



## Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board Annual Meeting Minutes

7:00pm Monday, Dec 5, 2016  
Bloomington Center for the Arts

- I. Call to order  
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016.
- II. Attendance
  - a. Board members present: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Lori Magoffin, Daren Anderson, Erich Manwarren, Greg Westendorf, Jessica Musta, Lisa Bruins, Jenn Harron, Felicia Conner, Tiffany Goehner, David Rau
  - b. Other Attendees, Jim Hanson (Cluth Hitters), Tod Deming (Cluth Hitters), Lela Erickson (interested in joining BFA board).
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (November, 2016)  
A motion was made with to approve November 2016. Minutes and board voted to approve.
- IV. Guest Presenter – Youth 1st  
Mark Arjes with Youth 1<sup>st</sup> presented information on the Youth First organization and their efforts to focus on respect, sportsmanship and helping kids enjoy sports and stay in sports. One of their areas of focus is awards for good coach, player and fan sportsmanship at tournaments based on points given by umpire.s It was agreed that BFA will work with Youth 1<sup>st</sup> and continue to have a relationship with PCA, as well, as both organization have different opportunities to offer BFA. An offer to have Bloomington as a host site, which will provide our organization with PR and bring us closer together with our existing sponsors. Motion to approve the membership with Youth 1<sup>st</sup> was made via e-mail by David Rau. The motion received a 2<sup>nd</sup> and was approved via e-mail post meeting.
- V. BFA 2017 Calendar  
Calendar dates were discussed for registration for the summer to include:  
**10U and up:**  
2-2-17 Online registration will open  
2-19-17 Online registration will close and a wait list will be developed (Lisa Bruins)  
2-12-17 and 2-19-17 onsite registration (this will include fittings for uniforms)  
2-25-17 10U evaluations from 12pm – 3pm, 12U tryouts from 3:00pm -7pm  
2-28-17 Make up evaluations  
  
**8U:**  
3-4-17 Registration at Kennedy 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
No make evaluations will be scheduled.

## **BFA events:**

4-4-17 Parent meeting at Kennedy

4-29-17 Blast Off – Location will be at Dread Scott Fields. Time to be determined

- VI. Pitch Hit and Run  
Discussed holding this during Blast Off day, although more volunteers would be needed. A list will be compiled for the January 2017 board meeting of volunteers. It will also be inquired of the Twins of what their schedule will be. (Erich Manwarren).
- VII. Dibs Communication  
This will assist with sign ups to be more efficient compared to that of Sign-Up Genius. Jessica Musta made motion to approve use of Dibs as an add on cost to SportsNgin account, 2nd by David Rau. Motion Approved
- VIII. Uniforms  
Discussed a change in the type of uniforms and the brand that would be ordered. Looking at sleeveless versus razorback, navy pants with no piping, and a heavier weight of material. Practice shirts will be included that will be dryfit and have the players number on the back. Instead of Fall Ball shirts, the practice shirts will be used for that season. Extra practice shirts will be ordered to allow for new members joining for the first time in the fall. Lisa Bruins will provide quotes and examples to the board at the January 2017 meeting.
- IX. SportsEngine Registration  
Jenn Harron provided an agenda for compiling a list of changes for the 2017 summer registration form and if BFA will add DIBS. Lisa Bruins will review this and discuss at the January 2017 board meeting.
- X. Treasurers Report –  
Will maintain registration fees as they are currently. Consider increasing the amount of the scholarships (14 total) beyond the current \$3,400 for the year. Policy change for hitting clinics to increase from a reimbursement of \$50 to \$100. Motion made by Lisa Bruins to approve costs and 2017 budget to include addition of Dibs, 2nd by Daren Anderson  
Motion Approved.
- XI. Director Reports
- a. President –(open)  
Karen Johnson, past president Will check on the status of the new equipment shed and provide the board with an update.
  - b. Vice President – (open)
  - c. Treasurer – Sarah Johnson
  - d. Secretary – Lori Magoffin  
Lori informed the board that she would have to resign from the position of secretary due to some personal circumstances. Motion to approve by David Rau, 2nd by Jessica Musta. It was agreed that the preceding secretary, Tammy Kealy would resume the role, which was presented to her prior to the meeting. Lisa Bruins will contact Ms. Kealy to confirm her agreement.
  - e. Equipment Manager – Darren Anderson  
Requested that there be a change in the chalk used at the tournaments, which can be utilized through the equipment/tournament funds. Stocking the new fields at Cedarcrest will be for 8U and 10U games

- f. Facilitator Coordinator – Erich Manwarren  
Blast Off is to be held at Dread Scott fields. A date is still to be determined.
- g. 8U Director – Tiffany Goehner  
Discussed the need to start marketing for the 8U level. Will discuss pitching and hitting for this level. She will discuss ideas with Felicia Conner
- h. Player and Coach Development – Greg Westendorf  
Received an e-mail from Kennedy head coach, Jim Leicht in response to their meeting. The goal is to keep the lines of communication open and that it is too early to finalize any agreement, and that the issues at hand will be discussed over time.  
As for an 8U and 10U team for 2017, BFA does not have the numbers to determine this. An e-mail was sent to Mr. Leicht during the meeting with the board's response.
- i. Tournament Director – Jessica Musta  
Discussed obtaining an electric pump for the tournament fields to remove water off the fields after rain. Costs will be researched and presented to the board.
- j. Communications Director – Jenn Herron – left meeting early
- k. Member Services – Lisa Bruins – no additional information at this time
- l. Marketing – Felicia Conner – Will discuss marketing options with 8U director. Will obtain information on the cost for yard signs and Bring A Friend budget.
- m. Fundraising – David Rau

XII. Open Comments

No additional comments

XIII. Adjournment

Greg Westendorf made a motion to adjourn at 10:30, 2nd by Jessica Musta

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Bloomington Center for the Arts.