Annual Board Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2017

**Opening:**

The annual board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:32 PM on Wednesday October 11th 2017, in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria by Matt Baufield, President.

**Present:**

Board Members

Matt Baufield - President Kelly Bowne - Travel Coordinator

Michelle Fjone – Vice President Denise Fitzgibbons – Secretary Tony Loftus – Treasurer Wayne Howe – In-House Coordinator Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Board Members Not In Attendance

Other Attendees

Joe Kalthoff

Cassidy Bren

Stephanie Ramirez

Kris Knodle

Rich Berg

Tom Youngquist

Dion Kopp

Becky Jacobs

Jake Jacobs

Grant Craig

Ericka Craig

Mike Fitzgibbons

**Old Business:**

1. Matt Baufield led a discussion on how well the season went. All but one travel team made it to State. One team placed 3rd and went to Nationals, other teams qualified for Nationals but elected not to go.
2. Kim Bowen is in the process of getting 2nd bid for dugouts. Discussion was also had regarding scoreboard for Fastpitch, we do not have one that is up to date.

**New Business:**

1. Kelly Bowne discussed having try-outs 2 weeks early so there will be more time for coaches to get trained. Discussed having more coaches go to the twins training, only 3 went last year. Kelly Bowne also discussed that there will be a drop down box for pitching during registration online.
2. Kim Bowen discussed survey results and has copies of available survey results for anyone that was interested.
3. Discussion was had regarding the catching clinic. Last season the players were all in one clinic, this next clinic they would be divided up in appropriate age groups.
4. Election was held and after the final count the New Vice President of BLFPA is Matt Baufield, In-house Coordinator is Chris Knodle winning (9-8) and Tony Loftus will remain the BLFPA Treasurer.

Open Discussions:

1. Rich Berg suggested the possibility of hiring a pitching coach that is free to move around.
2. Becky Jacobs would like to see teams split more evenly.
3. Grant Craig led a discussion on club teams. Grant Craig was concerned about how the BLFPA was going to keep a player from going to a club team. Kim Bowen discussed that there are a lot more club teams out there then 4-5 years ago.

**Adjournment:**

 A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:22 pm by Matt Baufield. Denise Fitzgibbons seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next public meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 pm, in the Big Lake High School Media Center.

Minutes submitted by: Denise Fitzgibbons, BLFPA Secretary

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