

Lake Superior Fastpitch League Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2014, 6pm, PACC

In Attendance: Board Members—Joey Francisco, Sherry Mottonen, Pat Shelton, Dennis Peterson, Kelly Goeb, Todd Marunich
Guests—Lana Birkeland, John Heinen, Bill Madill

Called to order 6pm

Election of Board Officers, Members

- Pat Shelton nominated as Board President by Joey, second by Kelly, he accepts nomination, carries
- Bill Madill nominated as At Large Member by Kelly, second Todd, he accepts nomination, carries

Umpire Coordinator

- Communication with Justin O'Leary indicates he is willing to serve as umpire coordinator
- Payment discussed, decided to leave the same as last year at \$900
- Sherry and Dennis will discuss a contract and list of duties with Justin
- Justin should get in touch with Mike Orn and arrange training of umpires, perhaps set up a local ASA umpire certification class, preferably after the college season is over
- Board should facilitate umpire meeting with Justin and all umpires

Umpire Recruitment

- Bridget has started work on flyers and letters to local high school and college coaches to recruit umpires
- Should also advertise in local newspapers
- Board will assist in providing gear for the new umpires to encourage participation, perhaps offering \$5 less payment per game if borrowing equipment, and this should be included in our advertising
- Umpires will still need to cover the cost of registration and clothing

Contacts

- Dennis agrees to be listed as contact person for major issues, will likely have Bridget listed for minor issues (need to confirm this with Bridget)

- Dennis agrees to be contact person for Wade, still to confirm contacts for other locations

Bank Account

- Account at Wells Fargo, Sherry has changed the account to be in her name as treasurer
- Motion made by Kelly, second by Joey, to change account to include all Board Officers including president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary
- Kelly and Sherry to draft letter to Wells Fargo to remove previous Key Executives on account and change to our Board Officers

Insurance

- Joey to confirm with Dan Pfeiffer of ASA if USSSA insurance is equivalent to Bolenger insurance and if USSSA insurance will also cover MMFL tournaments

Certification

- Dennis suggests all coaches have a background check, concussion training, and ASA/ACE certification
- We currently require concussion training. Will recommend communities be responsible for background check and ASA/ACE certification this year, and perhaps require it next year, at least for head coaches

To Do List (in addition to those tasks in minutes above)

- Confirm Superior field availability
- Review online registration (Joey)
- Find a contact person for Cloquet fields
- Consider 501C3 status, perhaps hire CPA to accomplish this task. Joey to check with how Hermantown Softball initiated the process
- Have Board Officers check with Wells Fargo to be able to sign checks, access account, after Kelly and Sherry send letter indicating change of Key Executives
- Kelly, Todd, and Bridget to meet to clarify rule of pitchers playing for multiple teams not within the same community

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Next Meeting

- **4:00pm Sunday, March 9 at PACC**
- Will need extra time to review bylaws, league rules, registration forms, online registration
- Will need to assign committees
- Plan agenda and notification for upcoming coaches meeting on April 14, 2014