

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – July 10th, 2011

I. Call to Order

Jason Wendlandt called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:02 p.m. on Sunday, July 10th, 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, 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: Jim Miller, Jerry Belter and Bruce Johnson

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Jason Wendlandt and seconded by Lori Hanken that we approve the minutes from June, 2011. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Other Business – Old

A. Discuss fall ball forms and dates

- Forms are updated and registration must be completed by 7/31.
- Forms will include dome ball registration and players signing up will need to pay the \$150 cost with fall registration.
- Fall ball cost will be the same as last year.
- Need to get registration information on the website ASAP.
- All in favor of offering 8U free of charge for fall.

B. Tournament recap

- Bloomington Bash brought in \$42K in revenue with \$27K in expenses. Expecting approx.. \$16 in final profit for the organization.
- The state tournament brought in \$2K in profit for BFA and \$1600 for the booster clubs.

V. Other Business – New

A. NAFA prep / supplies / to do list

- Tournament is 4 days – Thursday through Sunday.
- Kennedy boosters will staff volunteer shifts on Thursday / Saturday and Jefferson will staff volunteer shifts on Friday / Sunday.
- Amy will be there the whole time and the following board members will take the tournament lead for the following days: Thursday, 7/21 – Beth, Friday, 7/22 – Mike, Saturday, 7/23 – Jason and Sunday, 7/24 – Lisa.
- Jim Miller will meet folks on Wednesday, 7/20 to get the trailer and gather the supplies from the shed. Set up will be Thursday morning due to men's softball on Wednesday night.

B. Volunteer coordinator shifts for both MML and NAFA

- May need help to flip fields on Thursday night
- Elsie Hanken will be singing the National Anthem
- Need to order extra garbage bins
- We will be grilling hamburgers

C. Player and parent evaluations to be given out

- Mike will get them out to all the teams

D. Free clinic details / marketing / planning

- The BFA free clinics will be 8/2, 8/3 and 8/4
- Jim will put an ad in the Sun Current

- Will reserve gym space for winter Sunday clinics – 4 hours from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- E. Clutch Hitters adding an 18U team discussion
- The 14U Clutch Hitters team had a successful year along with the 16U. Jim motioned to add an 18U team for next season. Amy seconded. All approved.
 - The 18U team will have a minimum of 3 Bloomington players
 - Jim also noted that he is looking to eliminate parent coaches as head coaches for next year.

VI. Directors Reports

- A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt
- No additional report.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke
- Will start recruiting for fall coaches.
 - Expecting two 10U teams, two 12U, two 14U and one 18U
- C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming
- \$29K balance currently in the checkbook
 - Budget is in very good shape this year
 - Asked Board to start thinking / talking about an off-season hitting program
- D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller
- No report
- E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad
- Need to collect coaches equipment when all teams are done
 - Planning to do equipment collection from noon to 2 p.m. on 7/31 at the shack
 - Will pick up pockets for the rest of the Dred fields
 - Beth will order shirts for fall ball
- F. Assistant Commissioner's Report: Bob Christiansen
- Westside Perk is interested in helping BFA for future tournaments. For NAFA, they will give us 5 gallons of coffee free each day and we will buy for Sunday. They will deliver to us.
 - We need to start looking at doing the Water Park of America event again this year
- G. Member Services & Membership Report: Beth Johnson
- Dome ball cost should be paid in full at the time of registration.
 - The season is October – December at the Rosemount Dome
- H. Marketing Report: Lori Hanken
- Our Facebook page is getting some activity
 - Lori made a motion to add a fall ball advertisement for \$200. Grant seconded. All in favor.
- I. Player Development: Jim Hanson
- Clutch Hitters tryouts will be 8/3 for 14U and 8/4 for 16U and 18U from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Will do make-ups on Saturday 8/6
 - Fall ball tryouts are Tuesday, 8/9 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - Will do A/B teams
 - Looking for tryout volunteers
- J. Tournament Director: Kevin Caspers
- Received a lot of compliments on the Bloomington Bash
 - Will do a tournament debrief to discuss what went well and what could have gone better and include in the notes for next year
- K. Fundraising: Lisa Greely
- Will look at other options to Culvers for next year
- L. Website: Grant Effertz

- Will get tryout information on the website

M. Open Comments

- Jerry Belter had comments about the current Clutch Hitters 16u season including:
 - no parent head coaches
 - elite level players should earn their positions and not necessarily equal playing time at tournaments
 - stressed the importance of regular / more practices and that they are needed in order to compete at that level of play
- Jim Hanson advised he would address Jerry's concerns. Jason will also meet with him as well to mediate any issues or further concerns he may have. Jerry has a daughter on the current 16u Clutch Hitters team.

VII. Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 1st, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt