

**Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association  
Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session  
June 20, 2021 - Celts – Farmington MN – 7pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Christine Schweich – President  
Eric McAbee – Vice President  
Kim Boyd – Secretary  
Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development  
Robin Leonard – Volunteer  
Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director  
Lindsey Schepers – Treasurer  
Sarah Preston – Concessions  
Mika Kieffer - Assistant Concessions  
Jennie Rutter – In House  
Neena Wilcox – Fundraising  
Tara Lemke – Apparel  
Matt Johnson – Communications  
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities

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

**2. Approval of May meeting minutes**

Corey S made a motion to approve the May 2021 meeting minutes, Eric M seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the May 2021 meeting minutes.

**3. 12U B State Qualifier**

We are hosting the 12U B State Qualifier on June 25-27, 2021. The volunteer spots are currently full. Remember the tournament director is paid for/hired by MN Softball. The director would need to be available for the entire weekend. The availability part is what makes it harder for a coach to be able to hold this position unless they can step away from their team. Aimee Smith (former FGFA board member) will be the tournament director. Tom Bye is giving her access to automatically update the brackets in the new system. Tom Bye will have instructions for the tournament director that lays out the responsibilities and what is needed. For future tournaments, this is something that two people can share the responsibility and share the pay. Lindsay S and Matt J will count the money each night. Neena will be on site with her team and is happy to jump in and help where needed when she is not with her team. We try to get the level of play that has the most board members so that we have coverage. Tri County pays the gate fees and we get a check from them and then we also make money on concessions. We just need to make sure there are board members available to assist even if they are not the tournament director.

**Directors Reports:**

**Robin L- Volunteer** – Dibs are out and there have not been many questions this time. After this tournament and if we host one more we should be able to cover all volunteer shifts needed and families should be able to fulfill their hours.

**Matt J – Communications** – Dibs communications have been sent out. There have been a few questions still from 6U families but we are getting through those. Matt will send out additional communications if there are other tournaments.

**Lindsay S – Treasurer** - FGFA's current balance is: \$74,878.90. Currently there is a lot of movement of money going in and out from Frenzy, Tournaments etc.

**Tara L – Apparel** - Tara will be ordering pins for nationals she is currently planning to order 3,000 and they are not dated so they can be used again if needed. She really enjoyed working with the company she found and is excited for the pins to come. Chris just got a bag of pins from Scott Hughes that would be perfect for 6U she will get those to Jennie. 8U did not trade pins last year but will this year. Each team going to nationals will receive 10 pins per player and remember teams can purchase an additional 10 pins if they chose.

**Neena W – Fundraising** - Cards are all done for this year as far as FGFA's side of the process. There were 43 families who opted in for 172 cards (\$2,580 profit since we get \$15 per card) and 94 families opted out (\$5,640). We started with 350 cards (50 are extra) and we can return up to 100, so we are going to be invoiced for 200 cards. The organization that creates the cards reached out and asked if she could sell some of the remaining 150 on our behalf. We don't have to do anything and she will work out with us any cost at the end. Total profit in end is \$8,640.

Neena would like to have a bigger conversation at a future meeting regarding player commitment and how to handle teams. How do you handle when the girls are not committed because they are playing other sports? What if they are a specialty player and that leaves the team without certain players. Can we add extra players to those teams to cover the players that are not committed? Eric and Corey – you don't want teams with 13 girls. Less @Bats, too many girls sitting on the bench etc. We could hold off on doing 12U tryouts in the fall and wait, but then you lose girls to club teams for the development.

**Jennie R – In House** - Working through dibs and answering questions. Jennie has been working with the coaches to keep them and their teams updated when it comes to weather and any other questions.

**Eric M – Vice President** – Things have been going well with the coaches and he has not received any liaison calls. The fields looked very wet today not sure if they will dry before tomorrow. If you have games show up early to work on fields.

**Sarah P and Mika K – Concessions** - Andy from Southern Hills gave Sarah a call after the Frenzy to let her know they no longer have additional carts that they can loan out. If we use FES again for the Frenzy a golf cart would be really helpful. Moore Golf in Lakeville rents them we might look into that for future tournaments. Why can't we use ours at Empire? It is hard to get ours from Boeckman to Empire unless someone has a truck and a trailer. Reminder for all tournaments that FGFA is running, we cannot have young kids in the concession taking money. We only have one freezer at Boeckman

have we thought about getting another one? Katie M has a freezer that she will donate to FGFA. Sarah P saw a concession stand that used a white board so that it can be changed throughout the day if needed. No frozen items at Empire they don't stay frozen. Kona Ice wants to work with us so if we can give him a heads up a head of time he will work with us to make it work. Why did the food truck not show up at FES? Sarah P has not gotten any answers on multiple attempts at contact. We really need to revisit FES site and how we want to reorganize for the future. There was no hot water at Empire last week, Sarah will check with Empire about hot water before the tournament this weekend.

**Corey S – Off Season** – Corey mentioned that he will not be running again for his position when his term is up in September. Chris said she would like to add that topic to the agenda for next month to have a larger discussion.

**Paul H – High School** – Paul gave construction updates for the high school softball fields. Fields 2 and 3 have been leveled and the posts are back in on one of the fields. Paul is not sure what the plans are yet for the grass and sod. There is a new AD that will be taking over soon, Paul will have an update on that at a future meeting. The next thing that the boosters would like to do is build a shed, they have thought about doing a C container instead of an actual shed but more discussion is needed. The Varsity players will be delivering posters to the inhouse group on Tuesday or Thursday next week.

**Kim B - Secretary** – no to add for this meeting.

**Chris S – President** - FGFA should purchase their own canopy for use at tournaments. Jeff has room in the equipment budget to buy some and we can store them in the shed. Chris will work with Jeff to see what deals he can find and will also replace the Schweich's canopy that was borrowed and unfortunately broken by the wind during Frenzy.

**Chad R – Travel Director** - (report provided by Chris)– Chad would like to Thank Sarah, Sara and Susan for their hard work for the Frenzy. It was very successful and very well run. Thank you to Katie for providing ample bathrooms, garbage and having everything needed for the Frenzy. Chris thanks for providing umpires for the 10U Red games. We want to make sure all of the teams get the same opportunity to play. We used HS softball players and FGFA is paying them \$60 per night. The last half of the travel season is going well. We are going to attempt to get 10U or 14U state and Jeff will be point person this weekend for fields/equipment.

We will need to pick tryout dates for 12U, 14U and possible 16U tryouts and we want to return to a one day September tryout.

Fall ball registration should be created soon and released soon after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We will need to talk about a slight increase in cost for the fall season due to increase in cost for FGFA.

**Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director** – Frenzy went well, I learned a lot and next year will go even better. Lindsay will work on a break down on costs and earning from the Frenzy.

**Katie M – Fields and Facilities** – The July meeting is confirmed 7pm here . We have not heard back regarding the date for the August meeting. Katie does NOT need to schedule Umps for the state

tournament. Katie will make sure to have handicap toilets or make sure it is in the list for the Frenzy for next year. Barb will be sending us invoices for scheduling changes regarding some of the umps.

### **1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings and Events**

#### **Dates for Open Board meetings –**

July 18, 2021 7pm at Celts (confirmed)

August 19, 2021 7pm at Celts (Not confirmed)

### **2. Adjourn Meeting**

**Sara Perkinson made a motion to adjourn meeting, Katie M seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.**