BLFPA Annual Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020

**Opening:**

The Annual Meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, by President Shelly Fjone at McPete’s Sports Bar & Lanes.

Kris Knodle requested to move his name from Vice President to Travel Coordinator on the ballot due to the fact that there was not a candidate for the Travel Coordinator position. The Board was unanimously in favor of making this change to the ballot.

**Present:**

Board Members

Shelly Fjone – President Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Wayne Howe – Vice President Kris Lund – Secretary

Jon Windorski – In-house Coordinator Tony Loftus – Treasurer

Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator

Other Attendees

Kim Windorski, Matt Baufield, Beth Baufield and Sara Nohrenberg

**Old Business:**

1. Clinics: Kris Knodle talked about the hitting clinic instructed by Kayla Wener this year. It was a success and he would like to ask her back for future clinics. Kris also reported on the catching clinics instructed by Isaac that were 1 ½ hour long and separated into two groups. The two groups were separated according to age and level which seemed to work out well. Kim Bowen reported that the pitching clinics that Kayte Klesk instructed went well. Kim expressed concern about Kayte driving from Jordan for future pitching clinics. Kim suggested asking Chelsey as a backup pitching and hitting coach.
2. Spring 2020 Evaluations went well with a new group of evaluators brought in from Brainerd.
3. There were many challenges brought on this year due to COVID-19 starting with no spring/summer season. Because of this we suffered a huge loss in revenue. We were able to hold an extended fall season with 2 additional weeks. Unfortunately, there were many girls who were not able to participate in the fall season due to other fall sports. Although there were challenges, we were able to hold a successful fall season. There were some organizations that did not play which resulted in our players the ability to play up.

**Old Business Continued:**

1. **Fall Recap:** Fall season was extended 2 weeks with a total of 6 weeks. There were 84 girls who registered for travel summer and 52 registered for the fall season. The evaluations from spring were used for fall season. All and all seemed to be a good fall season considering the circumstances.
2. **Financials:** Overall, 2020 has been a difficult season from a financial standpoint. There were 5 total teams for Extended Fall Ball. 1-10U team, 2-12U teams, 1-14U team, and 1-16U team. The association hosted 5 weekends of regular season games in hopes of hosting a USA Softball Fall State Tournament Tier. Because there is not Gate Fee income for regular season weekends, we netted a very minimal profit when Big Lake Community Education cancelled our agreement to host the remaining regular season and Fall State Tournament games due to COVID concerns. As a result of hosting no tournaments in 2020, the association checking account balance is significantly lower going into the 2021 season. However, we did make major investments into the program and facilities by purchasing dugout wraps for the 4-plex, adding fence wraps to the Varsity Field, running free catching and pitching clinics, and purchasing equipment needed to sanitize and adhere to MN State guidelines for return to play. The financial status of the association remains solid.
3. **THANK YOU** to the board members and volunteers!

**New Business:**

1. **Voting for Open Board Positions.** There were 15 people who voted. New board members include: Vice President – Matt Baufield with 13 votes; Travel Coordinator – Kris Knodle with 11 votes; and Secretary – Sara Nohrenberg with 15 votes.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting was made at 7:14 p.m. by Shelly Fjone, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in a location TBD.

Minutes submitted by: Kris Lund, Secretary

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