

BIG LAKE FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION



BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2021

Opening:

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:31 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, by President Matt Baufield at McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes.

Present:

Board Members

Matt Baufield – President

Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Nathan Marcks – Vice President

Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator

Sara Nohrenberg – Secretary

Brittany Judge - Treasurer

Other Parents Present

Beth Baufield

Shelly Fjone

Old Business:

A. Meeting Minutes

- A motion to approve the November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Kris K., Sara N. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.

B. Treasurer's Report

- Brittany J. presented the financial report for the time period October 1, 2021 through December 2, 2021. Brittany reported that she purchased Quicken Software and scanned all past documents from previous Treasurer, Tony Loftus, and that everything is now digital. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Sara N., seconded by Kris K., and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.

New Business:

A. Travel Updates

- Kris K. provided an update on registrations for the 2022 Summer Season. Kris reported that Sports Engine is not accepting payments for jerseys at this time. Families will need submit payments for jerseys via check or cash.

B. In-House Update

- Aaron M. reported that there are several 8U girls signing up for travel 10U.

C. Evaluations will be held on Sunday, March 6.

D. Clinics / Sunday Night Skills Practices

- Matt reported that we were unable to secure all requested Sundays for Hitting Clinics and Skills Practices. There were conflicts with other sports the following Sundays: 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27. We will contact Kayla W. to see if she is available to hold a couple sessions post evaluations (March 12 & 20). Both Hitting Clinic and Sunday Night Skills Practices

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will be held at the Middle School.

- We will not be holding a Catching Clinic this year because we were unable to find an instructor.
- Open Gyms will be held 1/16, 1/30, 2/6, and 2/20. Matt will request open gym the Friday or Saturday (March 4 or 5) before Evaluations.

E. Ice Breaker Tournament

- Michelle Fjone has committed to organizing the annual tournament. Michelle reported that she will begin making plans. She would like to keep the entry fees the same as in past years, include 10U & 12U levels with all games played at the 4-plex, and will once again invite Max Minis Donuts and our t-shirt vendors back. Shelly will send out information to teams once Matt has confirmed Ice Breaker dates with Community Education. Sara will send out an email to families looking for anyone interested in assisting Michelle with the coordinating of the tournament.

F. Kwik Trip Gift Cards – it was recently discovered that the Kwik Trip gift cards lose their value over time. If anyone has issues, report them asap. We will attempt to sell all of the cards on hand and not purchase as many going forward. Kris K. suggested having a drawing at our next meeting for families that have signed up for the summer season by December 31, 2021 with a \$125 gift card to Kwik Trip for the prize. The rest of the board agreed and Sara will provide information to families.

G. An old \$50 check was discovered from the Jacob's family for 2 bucket hats. Matt spoke to the family and they said to go ahead and make the deposit now.

Open Discussion

- Kim talked about a program called Youth First. Youth First recognizes positive behavior and sportsmanship from players. Umps select players that exhibit good sportsmanship with one prize being tickets to a Twins game. Youth First is looking for associations to pilot the program and is providing a reduced cost of \$3/player to participate.
- NFCA will be holding a softball clinic for coaches on February 12, 2022. Matt recommended getting some of our coaches to attend.
- Nathan asked if older girls were interested in trying out pitching if they would qualify for the Introductory to Pitching Clinic. Kim commented that it would be perfectly fine.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:23 PM by Sara N. Matt B. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at McPete's Sports Bar & Lanes.

Minutes submitted by:

Sara Nohrenberg, Secretary

Approved by:
