



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Board Meeting	Time	6:30 pm
Date	10/2/2023	Location	Exxon/Zoom
Facilitator	Matt Liudahl, President		

Invitees/Attendees:

Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name	Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name
R	Y	Matt Liudahl	R	Y	Scott Owens
R	Y	Jody Simpson	R	Y	Jessica Simpson
R	Y	Jesse Klaudt	R	N	Brian Neuhardt
R	Y	Heath Lessard	R	Y	Beth Carlson
R	Y	Jeremy Twete	R	Y	Carinna Hendrickson
R	Y	Melissa Artlip	R	Y	Nick Roemmich
R	Y	Darby Krivoruchka			

Agenda/Minutes:

Item	Topic	Owner
1.	Call To Order	Matt
	a. President Matt called the meeting to order with 12 board members present and 2 guests.	
2.	Board Member Elections	Matt
	a. Board member elections were held.	
	b. Results - President: Matt Liudahl; Vice-President: Scott Owens; Secretary: Jessica Simpson; Website/Technology Director: Jody Simpson; Travel Coordinator: Nick Roemmich; Asst. Travel Coordinator: Carinna Hendrickson; Summer League Coordinator: Jamie Turner; Asst. Summer League Coordinator: Melissa Artlip; Umpire Coordinator: Janelle Moos; Members at Large: Jesse Klaudt & Fred Schauer	
3.	Approval of September Minutes	Jessica
	a. Jody motioned to approve minutes. Jeremy second. Motion carried.	
4.	Treasurer Report	Heath
	a. Heath presented treasurer report.	
5.	USA Softball Report	Thor
	a. National meeting this month. State meeting later this month.	
6.	Old Business	Matt
	a. Travel Program	
	i. Director report/recap	
	1. Focusing on parent & player check-ins throughout the season, limit 12 players, 14u practice time after 5pm, coach-player communication, coach decision-making and communication with players	
	2. Update handbook guidelines for playing time, age requirement, pick-up players, player-coach communication, coach-parent communication	
	3. Meeting with Lane to talk about hitting training during travel season	
	4. Will update logo with Chris	
	5. Pitching & catching clinic coaches will be contacted this week	
	6. Evaluators for travel ball will be contacted this month	



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- ii. Tryout dates
 - 1. Would like to have all ages try out on Feb 11
- iii. Travel players in summer league
 - 1. Swap 8u & 10u game nights
 - 2. Jesse motioned to pull all travel kids out of summer league. Nick second.
 - a. Discussion: Concerns are financial repercussions. Analysis for last 2 years has been requested, due next meeting. Coaching pool and recruitment are also concerns.
 - b. Continued discussion: creating a targeted survey for previous travel families to weigh in on summer league requirement. Fundraising coordinator needs to be implemented.
 - c. Vote results: 5 no, 3 yes. Motion does not pass.
 - 3. Jesse motion to pull 12u kids out of summer league. Scott second.
 - a. Vote results: 7 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.
- b. Summer League
 - i. Equipment inventory – need to schedule
 - 1. Shelving will be installed in our shed at Cottonwood. Schedule date in October.
 - ii. 8U - Ideas for electric pitching machines, spring replacement for pitching machines? Recommendation: coach pitch the whole time, circle drawn at maybe 30-35 ft., 5 pitches max – players can strike out. Each team had their own designated coach pitcher.
 - iii. Review the rules to make sure the other practice night is not optional.
 - iv. Format-table until November
 - 1. Program length
 - 2. Practice/games
 - 3. Mandan participation
 - 4. Registration for next season
 - v. Survey results
 - 1. 6u season length
 - 2. Summer league tournament double-elimination
 - vi. Season length – 6u consider a 6 week program, 8 week for the remainder. Consider 8u Jamboree, consider double-elimination year-end tournament.
- c. Equipment – tabled until inventory is completed
 - i. Shelving will be installed in our shed at Cottonwood. Schedule date in October.
 - ii. Make sure it's communicated that the pitching machines are available for practices as well. Maybe have a piece of wood to put the stakes into.
- d. Division Representatives/Committee Recap-table until February
- e. Camps and Clinics
 - i. Off-Season Training – registration open, currently 22 signed up
 - ii. Pitching & Catching Camp – 1/6-1/24, 2/10 (5 weeks) 1pm-3pm (1 hr. each age group)
 - 1. Determine participant cost, last year was \$100.
 - 2. Determine pitching & catching coaches compensation
 - 3. Facility Rental = \$1500
 - iii. Spring Camp – 2/25-3/24 (5 weeks) 11am-2pm (1.5 hrs each age group)
 - iv. Intro Camp – 4/7-4/21 (3 weeks) 12pm-2pm (1 hr each age group)



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- f. Fundraising/Sponsorship
 - i. BisMan CVB grant-due November 15
 - ii. Old 10
 - iii. Sanford POWER
 - iv. Discount card – tabled until November
 - v. A dedicated coordinator is needed
- g. Communications/Marketing/Community
 - i. 2023-2024 Communications Plan was reviewed and approved

7. New Business

All attendees

- a. Clothing store – consider Northern Trophy or GameOne
- b. I Can Movie event – Melissa will contact movie theater & Heritage Center

8. Other Business

All attendees

9. Review Action Items

All attendees

Next board meeting: November 6, 2023

Action Items:

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Schedule Four Seasons Center for 9-4 on Feb 11 for travel team tryouts. Cancel unneeded dates.	Matt	10/15/2023
2	Schedule equipment inventory & shelving installation	Matt	10/15/2023
3	Check on clothing store with Chris	Darby	10/15/2023
4	Check on Sparks logo with Chris	Darby	10/15/2023
5	Pitching & Catching Camps: ensure coach availability, registration, promote	Darby/Jess/Jody	10/15/2023
6	Sparks travel coaches: draft and post job openings on website, promote, reach out to potential coaches	Darby/Jess	10/15/2023
7	Meet with Lane regarding summer travel team training schedule	Darby	10/15/2023
8	Reach out to movie theater and Heritage Center for <i>I Can</i> movie screening	Melissa	10/31/2023
9	Fill out and submit BisMan CVB Partner Grant	Matt/Scott	10/31/2023
10	Contact Old 10 regarding sponsorship	Matt	10/31/2023
11	Contact Sanford Power regarding endowment fund sponsorship	Matt	10/31/2023
12	Update travel team handbook	Darby/Jess	11/30/2023
13	Secure evaluators for travel tryouts	Darby	12/31/2023
14	Conduct equipment inventory	All	12/31/2023