

Open Meeting Min

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

July 11, 2024 – Celts, Farmington MN – 6:00pm

Board Members in Attendance:	Board Members not in Attendance:
Alexandra Hanley- Fundraising Coordinator	Haley Wargin- Communications director
Meredith Peine -Frenzy Tournament Director	Gretchen Lilja-Secretary
Jeff Buck- President	
Tamara Barum- Concessions coordinator	
Kelsey Bohlig-In-House Director/Frenzy Assistant	
Rob Grissom-Field/Facilities	
Katelyn Genzler – Assistant Concessions	
Sara Perkinson-Volunteer coordinator	
Sarah Fenske-Off season coordinator	
Chad Redman – Travel Director	
Eric McAbee-Vice President	
Jen Asleson-Equipment Director	
Tara Lemke – Apparel	
Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer	
Non-Board Members in Attendance:	
Abraham Morales	

Call to order- 6:04pm

- Approval of minutes from last meeting(s): June 2 - 2024
 - Eric made a motion to approve min, Meredith seconded. Board voted without opposition, 6/2 min approved.

Open items

- Fall Ball (6:05-6:07pm)
 - 64 total registered
 - 8U - 15
 - 10U – 31
 - 12U – 13
 - 14U – 5
 - 16U – 0
 - ACTION: Haley will send out 3 reminders scattered each week.
- BMS Fences (6:08-6:12pm)
 - Fences must go down before August 1:
 - We need to take the poles out when we fold them up.

- ACTION: Jeff will coordinate along with Chad & Eric and have teams volunteer. Chad will prep it all, and send a groupme when it's ready- and we'll show up and get it done.

- Registration Fees (6:12-6:XXpm)

- We are going to raise fees- Costs are going up everywhere. We need to consider we are on a Uniform year. Note other leagues do NOT include uniforms in their fees.
- 8U stays cheaper / 10U+ needs to be raised
- If we request people to pay more- we need to do more depth in our program.
- Other Considerations: Can we break it up and have 2 payments for Registration?

ACTION: Sarah F: Review what the cost of off season will be, how much is it going up

Everyone: Review neighboring Associations- what do they charge, what comes with it, what is a good ballpark...

GOAL: Make a proposal based this research and vote on a new rate at the August meeting- we will need an approved amount before we open Registration.

- Fundraising Notes: ((Alex you weren't here, but here were some topics that came up)) We need to bring back Parents Night- Parents asked and we've gotten feedback that it's missed! We should look at weekends in Feb for that and book asap!
 - BINGO- can we do 2 BINGO's a year?
 - VFW Steak Fry: Pre-sell tickets- ask each player to sell X tickets- do a pre-sell. Try to do in the Fall- away from Spring Registration. Or late summer/ during Fall ball --- Spring Registration ((Spring Registration is October))

New Items

- Fall Ball Dates to HOST
 - 12pm – 4:30pm
 - 8/24 – 8/25
 - 9/7 – 9/8
 - 9/15* 1 day
 - 9/21 – 9/22
 - 9/28 – 9/29* STATE 9am – 8pm
 - Board Schedule will be coming- we will need a representative from the board at each week.

ACTION: Sara P Confirm DIBS hours / cost for Fall.

Board Positions:

- Jeff – President Staying
- Tara – Apparel Staying
- Rob – Fields Staying
- Lindsey - Treasurer: LEAVING – She would like to NOT carryover into Treasurer
- Jen A – Equipment Manager Staying (Might take a new role?)
- Kelsey – In House Coordinator Staying
- Chad – Travel Director Wants to be done in his role/capacity
- Sara P – Volunteer

Jen A is making a motion to Authorize an Assistant for Travel direction, Meredith Seconded- No Opposition.

Idea: Review & Revamp the description of each role; This is in the Bylaws we need to propose in writing the changes, and have to have distributed for 7-days then voted (in person) at a meeting.

ACTION (Haley) & SCHEDULE

Notification of Open Positions: End of July

Nominations are due: Sept 8

Post Election Notes no later than: Sept 15

Elections are: Sept 29

Off Season Notes:

ACTION: Rob Confirm Gyms are already requested and scheduled

ACTION: Sarah F- Reach out and start scheduling the offseason camps now

ACTION: Sarah F Coaches Meeting: Schedule earlier, breakdown by ages?

IDEAS:

- “Rebrand” Open Gym to Off Season Training time—make it known this is part of their league fee
 - Pick 1 night a month* / 2 nights a month to have a ‘guided’ open gym. Bring Board members // coaches in to help set up
 - Host a Try-out Prep night
 - Can we do a 2-net hitting night vs. normal open gym?
 - Post with Open Gym Emails/posts and share what is at Tryout- Have the Try Out Criteria posted at the open gym.
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- Treasurer Report (6:53-7:00pm)
 - \$26,737.94

- Venmo: \$526.36
- Fiscal Year Ends: September 30. New year is Oct 1.

ACTION: EVERYONE Those who had budget please wrap up your end of season report - Bring to the August meeting. Concessions provide what you can by that date- but final Concession wont be done until after state closes on Sept 29

- Donation Received: From Schmitz \$1,500 to the association.

Travel Director Notes:

- Bases replaced at FES- we still own \$2362.30 for new home plates and pitching rubbers. This was approved in April 2024-
- Former treasurer turned in envelope with Cash

OPEN QUESTION:

- Can we ask the company who did our fields to review and see what warranty/ details we have as far as fixing them up.

President Notes (6:52-7:11pm)

- We have our first petition to move a player up. – Aly Perkinson from 12 to 14u - Eric made a motion to approve // Jeff second- approved unopposed
- OPEN DISCUSSION: Do we need to preemptively send anything out for future petitions- due to the age change with MN Softball; For Communication: Do we post the age-grouping from MN softball as a reminder- is this on Sports Engine

Vice President Notes

- Prior Lake Team Support: 3 teams playing in PL will wear hair ribbons, wrist bands and parents will have buttons.
- Ag Line: Eric is price checking. Looking at ordering more to fill in \$770 + Delivery – assume \$1200

HOLD on this until FY2024 is closed- and propose into FY2025

- Field D-- Grass issues / Spread Dirt – FUTURE CONVERSATION—Future Project.

ACTION: Eric Fix the Shed window;

Call to Close Public Session 7:36

Meredith made a motion to close the open session // Haley Seconded - No Opposition.

Future Meetings

August-18th- 6pm Celts

September 29th 6pm Celts ELECTIONS

