BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018

**Opening:**

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, November 5, 2018, in the Big Lake High School Media Center by Matt Baufield, President.

**Present:**

Board Members

Matt Baufield – President Tony Loftus – Treasurer

Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Kris Lund – Secretary Wayne Howe – In-house Coordinator

Board Members Not In Attendance

Michelle Fjone – Vice President

Other Attendees

Jeff Lund

**Old Business:**

1. A motion to approve the September Minutes was made by Kris Lund, Matt Baufield seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
2. A motion to approve the October Minutes was made by Matt Baufield, Tony Loftus seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
3. A motion to approve the current Treasurer’s report was made by Kim Bowen, Kris Knodle seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.

\*Treasurer’s report is available upon request\*

**New Business:**

1. Wayne Howe was welcomed as in-house coordinator by Matt Baufield.
2. Tony Loftus reported that there was a net profit from the Ice Breaker, 2018 tournament of $356. We pay Community Ed 20% of that profit so $71.20. He also reported there was a net profit from the 16U State tournament of $1,773.58 so 20% of that would be $354.72. A motion was made by Kris Knodle to pay those two amounts to Community Ed, Kris Lund seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
3. Kris Knodle said Matt Baufield is going to the wrap-up travel meeting Wednesday, November 7 for him. Thanks Matt!
4. Kris Knodle brought up a having a “Pitch, Hit, and Run” weekend for ages 7-14. There was a discussion about possibly doing this during Ice Breaker weekend or possibly after a varsity game on youth night. There could be prizes. Kris was going to get more information on this and report back to us. Tabled until December meeting.
5. There was discussion by Wayne Howe and Kris Knodle about possibly bumping up the fees for the in-house registration $20 to include the clinic (possibly get some pitching in the clinic). Also talked about getting in-house players regular jerseys instead of t-shirts. Should there be tryouts for in-house just to get the families more involved? All three issues were tabled until December meeting.
6. Kim Bowen discussed batting cage work; still waiting on Gage Chaffee; Tony will talk to him. Tony has $350 at Home Depot earmarked for batting cage material.
7. Kim Bowen discussed dugouts: Block work is done, slabs are poured, roof on but not shingled. She stated walls don’t go all the way to ceiling on sides and need air vents sealed up. With regard to the benches Kim hasn’t heard back from Rich Berg to see if he would be able to make wood benches. Jeff L. is going to text Craig Johnson and Wayne Howe will ask his work regarding metal ones. We could buy two benches from BSN for $1,800. Whatever is decided they need to go in before December. The money for this is being raised with a pancake breakfast Saturday, November 10. It is looking good to hit the goal of raising $1,000.00.
8. Matt Baufield/Kris Lund stated that three trees were planted by the Liberty Fields for $112. Thanks Lunds, Matt and Shelby Baufield and Kim Bowen!
9. The 50/50 raffle through BLYSA to raise money for a 15x20 concession stand by Liberty is still ongoing. Tabled to the December meeting.
10. There was discussion about hosting 2019 tournaments. USAA offering us any weekend to host. The board decided on asking to host fall state, both days of one weekend – Matt Baufield will call Brian. Of course we will still host the Ice Breaker in May, 2019.
11. Discussed Non-voting board positions: Weekday Concession Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator, Fundraiser Coordinator, Volunteer coordinator and Tournament Director/Concession Coordinator. Matt Baufield will talk to Michelle Fjone about this so it was tabled until the December meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

1. Matt Baufield asked if we as a board should ask if we could get our own password to run the lights on the softball fields. Kim Bowen said she may be able to get access to that as a teacher/coach.
2. Kim Bowen would like someone else to do the hitting clinics this year, maybe hire someone. Reach out on Facebook site advertising this (Bowen) and Kris Knodle was going to contact Kelly Bowne to see about a guy out of Maple Lake and also check to see if Hjermstad still interested in doing the catching clinic.
3. It was decided to write-off check from D.H.’s parent for volunteer fee.
4. Tony Loftus said his goal for next meeting is to have some information on fees and to get our fees set. He is also going to reach out to Spudfest regarding a donation and he mentioned “Give to the Max” fundraiser. Also discussion about gas cards for Kwik Trip. Tony wants to get $3,000.00 worth of those to sell. He will work with Michelle Fjone on this to decide amounts ($20, $25, $100).
5. There was discussion from Tony Loftus about what the coaches’ clinic should teach to new coaches coming in.
6. Kris Knodle talked about 14U teams for 2019 and pitching. There are 25 girls eligible. There are possibly four pitchers if two come back into the program. Do we need to reach out to Monticello, Becker, Elk River, websites? Can we select a guaranteed coach now to tell the parents? Tabled until December meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 8:30 p.m. by Matt Baufield, Tony Loftus seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next public meeting will be on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria.

Minutes submitted by: Kris Lund, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_