# **March 6th 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Josh Bechtold, Jesse Violett, Kari Haugen, Jackie Kotilinek, Beckie Gallagher, Matt Gallagher, Amber Jorgensen, Mark Carik, Adam Bjorklund, Stephanie Salonek, Jenn Johnson, Mark Morrell, Nate Aspen, and Emily Martinson.

1. **Call to order**
2. Mark Morrell called to order the regular meeting of the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association at 5:14pm on March 6th, 2022 at the Heights

**II. Introduction of Greg Amundson- High School Head Coach**

a). Played fastpitch (backup pitcher for 20 years) in North Dakota so good background in pitching/catching. Taught elementary physical education. Has coached basketball and softball for many years. Full time business teacher at Buffalo High School currently.

b). Focus is on defense, repetition, and skills. Likes when kids are working hard in the off season.

c). Still looking for a JV coach.

d). His daughter is an athletic director at Oklahoma State. His son played professional baseball.

e). Tryouts start next Monday and the first game is March 30th. Will need to restart after spring break as there are 3 games the week

f). Very happy and supportive of parent support and youth programs.

**III. Roll call**

1. Emily Martinson conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Josh Bechtold, Jesse Violett, Kari Haugen, Jackie Kotilinek, Beckie Gallagher, Matt Gallagher, Amber Jorgensen, Mark Carik, Adam Bjorklund, Stephanie Salonek, Jenn Johnson, Mark Morrell, and Emily Martinson.
2. Review and approval of minutes from February’s board meeting

Motion to approve- 1st- Jesse Violett 2nd- Josh Bechtold

**IV.). Agenda Items**

A.Huikko's Fish fry

1. Would like to see the High School takeover fundraiser in the future
2. Lots of volunteers- may need to do shifts rather than all being there at once next year
3. 308 tickets went through the door.
4. **$1862.76 total profit** ($1,000 donation from Huikkos, $305.78 in tips, $102 from the bake sale, and $455 profit from no shows).

B. Bison Showdown

1. Fields are confirmed
2. vendors - Josh will go into Kwik Trip to discuss this week
3. Sugar Mamas- still checking on
4. Tshirts- Beckie is going to look at tweeking the design from last year and looking into access to tshirts.

C. St. Francis fields

1. $500 donation to St. Francis for 2021
2. Need to discuss lowering the price due to less usage in 2022 and maintenance being covered by BGFA

D. Equipment

1. Bow nets and tees ordered.
2. Golfball net needed and pitching screen needs to be ordered (coordinate with baseball?)

E. Registration

1. Going well. May need to shuffle some teams around and may need to recruit some 10 U players
2. 8U- will need to be cut off soon so that uniforms can be ordered.

F. Tryouts

1. 10U and 12U tryouts with Rockford
2. Score of 0 if you don’t show up for tryouts
3. 8U kids can try out for 10U (if they are close and have the skills).
4. Will meet at the Heights after tryouts (3PM or so) for team formations-Closed Board Meeting

G. Clinics

1. First week is going well- Lots of volunteering with board members and HS girls
2. Canceled Library room for coaches meeting- Will just meet volunteers in the gym.

H. Brian Tange

1. Pitching coach- from Annandale- he’s willing to come in and help out with our girls on pitching but also can assist with hitting. He can start this Thursday and is willing to work with all ages. $40/hour
2. Thursdays for clinics from 6-8pm for March
3. Brian will need to come with the plan-Board will not provide planned skills
4. 8U pitchers-6pm, 10U pitchers at 6:30pm; 12U and HS will start working with him at 7pm.

Motion to approve- 1st- Stephanie Salonek 2nd- Jackie Kotilinek

I. Heggies Fundraiser

1. Jessie waiting to hear back on pick up dates for the Civic Center
2. All prices increased so we may need to increase our prices

J. Umpire Registration

1. Discussed reimbursing like Rockford ($50 registration) to invest in having umpires for Buffalo.
2. Send receipt to Adam for girls that have registered for this year

Motion to approve- 1st-Josh Bechtold and Kari Haugen

K. Buffalo Pizza

1. Local business who has reached out to discuss advertising and fundraising options
2. Ed Shultz and Mike Reiter (good people)
3. Table until April when there is more information

L. Qualifier-

1. Same weekend as the soccer tournament. Have reached out to Brian/Dan regarding signage.
2. Could possible direct people to their dessert truck and they can direct to our concessions

**V. Accounting**

1. Enrollment
2. We are down about 35 kids from last year so as enrollment goes down we might need to check the enrollment rates.
3. Had some expensive costs recently with insurance, field payments, etc.but will see more funds coming in with registration
4. Need to make smart decisions about purchases and costs at all times

* No board member jackets for new members at this time due to costs and availability. Maybe in the fall

1. Fundraising may not be as successful this year due to rising cost of gas/food/etc.

**VI. Adjournment**

Mark Morrell adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Minutes submitted by: Emily Martinson

Minutes approved by: