



# BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Monday December 3rd, 2012 7:00 PM  
Bloomington Center for the Arts

- I. Call to order 7:01 Karen Johnson
- II. Attendance  
Katie Meyer (do town), Grant Effertz, Carol Effertz, Jeri Rosenberg, Cathy Currier, Mike Kopischke, Jim Leicht, Craig Johnson, Beth Johnson, Karen Johnson, Amy Christianson, Todd Deming, Bob Christianson
- III. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes (November, 2012) Grant Effertz, Bob
- IV. Katie Meyer, do town Community Organizer- Working with Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and Blue Cross and Blue Shield to bring the idea of improving the health of each community by making changes that support healthy eating choices and active lifestyles. Karen suggested training for performance, also how to pack a healthy cooler for tournaments. With do town it may help share resources with nutritionists etc. Maybe we can build nutrition into the coaches training. Grant says CDC has resources available to help with do town. Larger goal is to get to the culture change of making better choices. Would like Do town to have a table at registration mid February. Next steps- table at registration, Katie will work on information.
- V. Old Business
  - a. Water Park Event (Melissa Walter- not present)
    - i. Date- no date yet. Said we have to pay 50% up front.
    - ii. Event marketing (i.e. flyers, Sun Current)- Will try to get flyer out by e-mail.  
We need to go back out to them and ask why \$7.00 should be less since it is a fundraiser. If they will not lower we can just offer it to girls at cost. Lets look at other days of the week not just Friday or Saturday.
  - b. Bylaws, Parent Handbook (Mike Kopischke)
    - i. Subcommittee recommendations – just got together on Saturday night, Grant has drafts but still tweaking.
    - ii. Next Steps- Will go to Karen and Cathy to send changes to Grant, then will send on to other board members.
  - c. Summer Coach Recruitment (Cathy Currier)
    - i. Status – no 8u coaches yet, 10 u double amount needed, 12u is fine, 14u hired Mary Stansonat(?) to coach, 16 covered, will be able to move the hired coach around depending on what happens with teams or moving girls around or up. May need to hire 1 more. We may have to hire an 8u if no parents can coach.
  - d. Winter Clinics (Jim Leicht)
    - i. Dates –dates are set
    - ii. Clinicians
      1. General skills (i.e. hitting, base running etc.)- Broken down into a 10 Week plan for skills,would like to divide beginner and advance instead of ages Michelle(Edina Coach) from Strike 3 will do the clinics on Sunday nights. Check what is in the gym right Beforehand so we do not do something that needs a large set up.
      2. Position skills (i.e. pitching/catching)-

Can they alternate between Amy and Julie? We need to still do some free clinics? We could take the last 2 Sunday clinics off and use for pitching/ catching clinics. Jim is to Make the recommendation on exactly how the clinics should run. When they have a clinic Of several girls it is still valuable to have the gym time and some corrective coaching. Do we Need to have people commit to one of the pitching coaches vs learning from each of them? Should we continue doing the free nights for pitch/ catch? Seems like we still need to do the free nights to bring in more pitchers. Per Karen- we will not make any changes to the free clinic but will revisit after a month.

Question: Could we have pitchers and catchers working together?

iii. Marketing – Everything will go up on website, possibly to schools

e. Lesson Reimbursement (Jim Leicht)

i. Maintain current private lesson reimbursement policy or expand to include semi-private lessons or change the plan to BFA pays some and players

Pay part. instead of re-imburement BFA would pay \$30 and each student would pay \$10. Karen asked who is approved for re-imburement. Player development will research

Coaches Clinics

ii. NSC National Sports Clinic (1/18 and 1/19)

1. Opportunity for BFA reimbursement – budget implications

Maybe it would be more cost effective to have Cheeta in to do the training rather than sending people out to train. Could we have a high school coach come in? There should be more options for coaches. Should we wait until teams are formed and then have someone in. We need to have coaches go to clinics.

2. Current BFA policy statement on coaches clinic reimbursement-

There really is not a policy. We need to give options and decide what we will do for Re-imburements.

### **Discussion:**

We need to establish policies for the coaches and have a required coaches clinic, but will that only be for new coaches. We need to invest in coaches better. If we re-imburse what do we cap at? Cathy would like to have a compiled list of clinics to give the coaches. Maybe we can get someone local to do a clinic for 8u and 10u? We need to invest in coaches to keep them and make them better skilled.

### **Conclusions:**

Jim will contact Julie to schedule a clinic for coaches for 8u and 10u. Amy will gather the Information for clinics for older age coaches and Grant will then send an e-mail to all potential families inviting them to go to a clinic, our clinic for 8u and 10u, other clinics for all Jim will decide if a clinic is reliable. He will also look into having clinics rather than re-imburement. We will be a resource for other clinics but will not re-imburse. At least 1 coach per team is mandatory to attend.

## VI. New Business

a. Pre-concussion testing (Cathy Currier)- will table until January

b. 2013 Registration Planning

i. We will all help with set up. Carol and Grant will get things from shed, Carol will be in charge of girls and uniforms. Grant will rebuild registration form. We will sell what apparel we have. Bob will have the usual food. Scholarship books will be available. Tanel company will be contacted to have a table there, we charge them \$300. For the whole year. Bob Christianson will invite Twin Cities orthopedics there to talk about concussions. Bob will help with the Sun Current posting.

ii. Promote registration as Don't Miss Event

c. Spring Tryouts

i. Discussion / Recommendations

Tryout format – Jim Leicht summarized committee assessment and recommendation to maintain current tryout format. However, Girls would pick 3 positions. Goal would be to make a good team.

2. Team selection- Goal is to make a good team. Individual people, not Coaches, will pick teams- coaches have some say and can replace a player. We need to make sure players are not in over their head, as well as making sure they are in the best place for the team.

1. Transparency- Only selection committee will see scores.

2. Next Steps- Send out information ahead of time on change of selection.

We want to be sure it is well communicated so no one is frustrated. Put notice on the Website, communicate to current membership and have question/answer at registration. Director Reports (Identify any 2013 goals)

d. President: Karen Johnson

e. Vice President: Cathy Currier

f. Treasurer: Mike Kopischke- Review of budget sheet. Created template to work from. Budget based on 11 players but we could have up to 13 on a team. Based on a conservative number of Teams. Umpires paid by home team in regular season, Fall is paid by league- that is why league payment is the same for both Fall and Summer league. Car stickers will cost \$450 and will go under spirit wear. Motion to approve budget will be put tabled due to a check on umpire changes and clinic fee changes.

g. Secretary: Jeri Rosenberg

h. Commissioner: Craig Johnson

i. Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen

j. Communications Director: Grant Effertz

k. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz

l. Marketing Fund Raising: Melissa Walter

m. Player Development: Jim Leicht

n. Tournament Directors Beth Johnson

## VII. Open Comments –

a. January Agenda Requests- bash dates are June 7,8,9<sup>th</sup> will discuss further

b. January Meeting – Confirm retain January 7th date  
May, June and July meetings will need to be on Sundays?

## VIII. Adjournment- 9:42pm motion to adjourn by Karen Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Currier

The next board meeting will be **Monday** January 7th 7:00pm at the Bloomington Center for Arts