

# White Bear Area Fastpitch Softball Association Board Meeting Minutes

February 13th, 2024 at Otter Lake Elementary Lunchroom - 6PM

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1. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Carrie Rivard at 6:02 PM
2. Roll Call: Joni Joy, Carrie Rivard, Lindsay Lacktorin, Gerritt Schneeman, Scott Kasten, Lindsey Shellenberger, Jen Verplaste, Jill Leverty, Swen Pearson, Stacy Lessard
3. Public Forum: No visitors
4. Director Updates:
  - a. Fall Tryouts - August 5th
    - i. We are proposing August 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th (potentially for adding 16s) for Fall Tryouts at Otter Lake - approved by all
    - ii. Tentatively Booked with Optimize 5-7th so then add the 8th as another potential date
    - iii. Discussion on 16U tryouts, going into the Fall we may have more girls moving from 14U and to prevent leaving the organization then we need to have tryouts. \*Fall Ball starts a week later
  - b. Summer Jamboree Date Discussion
    - i. April last year, in previous years Friday of Bear Classic but no longer an option due to our Bear Classic needing Friday nights
    - ii. May 3rd discussed as option for Summer Jamboree
  - c. Scholarship Money
    - i. We have had 4 requests for scholarships this year, have we ever designated an amount for scholarships.
    - ii. Looking for discounted or no registration fee
    - iii. Qualifying for a scholarship details on what is accepted and then a commitment to a season and other guidelines. Small Committee of 3-4 people from board to approve.
    - iv. Scholarship Fund needs to be set up, to hold potential monies for scholarships
    - v. Set amount for any scholarship request. 2K is limited annually for scholarship opportunities this year and we can look into a larger set amount that may be funded by banners or other fundraising opportunities. But we need consistency and guidelines to continue with this avenue in 2025.
    - vi. Joni J. made a motion to vote for 2K in scholarship monies for Summer 2024 Season 1 scholarship per family up to half of the registration fees. Scott Kasten Seconded the motion. Yays - 9 / Nays - 0
  - d. Fundraising Opportunities - For all not just elite
    - i. In a segway from the Scholarship Money discussion above, giving further fundraising opportunities for families in order to reduce their costs.
    - ii. School/John has approved us allowing banners (need to be approved from school) for sponsorships
  - e. Coaching Clinic/Coach Speaker Opportunity
    - i. Julie Statnenberg, talks to coaches and can come to our coaching clinic
    - ii. Fees were sent to Carrie who will send to Board via email post meeting

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- iii. .5 to 1 hr or have coaches sign up for her coaching clinics - Mini Series, \$55 per day. Jill has concerns due to background on Julie but Carrie would like to have more motivational speakers more so than step by step coaching.
  - iv. Jill wants more teaching the game of Softball - more all around players than positional players. Ask coaches to come to a varsity practice in order to see what a practice can look like or make videos of training.
    - 1. March would be the earliest Jill could work on videos to show what we can do if we want varsity girls. Look into using Elite teams and video taping them for examples. Or Inviting coaches to elite team practices in order to show different types of skills. March 11th Season starts so Jill will become very limited so we need to or we could do Sundays in March or March 3rd potentially. We will finalize and confirm.
  - f. North St. Paul Rookie Players - Discussion - Via Email pre meeting
5. VP Updates:
- a. Spring Tryouts Final Details - Volunteers Needed:
    - i. Board and At Large to Help with Volunteer - Jen will be there sizing girls. Set up will start at 3:30PM and then go until late (9/9:30PM).
    - ii. Pitchers and Catchers will only be in the Auxiliary Room, Pop Flies in Courts 2/3 and Grounders will be on one end court and batting cages on the other end court, then warm ups on other courts. Rest of skills will be on Track. Sign Up Sheet will come out from Joni for Board Members to sign up. Receiving a Ball skill will be added so Abby is looking for 2 more machines.
    - iii. Equipment Needs:
      - 1. Motion made by Lindsey to buy another Regular Pitching Machine specifically for all size balls. Scott seconded motion. Vote: Yays - 9 - Nays - 0
      - 2. Team Selection Process
      - 3. 6 Bow Nets needed we have 10 but Joni will go on Sunday to review all that we need for Tryouts and may need more softees. Swen can order more
    - iv. Team Genius is good to go, we have a few minor items that Joni is working with them on. Evaluators may need help/guide to show them specifically in the app to go into the section to enter in the scores.
    - v. Softball Last Open Gym - Open Gym On Court 3 from 4-6 - Lindsey to Send a Blast
6. Spring/Summer Registration Updates:
- a. Current Registration #s: 130
  - b. Coaches Applications: 4 as of this weekend - new coaches

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- c. Email came from a parent asking for 10 6U hockey players to all be on the same team - Per 8U Centennial Program we need to evenly split teams with all ages so that we don't have that option to provide.
    - d. Pictures
- 7. Apparel Update: (Jen V.)
  - a. Update on Neill Designs: Logos were sent over by Jen today for Neill Designs and website will hopefully be built within 2-3 weeks
  - b. Elite Uniform Sizing - complete? Or anyone we still need?
    - i. 14s are all done and received
    - ii. 16s are all sized but they want to go back to the old jersey and Jen will be asking to confirm they need nothing additional. We will need to invoice then if any of them need anymore
    - iii. 12s and 10s are ordered but still waiting for the rest of order.
- 8. Scheduling Updates:
  - a. Coaches Meeting would be done at Team Formation Meeting:
    - i. Tryouts Feb 25th
    - ii. Meeting for Team Formations:
      - 1. February 28th is 1st meeting to review scores on Team Genius - Board Room for Carrie, Joni, Lindsay and Swen
      - 2. March 5th at 6pm for Team Formation and Coaches for entire Board - District Center Board Room - 206
      - 3. March 20th is Coaches Meeting - District Center 206
      - 4. March 26th is Parent Meeting - District Center Auditorium - Conferences for parking to note 5:30-8:30 PM 6-8 for actual meeting
    - iii. John is on Vacation but when he comes back will discuss gym space for practices. Lindsey will also ask about Field Availability and then regrade the other two fields since they are not our fields per School contact.
- 9. Treasurer/DIBs Update:
  - a. Current Balance: \$110K but lots of outstanding fees to be paid for upcoming season tournaments, jerseys, machines, re-grading of fields. Need estimates for things that are large or not a routine purchase. Example: Estimate/Contract from Abby for cost of tryouts; Re-Grade Fields etc. Receipt Pictures are ok with Stacy so please make sure to provide the receipts as soon as possible for Stacy and Credit Cards.
  - b. DIBs: No one has opted out of DIBs via Registration
- 10. Equipment Update:
  - a. Regrading Fields - Purchase the material, anything else needed? - Lindsay to check with District
  - b. Buying New Catchers Gear - How many do we need...sizes?
    - i. Little Ones need it the most. - \$130 per each set.
    - ii. 6 Sets of smaller sizes and we should be covered with a replenishment for catcher gear.

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- c. Banners -
    - i. Carrie gave them the new design and is getting an updated quote as the previous person is no longer at employer.
  - d. Net Cages - Swen to get a quote for Net Cages and bring it to the next board meeting or send email for approval.
  - e. Dumpster and Grill Need to Be added to list of items to purchase.
    - i. Swen to purchase \$500 Grill from Sams Club/Costco
      - 1. Scott made a motion to spend up to \$700 on a new Grill. Jen V. Seconded. Vote: Yays: 9 / Nays: 0
    - ii. Lindsay to check with John about options for Dumpster with School.
11. Social Media/Website Updates:  
None
12. Tournament Updates:
- a. Tournament is Open: MN Softball site is fixed and updated
  - b. Promotion of Tournament: S&C Website was placed, 3 St. Anthony Teams, Forest Lake Team registered, we expect more soon as other teams have tryouts and teams are formed
  - c. Vendors: T-Shirt vendor is already confirmed, Medals - look into other options for vendors and get estimates. Joni and Sheila to look into this to see if there are better or more cost effective options.
  - d. Fields Secured: Lindsay will confirm fields for Bear Classic
13. Fundraising/Concessions Updates:
- a. Heggies Update: North Campus or Lindsay's house
    - i. 160 Pizzas Sold
  - b. Candy Bar Update: Carrie to check in with Jamie and make sure to order more to sell at Concessions stands.
  - c. One Person is interested and is contacting with Jamie
14. HS Liaison Updates:
- a. Youth Night is good to go from school, booster club and Mounds View on Field 3 & 4 on April 24th 4:30 - 7 pm Booster Club will be grilling hot dogs etc for the night.
15. Next Board Meeting Date: April 7th at Jimmy's Banquet Room - 6 PM - Lindsay to Confirm
16. Stacy had found a couple of Discount Codes used but had no record of them being issued or the reasoning why. Carrie confirmed she gave two discount codes to Jocelyn McKee for the work done on the new logos. Since we had only discussed it and not voted on it we took a belated vote to ensure accurate records. Carrie R. made a motion to allow two free entries to Jocelyn McKee's two kids in exchange for the work done for new logos done by Jocelyn McKee's mom. Total cost of logos would have normally cost us \$1500. Joni J. Seconded. Vote: Yays: 8 / Nays: 0
17. Motion to Adjourn:
- a. Lindsey S. makes the motion to adjourn, Jen V. seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM