



# BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Monday, September 8th, 2014 7:00 PM

- I. Call to order  
Cathy Currier called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board at 7:03PM on Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  
- II. Attendance  
The following persons were present.  
Board members: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Sarah Johnson, Craig Johnson, Tony Acketz, Grant Effertz, Gary Hanson, and Bob Lindberg.  
  
Other Attendees: Erich Manwarren, Paul Ludden, Kristine Ludden, Shawn Nelson, Scott Seiling, Brian Weingart
  
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (August 2014)  
Motion to approve Minutes by Craig Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Acketz  
MOTION APPROVED
  
- IV. Old Business
  - a. 2014 Grant Awards
    - i. Update: \$3500 process to access funds
    - ii. Craig provided update. Funds will be used for dugout improvements. BFA must spend \$2,000 for \$3500 Grant receipt. Will do dugouts at same time as new storage shed construction.
    - iii. Update: \$1,200 BASH Elite tourney (Sarah) Inform
      1. Funds received
  - b. Process Guideline to fill open roster spots when short players
    - i. Steps taken when team needed players during fall season worked well. Cathy and Karen to document for inclusion in coaches handbook as process to follow
  - c. Storage Shed
    - i. Karen and Stacy met with Greg Boatman and John Stutzman. Planning approval received. Greg submitting to be placed on agenda for next Parks Commission meeting. Anticipates approval will be obtained.
  - d. Indoor Practice Options (Mark/Tony) Inform/Discuss
    - i. Jim Hanson reserved Sunday evenings. ½ of kids at Game Changers and ½ at JAC. Age levels will alternate locations. Communication will be very important to avoid confusion.
  
- V. New Business
  - a. Summer Coach Evaluations - Survey Monkey (Cathy) Inform

- i. ~40% response rate (60 of 150) – response rate similar to paper survey process used prior year. Discussed ways of increasing response rate.
    - ii. Cathy will review results with coaches
    - iii. Sent survey to coaches also. Good response rate. Questions focused on how BFA can better meet coach needs.
    - iv. Will send survey for fall season
  - b. Coach Appreciation
    - i. Date time was confirmed. Mark will schedule banquet room at Poor Richards. Appetizers will be served. BFA will provide non-alcoholic beverages.
- C. Financial Update
  - i. Fall Scholarship Applicants
    - 1. Application received from 3 families.
      - a. Scholarship budget line has sufficient funds to cover all applicants.
      - b. Recommendation and Motions by Sarah Johnson to approve all applications. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Johnson. MOTION APPROVED
      - c. 1 late request received. Sarah will get application form completed and make recommendation.
    - ii. Begin Discussion 2014/2015 Budget
      - 1. Board members to provide input to Sarah to include in November budget development.
    - iii. Private Lesson Reimbursement
      - 1. 10 requests received thus far
      - 2. Deadline for submission = postmarked by October 1
  - d. Fall 2014 Season
    - i. Plan for Player / Parent Evaluations
      - 1. Cathy will distribute evaluations via suvey monkey
  - e. Dome Ball
    - i. 13 players (12U and 14U combined) expressed some interest but no pitching
  - f. Annual Meeting
    - i. Karen reviewed nominee status.
  - g. 8U Fall State
    - i. 9/28 date confirmed. Tournament will be teams within immediate league of teams versus open invitation to all metro area teams.

- VI. Director Reports
  - a. President: Karen Johnson
  - b. Vice President: Cathy Currier

- c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
- d. Secretary: Melissa Walter
- e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson
- f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson
- g. Player and Coach Development: Tony Acketz
- h. Tournament Director: Open
- i. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
  - i. Post Cards mailed notifying membership of annual meeting
- j. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
- k. Marketing: Gary Hanson
- l. Fund Raising: Stacy Acketz
- m. 8U Director: Bob Lindberg

VII. Open Comments

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Karen Johnson, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tonky Acketz. Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 6** at **7:00pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts