BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019

**Opening:**

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, in the Big Lake High School Media Center by Michelle Fjone, President.

**Present:**

Board Members

Michelle Fjone – President Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

 Wayne Howe – Vice President Kris Lund – Secretary

Jon Windorski – In-house Coordinator Tony Loftus – Treasurer

Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator

Other Attendees

NONE

**Old Business:**

1. A motion to approve the October 9, 2019 Regular and Annual Minutes was made by Tony Loftus, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** by Tony Loftus (11/6/19 balance was $23,039.79). A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Kris Lund, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor. There was an issue with a bounced check from a parent; Michelle Fjone will contact them.
3. Tony Loftus is going to get to Kim Windorski the name/address of the woman who donated her profits from the sales of her helmet hangers so she can send her a thank you.

**New Business:**

1. **Travel update** by Kris Knodle.Kris K. will reach out to SportsEngine to be ready to go in January, 2020.
2. **In-house update** by Wayne Howe. Wayne is going to reach out to the other in-house communities to possibly meet with them regarding pitching at the 8U level.
3. **By-law Updates**. Appendix B needs to be added somewhere in our Bylaws (possibly in paragraph 12). Tabled until December meeting. Board members please review and bring suggestions to that meeting.
4. **Schedule for 2019/20.** Michelle Fjone has reserved with CE the first Wednesday of each month for our monthly board meetings in the H.S. Media Center (except June and July). She has also reserved Sundays, January 5, 12, & 19, February 9 & 16, 2020 for open gyms at the High School and seven Sundays for the pitching clinic at Indy East. Hitting and catching clinics need to be reserved soon **(Kim B./Kris K. let Shelly know which dates those should be)**.
5. **Clinics.** We need to get forms out for sign-up for pitching, hitting and catching clinics. Kris K. mentioned we should offer the catcher’s clinic free for 10U players possibly.
6. **Evaluations will be Saturday, February 29, 2020.** There was talk about having another evaluation date in August so they could be held outside.
7. **Surveys for fall ball.**  Michelle F. will be sending out the fall ball surveys to parents.
8. **Equipment needs**: Tabled to December meeting. Matt B. needs to find smaller balls in the trailer for open gyms before January.
9. **Non-voted position (concession coordinator; volunteer coordinator; fundraising and advertising; and equipment manager).** Tabled to December meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

1. Wayne Howe mentioned possibly giving parents volunteer hours if they come to two board meetings.
2. There was discussions regarding a guy coming out to talk with the Board from P-5 training facility out of Blaine. Decided to have someone call him back and ask about rates and report back to the board at our December meeting. We need to have things to keep the girls busy on the off-season, possibly encourage them to do Speed and Strength now that it’s being run by new people.
3. Michelle Fjone said “Smile” through Amazon is up and running. Just need to pick Big Lake Fastpitch when ordering anything through Amazon. Michelle F. will put a link on our website. More fundraising opportunities could include moonlight bowling at McPete’s, bagging groceries at Coborns and something at Lupulin.
4. Tony Loftus filled out the Spudfest Grant and will be getting that to them requesting $2,500 for wraps for dugouts.
5. Kim B. going to get some new clothing items from two sites to put on our website.
6. Kwik Trip Cards – it was discussed to order more cards before Christmas. Tony L. made a motion to order $5,000 worth of cards; Kris K. seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.

**Adjournment:**

 A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 8:20 p.m. by Michelle Fjone, Kris Lund seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Lake High School Media Center.

Minutes submitted by: Kris Lund, Secretary

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