opportunity to add additional New Business Items from Board

## OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS the Board

- Jay W.
  - Feedback – the program has done a great job. Progress has been made. Keep things positive.
  - Challenge – why we didn't have a 10u team?
    - How can we grow it?
    - Visit with physical education programs.
    - How to promote this to the younger girls?

- Options to have a board member that can focus on recruiting.
  - Offered to help support for fund raising
  - Recommendation is to not charge for rec league
  - Offered to raise funds for the league cost coverage to get more girls
  - Provide more clarity on each role next meeting
  - What can we do this off season?
    - Better times for open gyms?
    - Ensure the girls are attending open gyms?
    - Pitching clinics?
      - Doug is looking to take over the pitching clinics
- Jason H.
  - Are there options for a condensed schedule for 10u players?
  - Lacey and Leah offered this was not an option for the families
  - We need to recruit the parents not the girls
  - Concern is making the girls to play league and travel
    - 12u did not have to play league this year
    - Recommendation would be to not allow 10u to play league to offset the commitment for parents
  - Recommendation is to replace rec teams with league teams based on Bismarck charges for league fees
  - Smaller travel schedules with options to scrimmage the Mandan teams
  - Focus on keeping a team with other outside players for the 18 year old players
  - Recommendation – how to incorporate the older girls or combined practices
  - Recommendation – host a 10u tournament for an option for a local tournament
- Mike D.
  - Get more information out to the families in the fall before summer plans are scheduled
- Michelle D.
  - Are there options to have fields in the fall?
  - Offered to help with the fall?
- Emily A.
  - Can we have the older girls support working with the girls?
  - Younger girls love being are the younger girls
- Darrin B.
  - How fair was it to omit the two 18-year-old players from the travel league.
  - Are coached already set for next year as he heard that they have been set
- DeAnn H.
  - Provide more communication and clarity on help needed from the parents and girls
  - How to better communicate with parents on the minute meetings?

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion - Opportunity to add Old Business Items missing from Agenda.

- Faris Field Update
  - Parks approved to move ahead with the most recent bid
  - September is ground breaking
  - Spring will be seeding and infield work

## STANDING REPORTS

- Recreational League
  - Family/Player/Parent feedback survey
    - Are you planning to play next year?
  - Provide through sports engine and allow multiple communication avenues.
  - Feedback is back to the board.
- Travel League
  - Family/Player/Parent feedback survey
  - Provide through sports engine and allow multiple communication avenues.
  - Feedback is back to the board.

## NEW BUSINESS

- 2022-2023 Season Close
  - Rec League
    - A good amount of parent support throughout the year
  - Travel Teams
    - Standards and expectations
      - Lack of respect within the players
- 2023-2024 Season Planning
  - Fundraising 23-24
    - Golf Scramble
      - Mike Hason will help support this option
    - Fireworks stand 2024
    - Pumpkin Patch
    - Cash Calendar Raffle
    - Gun Raffle
    - Jamboree
      - Bismark Chamber will provide \$2,500 if we hold the event
  - Sweatshirt/warmups for players
    - Name (optional) with number (not optional) for the players
    - Make this part of the uniform
  - Try it Fall 2023
    - September 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00
    - Niki has the information to add here
  - Team planning for summer 2024
    - How do we address the concerns on an A and B team when both teams are competing in the same tournament?
- Recruitment
  - Options to get more information out to the families early?
    - School bulletin

## Financials and Operations

- Financial review and updates
  - Expenditures for approval

- Coaches travel expenses
  - Motion to reimburse Ryan K. for \$1,500 for the Fargo national tournament - Nate
  - Second – Scott
  - All Approved
- Treasurers' report
  - \$48,773.45 current balance

**At Large Reports**

- Any Reports Not Covered in Portfolio Reports

Next meeting will be scheduled for: August 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Mandan Eagles

Motion to Adjourn – Ryan

Second – Lacey