

NPGFA Meeting Minutes

12/4/2020

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association is committed to teaching the fundamentals of competitive fastpitch softball. We are here to promote leadership, cooperation, team skills, to deal with accomplishments, and disappointments, to improve self-confidence and self-esteem and to have FUN! We do this as a feeder system to the New Prague Schools.

Board Members Present: Tina Steinhoff, Michelle Fischer, Jim Kauffman, Megan Tupy, Katie Galland, Becky Wilson, Amy Skluzacek, Amy Englin, and Mark Cameron

Not Present: None

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Melissa Digatono

President Report:

- Call to order at 7:02pm on 12/4/2020
- Brad Skogerboe contacted Jim about meeting for facilities
- Waiting to hear back for insurance for winter training @Bat

Review and approve minutes:

- Minutes read by Amy Skluzacek
- Michelle made a motion to approve minutes; Becky seconds motion; motion passes 7-0

Treasurer's report:

- Reconciled October
- Check was paid to @Bat for facility rental
- Refunding Weiers and Johnson for jerseys; sent an invoice to Bruner to increase price from 10U to 12U.
- Megan will get help from Jim to help with yearly budget
- Possibly talk with Angie Seurer from CSSW to change the fiscal year. Jim will reach out to her to see what that would take to make happen.
- 5 checks that are uncashed. Michelle is reaching out to families to cash the checks. Will write new checks to anyone who lost them.
- Balance: \$42,774.62

Calendar:

- None

Webmaster:

- Coaches were added to web page
- Registration is easier to access
- Winter training is posted
- SBDC tab was cleaned up

Registration:

- Cross referencing everything to make sure it matches

Field and Gym:

- Can only book through Jan 31st. Reserved times for Saturday and Sunday

Fundraising Coordinator:

- Continue with Gertens and Hedgies

Volunteer Coordinator:

- Will start to make DIBS accounts as teams are finalized

Equipment:

- Michelle and Becky will go through gear
- Will look into purchasing wagons, tennis balls, and bags
- Need to bring balls to @Bat

Uniform:

- Order jerseys in case teams can play this winter

Umpire:

- None

Tournaments/League:

- Tournaments are shut down till Dec 18th but they are still planning
- Changed the registration dates to earlier in the fall

SBDC:

- 2 batting cages for the highschool gym. We may not have to pay anything, school will cover the cost.
- Brad Skogerboe is inviting both softball and baseball associations to a meeting to address a list of concerns.
 - Hard to get bigger things paid for

- Will not be making new teams like asked to by the parent
 - Approved player to be moved from 10U to 12U
 - Michelle made a motion to approve the move on player movement; Amy seconded the motion. Motion made 8-0
- @Bat was finalized, full refund will be given if COVID is still present
- Finalized gym space for Molly and Andrea for Sunday.
 - Coaches will contact players for girls interested in lessons
 - Molly and Andrea will record dates of lessons
 - Angie Sticha will be in charge of sending reminders to players
- Coaches meeting on December 16th at 7:00pm.
 - Go over expectations, coaches requirements, HS coaches provide training session
- Budget:
 - Asking \$23,000-\$25,000
 - Increase in non parent coaches and winter training coaches
 - Having two highschool players help with the 8U and two for 14U for @Bat. \$300 a piece for 10 sessions.
 - Moving away from pitching lessons from Oct to Dec.
 - Too many kids in a gym
 - Felt no one benefited from the winter lessons
 - Still focus a few days on 8U to build pitchers
 - Catching lessons will be offered during Winter lessons with Courtney
 - Bottom budget: \$19650 (\$11,400 that has not been approved yet)
 - Michelle makes motion to approve \$2500 for catching training, \$500 for slapping, \$7200 for summer coaches, \$1200 for winter coaches for a total of \$11,400; Tina seconds motion; motion passes 8-0

Winter Training:

- @Bat with their teams, catching or slapping training offered before or after their scheduled practice.
- Gym training available for coaches to reserve for their teams

Site Supervisors:

- Need 4 more people to help. 6 is the max.
- Will send out an email to parents to get volunteers

Other Business:

- Batting cage was never taken down
 - Will take down tomorrow among our association at 4:15pm

- Tina and Becky want to create bat bags and helmet hooks for the dugouts.
 - Can meet in person or virtually to do them together
 - Tina will take the lead on this

Motion to adjourn made by Michelle; seconded by Katie; motion approves 8-0

Meeting adjourned @ 8:55pm

Next Meeting:

- Wednesday Jan 6th @ 7:00 pm @ Michelle's house