



Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Minutes
Sunday, July 10th, 2016
Bloomington Center for the Arts- Dakota Room

- I. Call to order
Cathy Currier called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:45pm on Sunday, July 10th, 2016 (*late call to attendance due to State Tournament with Bloomington teams still playing*)
- II. Attendance
 - a. Board members present: Cathy Currier, Sarah Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Daren Anderson, Erich Manwarren, Bob Lindberg, Jenn Herron, Lisa Bruins and David Rau
 - b. Other Attendees: Jim Hanson (Clutch Hitters), Tod Deming (Clutch Hitters) and Rich Hanson (Clutch Hitters)
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (June 2016)
A motion to approve June 2016 Minutes with adding Jenn Herron to the attendance and take out mention of the \$250 grant, Motion made by Cathy Currier, 2nd by Bob Lindberg
MOTION APPROVED
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Registration – Collection Status
 - Fall registration form is ready to go live July 13th at 6pm and will be open to July 27th, Jenn will send out an email blast.
 - Lisa-Jenn, can we send an email to the families who missed summer registration but wanted to play fastpitch
 - b. Player evaluations
 - 8U = July 25th
 - 10U = Aug 2nd at 6pm
 - 12U = Aug 2nd at 7:30
 - Rain-out date is Aug 3rd for 10U/12U (none for 8U)
 - c. 8U State – Do we continue to host the 8U State Tournament
 - Had 36 teams participate, 4 were BFA
 - Made roughly \$3000 and it was 2 days instead of 1
 - Had a lot of paid workers, because of the lack of 8U parent volunteers. Do we start to require 8U parents volunteer?
 - Pros and Cons of hosting the tournament
 - Keep the tournament in Bloomington for our 8U families
 - No registration fees – as hosting site, no gate fees
 - If keep, do we require 8U parents to volunteer
 - If we do not keep the 8U tourney, do we require the 8U parents to volunteer for BASH or NAFA

The board decided to table this discussion and vote in August if we will keep hosting the tournament and whether to require 8U parents to volunteer or not
 - d. 2016 Summer Season Parent Surveys
 - Board decided to resend the parent survey and to include the players as well
 - Cathy will send each coach their results
 - Important to evaluate the second half of the season, especially 10U

- e. Youth First Award
 - 12U Blue won Farmington Youth First Award
 - Youth First is coming to present the award to the team and they would like board members in attendance.
 - f. Gym Time
 - Do we want to offer gym time in the Fall? Was decided that we would offer Tuesday and Wednesday in November and December (after Fall Ball)
 - How do we track use?
 - Winter clinics – January 8th, 4:30-8
 - Need to continually check what is happening at JAC before our start time
 - Clutch Hitters – for the younger ages where there are so many, we need to split the group
 - Will be starting pitching and catching clinics
 - g. Recruiting for 8U
 - Bloomington Community Television, handouts, referrals (maybe a discount?), need better communication and active on social media
- V. NAFA Readiness
- Jessica went through the punch list and made sure everyone knew their tasks and got a status update.
 - Reminded board members that they do not need to sign up but are required to show up and help where needed
- VI. Clutch – BFA Partnership
- Thinking of dropping BASH Elite tournament for revenue and having mandatory participation in the Catch the Fire fundraiser for their families. David needs to check on the rules since Clutch is “for profit”.
 - Clutch tryouts are August 8th-10th and the fields are scheduled.
 - Jim asks that we please be sure the lights are scheduled to turn on and the tassels for bases are in when we pull the bases.
- VII. General Director Reports
- a. President: Open
 - b. Past President: Karen Johnson
 - c. Vice President: Cathy Currier
 - Katie Edmonds may still get into Hit-Pitch-Run in CA during the All-Star game
 - 12U Black is using their NAFA and state gate fees to pay for tournament in Red Wing, they may need players from other 12U teams
 - Reminder that with NAFA coming up, board members are required to help
 - Field clean up at Olson, the city needs to fix the field and pitchers mound
 - League has received complaints that associations that have 3 or 4 teams do not have an “A” team. As a board we need to an answer on why we do not at 10U level. Learn about the Pros/Cons of even teams vs. A,B,C,D. We need to be informed as a board.
 - d. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
 - A motion to approved a scholarship request for Clutch Hitters, they do qualify, was made by Sarah Johnson, 2nd by Cathy Currier
MOTION APPROVED
 - BASH pre-numbers are in, waiting for the final receipts and final bills
 - Fewer teams than prior years, which means concessions were down but overall percentage was higher
 - Need to collect the All-Star money from all parents, so we can pay the league
 - e. Secretary: Tammy Tessier Kealy
 - Following up with insurance and golf cars

- f. Commissioner: Daren Anderson
 - Washburn does not have any chalk for practices
 - Next year we will give all coaches all keys to all the fields and boxes
 - Grill has 2 cracked coils, parts are ordered and hoping to have it fixed before NAFA
 - OK for workers to be scheduled to put the tarps up on Wednesday for NAFA. Will have them labeled and ready
- g. Facilities Coordinator: Erich Manwarren
- h. 8U Director: Bob Lindberg
- i. Player and Coach Development: Greg Westendorf
- j. Tournament Director: Jessica Musta
- k. Communications Director: Jenn Herron
- l. Member Services: Lisa Bruins
- m. Marketing: Tammy Galvin
- n. Fund Raising: David Rau
 - For Catch the Fire raffle we raised close to \$13,000! All t-shirts and top prizes are out
 - We will be getting money from Chipotle and Legion
 - Trying to get tickets for the Twins game for BFA again on hat night

VIII. Adjournment

Cathy Currier made a motion to adjourn at 9:54pm, 2nd by Sarah Johnson.

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 7th at 7:30 pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts.