BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020

**Opening:**

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:29 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, by President Wayne Howe at McPete’s Sports Bar & Lanes.

**Present:**

Board Members

Wayne Howe – President Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Matt Baufield – Vice President Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator

Jon Windorski – In-house Coordinator Tony Loftus – Treasurer

Sara Nohrenberg – Secretary

Other Parents Present

Beth Baufield

**Old Business:**

1. **Meeting Minutes –** 
   * A motion to approve the September 2, 2020 Regular Minutes was made by Tony L., Jon W. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
   * A motion to approve the October 7, 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by Matt B., Jon W. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
   * A motion to approve the October 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Kim B., Jon W. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
2. **Treasurer’s Report –** Tony Loftus updated the membership on transactions from the previous month and the bank account balance as of November 4. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report from October, 2020 (10/7/20-11/4/20) was made by Kris K., Jon W. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor. Financial details and transaction history are available for viewing by the members at any regular board meeting.

**New Business:**

1. **Travel Update** – Kris K. informed the Board that the Annual Directors Meeting will be held on November 11th via Zoom. There has been a request for us to provide information pertaining to our evaluations at the meeting. Kris K. will be attending and provide any information necessary.
2. **Fall 2020 Season Cleanup** –
   * Concession have been cleaned out. It was agreed to give the leftover soda to Paul Anderson.
   * All batting cages have been taken down.
3. **Clinics / Evaluations**
   * All equipment has been moved indoors including pitching machines, tees, bow nets, hard & soft 11” and 12” softballs.
   * Pitching Clinics – Kim B. will reach out to Kayte to see if she is still interested in coaching. There will be 2 clinic opportunities:
     1. 1/3/2021 through 3/14/2021 excluding Super Bowl weekend (2/7/2021);
     2. and 3/21/2021 through 5/2/2021.
   * Hitting Clinic – Tony L. reached out to Matt Faulken to inquire if Kayla would be available again to coach the clinics.
   * Catching Clinics – Kris K. reached out to Isaac who will most likely agree to coach. It worked out well to hold hitting and catching clinics back to back for those that would like to do both. Will work with Isaac and Kayla to coordinate Sundays for both clinics.
   * Evaluations – There was a suggestion to hold evaluations Saturday, March 6 and schedule a meeting to discuss the outcome on Sunday, March 7.
4. **Open Gym** 
   * Wayne reached out to Cathy Phillips regarding scheduling dates and times. Cathy informed Wayne that we need to touch base with baseball to coordinate. In addition, we cannot call it “Open Gym”. We would like to continue with our regular Sunday evenings from 6 – 8 PM starting 1/3/2021 going through 2/28/2021 and Wednesday, March 3, 2020 from 6 – 8 PM and will call it “Skills Practice”. We will also need to present a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to present to Community Ed for their final approval to hold Skills Practices. Sara N. will work on a plan to present to Community Ed.
   * Wayne suggested the possibility of holding a Board Meeting on any given Sunday during or after Skills Practice with hopes of getting more parents involved.
5. **Ice Breaker Tournament**
   * Ice Breaker is the best opportunity for families to fulfill their volunteer obligations. Tony suggested keeping the volunteer and participant fees at the current rate. It would be hard to add that burden on families during the COVID pandemic. Kim suggested also hosting State Tournaments to add volunteer opportunities to families as well as revenue to the association.
   * There was a long discussion regarding how to making the Ice Breaker Tournament more successful. Below were a few suggestions that would require further research and discussion:
     1. Dropping the 14U teams from the Ice Breaker Tournament and finding another opportunity for them somewhere else.
     2. Hosting only 10U and 12U teams at the Ice Breaker Tournament and adding a separate tournament for the 14U and 16U teams in late June.

**Open Discussion:**

1. Tony L. informed the Board that he will be looking to purchase new catchers gear for 10U and 12U teams on Black Friday. He will be looking to purchase 2 sets for each age level.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 7:41 p.m. by Wayne H., Kris K. seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. Next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in a location TBD.

Minutes submitted by: Sara Nohrenberg, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_