



BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Monday March 4th, 2013 7:00 PM

Bloomington Center for the Arts- Dakota Room

- I. Call to order
 - a. Karen Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:08 pm on Monday, March 4th 2013 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN
- II. Attendance
 - a. Board members in attendance: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Mike Kopischke, Craig Johnson, Carol Effertz, Jim Leicht, Penny Hanson, Brad Currier, Beth Johnson
 - b. Non-board members in attendance: Amy Christiansen, Tod Deming, Mark Flugstad, Jim Hanson, Amy Huett, Scott Brown MN USSSA Fastpitch State Director
- III. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes (February 2013)
 - a. Motion to approve February 2013 Meeting Minutes by Karen Johnson and second by Penny Hanson.
 - b. Motion Approved
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Storage Amendment (Karen Johnson)
 - i. Cathy Currier reviewed amendment and master agreement.
 - ii. City thus far declining to address requested modifications to amendment.
 - iii. Karen Johnson will follow up.
 - b. Scholarship Policy (Karen Johnson)
 - i. Approved Policy Summer 2013
 1. Modified to include increased volunteer requirement for repeat requests and utilized for Summer 2013 registration.
 2. Mike Kopischke reports no issues, change received well.
 - c. Tournament Director (Karen Johnson)
 - i. Approved position as Co-Directors
 1. Brad Currier – outward facing
 2. Beth Johnson – inward facing
- V. New Business
 - a. Beth Johnson described a Clutch / BFA conflict with respect to a player invited to join Clutch after August tryouts. It was reported the loss of the player negatively impacted BFA 16U age level. All parties present agreed it would not serve BFA, Clutch or the individual player to force roster changes at this point in time. It was further agreed that the Clutch / BFA relationship needs to be documented to help provide clarity going forward. Jim Leicht, Grant Effertz and Karen Johnson to meet with Jim Hanson, to outline BFA / Clutch affiliation and present back to BFA board.
 - b. Registration Recap (Carol Effertz)
 - i. Registration numbers by age level
 1. 8U – 35 confirmed 3 potential additions
 2. 10U – 36
 3. 12U – 40
 4. 14U – 34
 5. 16U – 11 registered anticipate 2 additional Bloomington players late registration. Close at maximum of 13 players.
 - ii. Post registration action items needed
 1. Follow up 3 potential adds to 8U

2. Ideally 12U would have 47 total players with a minimum of 44. Follow up call to 2 prior year players. Karen Johnson to check in with bordering communities and advise of BFA openings to fill out teams.
- c. Scholarships (Mike Kopischke)
 - i. 2013 Season requests
 1. 2013 scholarships less than budgeted
 - ii. Prior to August: Update By-laws to include scholarship committee and Mike Kopischke, Cathy Currier, and Karen Johnson to submit proposed scholarship policy for board approval
- d. Player Evaluations (Jim Leicht)
 - i. Evaluation times posted on web
 - ii. Email blast to membership issued seeking general assistance.
 - iii. Evaluators identified for each tryout station March 9
 - iv. Each station will have an evaluation sheet so evaluators do not see any other evaluation scores.
 - v. Team Selection Committee identified. Confirm observer position with Jim. Karen Johnson and/or Cathy Currier.
- e. Bash Planning (Brad Courier)
 - i. Brad provided team registration status.
 - ii. Update Banner Ad Package
 1. Penny outlined sponsor banner proposal. Agreed to size at 3'x6' and cost \$200. Discussed locations and maximum quantity. Agreed to keep all banners consistent and provided through BFA identified
- f. Tournament Request
 - i. Scott Brown, State Director USSSA, requesting BFA assistance in form of scheduling fields at no cost with City of Bloomington for USSSA tournament July 5-7.
 - ii. In exchange for field assistance USSSA will share 20% of net tournament profits with BFA. Estimate of BFA 20% share \$2000-\$2500.
 - iii. BFA agreement to act as host to USSSA tournament could jeopardize BFA ability to retain NAFA 10U tournament at \$5k+ proceeds.
 - iv. General agreement tournament would be a benefit but to what extent does BFA need to distance itself from the tournament.
 - v. Bob Christianson as BFA single point of contact with city to discuss field scheduling policy; specifically can / how does USSSA get fields for a tournament?
 - vi. Upon receipt of feedback from Bob, board will need to make decision on if and to what extent to assist USSSA with tournament. Timing urgency requires decision prior to April board meeting.

VI. Director Reports

- a. President: Karen Johnson
- b. Vice President: Cathy Currier
- c. Treasurer: Mike Kopischke
- d. Secretary: Jeri Rosenberg
- e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson
- f. Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen
- g. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
- h. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
- i. Marketing Fund Raising: Penny Hanson
- j. Player Development: Jim Leicht
- k. Tournament Director: Brad Currier

VII. Open Comments

- a. Amy Huett noted that parents have commented on reduction of free clinics. Amy hasn't had opportunity to speak to Julie Westbrook but anticipates Julie has had similar experience. Amy recommends BFA maintain weekly free clinics to serve beginning pitchers. She noted that the small group subsidized clinics are a good option for intermediate pitchers. Jim Leicht will speak to Julie Westbrook and Board will reassess frequency of free pitching clinics.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 pm.

The next board meeting will be **Monday** April 1st, 7:00pm at the Bloomington Center for Arts