

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – April 11th, 2011

I. Call to Order

Jason Wendlandt called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, April 11th, 2011, at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee road, Bloomington, MN.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Jason Wendlandt, Mike Kopischke, Grant Effertz, Carrie Miller, Mark Flugstad, Bob Christiansen, Beth Johnson, Jim Hanson, Kevin Caspers, Lisa Greely, Tod Deming, Lori Hanken and Amy Christiansen.

Non-board Members: Mike Carr, Diana Williams and Jason Hicks

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Grant Effertz and seconded by Amy Christiansen that we approve the minutes from March, 2011. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Other Business – Old

A. Coaches Meeting April 12th

- Mike advised all is set to go for the 12th
- Mark has all equipment ready to go for coaches

B. Parent Meeting April 17th

- Will have socks available for anyone who didn't receive at registration or who want to purchase extra pairs
- Amy sent out an email reminder to all families

C. Master List / Uniform Order / Paperwork / Insurance

- Beth has created a master list of family contact information and will provide to Grant tonight after the meeting for him to enter in the contact management system
- Roughly 133 families
- Mike got insurance ordered for 2011
- Uniforms are ordered and will be in on May 3rd

D. Suburban League Meeting Recap

- Question raised if we want to host a summer state tournament. Possibly could do the 10U or 12U the weekend of July 8th – 10th. Can't do 14U or 16U because they are the same weekend as Fireman's and Dred is booked.
- Jason will check to see if fields are available July 8th – 10th. Would be approximately 20 teams and we'd just need the wheel

- Possible Kennedy or Jefferson Booster event

V. Other Business – New

A. Tournament Preparation

- Eight 14U Elite teams, Twelve 16U Elite teams, Thirteen 10U teams, Full - 12U, Twelve 14U teams, Eight 16U teams
- Have room for up to 80 total teams
- By next month, will have schedules worked out for both Kelly and Dred fields

B. Practices Starting Week of 4/18

- Practices start next week for both 10U and 12U teams
- Coaches will all get access to the BFA website to manage their team pages and information (can delegate to an assistant coach or parent)

C. NAFA Tournament

- Scheduled for July 21 – 24
- Jason Hicks from the city attended to gather information about NAFA field needs
- Expecting 40 – 50 teams playing approximately 25 games on Thursday
- Parade will be on fields #2 and #3 on Thursday afternoon
- Jason will advise which fields he needs and by when so BFA can accommodate

D. Youth Athletic Concussion Policy

- Jason W. shared a bill that has not been yet voted into law [HF0905 Youth Athlete Concussion Policy.pdf](#)
- Board discussed potential impact and actions we may need to adjust to requirements
- ASA has a free video on concussions that we will post on the BFA website
- Jason will ask Julie to look at ways to incorporate wording into the BFA waiver if necessary
- BFA will encourage masks this year and think about requiring them for next year for 10s, 12s and 14s. Will discuss at parent meeting

VI. Directors Reports

A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt

- No additional report

B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke

- Parent handbook has been reviewed and a few members had feedback on content tweaks
- Team Photos will be done indoors this year
- Targeting the 3rd week of May (5/23 – Sunday night)
- Will reach out to Herf Jones for services
- Have been in contact with a few other cities with in-house 8U teams that are willing to play our 8U team

C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming

- Tournaments are signed up and paid for except 18s
- Almost every tournament has 2 Bloomington teams playing

- All team tournament schedules are posted on the website
- Will have breakdown of key player investments to share with parents on the 17th

D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller

- No report.

E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad

- Team equipment is ready for coaches
- Field boxes are ready
- Nets are up
- Chalkers at Dred are new. There are chalkers at Kelly and Olson
- Lock box is on Dred #6. Will tell coaches how to access it
- All teams will get magnetic boards
- Reached out to pitching coaches to see if they need new / more balls
- Should send out a pitching clinic reminder this week
- Will bring extra white fall ball t-shirts to the parent meeting to give away

F. Assistant Commissioner's Report: Bob Christiansen

- Secured same fields as last year
- Friday's are open. If coaches want a field on Friday, they can request up-front from Bob to schedule.
- Secured MacAndrews' field for pitching clinics
- Secured Kelly #4 for Tuesday's and Thursday's
- Contacted ump's to see if there are any expected changes in 2011
- Bob will set up everything for the picnic. Tod will do the canopies. Will possibly need someone to help depending on game schedules
- Discuss options to stagger the games the night of the picnic so all can watch the varsity game. Jim will check on options to do as many games as possible at Kelly
- Have 2 new fences for Kelly. Fields are marked.\

G. Member Services & Membership Report: Beth Johnson

- Uniforms are ordered and will be here May 3rd.
- Ordered extra pants
- Tod sent in money to pay for half the uniform's cost

H. Marketing Report: Lori Hanken

- Would like coaches to send her team information and pictures for our Facebook page

I. Player Development: Jim Hanson

- Tryouts went well
- Next year we need more space. Ideas included 3 gyms or waiting to do 14U until we can get outside
- Bob will ask when the earliest we can reserve gym space for 2012 is
- Avoid an 8 a.m. tryout time if possible

J. Tournament Director: Kevin Caspers

- We have 3 canopies for tournaments. We will need one more to expand to Kelly
- Will need another sanitation station at Kelly
- Need parent concession lead volunteers. Will request at parent meeting
- Need a couple more port a potties at Kelly and extra garbages at Kelly and Dred
- Bob will send a parking request letter to the city for tournament street parking
- Need someone to oversee Kelly for the tournament
- Need assistant tournament direction to train in to take over for next year
- Will secure EMT for both Kelly and Dred

K. Fundraising: Lisa Greely

- Raffle solicitation letters will go out at the end of the month
- Recommend focusing efforts on bigger ticket items only
- Looking at doing a photo booth with fun picture strips for both Saturday and Sunday of the tournament.
- Will contact Culvers and Caribou

L. Website: Grant Effertz

- Contacting Cause marketing company to see what they offer.
- Teams are loaded on the website
- After the coaches meeting, coaches will have access to their pages
- Will load emails into the contact management system when received from Beth. Will create distribution lists
- Can set up who emails come "from". Need to make sure there's a process for any replies

M. Open Comments

- Amy suggested everyone think about what they want to cover at the parent meeting. Ideas included: Tournament needs, coaches introductions, all BFA has done for player development, financial investment in player development, NAFA needs, fundraising updates, website updates, Facebook, etc.

VII. Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 2nd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt