

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
September 13, 2020 7-8:30pm
Online Meeting



1. Call to order

Chris Clifford called the monthly Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 13, 2020. Meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

2. Housekeeping

a. Attendance

Board Members present (Bold): **Chris Clifford, Jayson Knutson, Chris Nicholson**, Dave Powers, **Sean Skibbie, Kari Davies, Monica Kremer, Jim Leicht**, Allison Perske, Keith Oerther, **Chris Heisel**

Other attendees: Amy Keith, Maggie Johnson, Amy Christiansen, Erin & Justin Evans, Mark & Jenny Perez, Mike Kopischke, Erin & PJ Anzalone, Megan Bernard, Luke Tierney, Muriah Davis-Deuth, Stephanie Nicholson, Jason Olson

b. Next board meeting October 5, 2020

3. Elections: Chris C. clarified that per the bylaws, any positions that were vacated prior to completing their terms will be open to Board votes only. That would include these positions: President, VP of Admin, Treasurer and VP of Development.

That being said, Chris C. advised he would like to officially resign from his two-year position as President effective Nov. 1 or earlier, if new President chooses to step in prior to Nov. 1. He will then retain the title of Past President and be available for advice or guidance to new President as needed. Chris chose to resign as his daughter elected to play Club ball and he felt continuing in the position as BFA President would be viewed as a conflict of interest.

Chris Nicolson motioned to accept Chris Clifford's resignation. Chris Heisel seconds motion. Board votes, all in favor, no opposed. Motion passes.

4. Discussion of election process continued. Nominations will remain open until Sept 23. Then Nomination Committee will assemble the ballots for voting. Discussion on the best voting process: Google doc vs in-person. Final decision is to have in-person voting, as usual, but offer two locations to encourage families to vote where ever they are located. **Staffing TBD** – Chris N. volunteered to manage the BAA location. Sunday, 10/4: voting available at the BFA shed (at Dred Scott) from 5-7pm and Monday, 10/5: voting available at the BAA shed (102nd & Nicollet) from 5-7pm. Votes will be tallied and announced at the end of the Oct. 5 Board meeting. **Next steps: create ballots after nomination close 9/23, advise membership of voting process via email communication.**

5. President: Financial report & Taxes – Chris advised our current bank balance is: \$19,917. Expected expenses will be for the accountant fee, roughly \$5000. The accountant has completed rebuilding the books with the help of Kathy Love and RBCU. The accountant has also completed our taxes, which are due Sept 15 and a Board vote is needed to submit the taxes. Vote will be done by email.

6. Winter training/Training- Sean Skibbie – Sean advised he received an offer from well-known hitting coach, Tien Lee of MW Power to offer 10-12 training sessions for BFA girls in Nov/Dec for no cost, in exchange for use of 2 fields, 4 nights a week in spring/summer season 2021.

Discussion around the feasibility of this. C Heisel thought it was a good idea, but was it the right time? Amy Christensen warned that by doing this we are opening ourselves up to potential issues like allowing keys to equipment, trusting fields will be taken care of but most importantly WILL the city will allow us to sub-let the fields provided for primary user groups like BFA and BAA?. Mike K. advised the old agreement with the previous club, Clutch Hitters, while slightly different in structure, was an agreement to share insurance costs, do joint marketing, assist with training in exchange for guaranteed spots for BFA girls on the CH club team, access to fields while still paying BFA a fee of \$3500. **Next step:** have Keith check with the city for approval to share our fields with Power. Additionally, getting indoor training space in Bloomington in the winter might still be a challenge. Sean will investigate further.

Sean also proposed another winter training option with ETS Performance. This was the same group that lead the fee-based training offered to the players this past summer. The winter training proposal, held at the Richfield Ice area, is for a multi-year partnership. This agreement will allow players to receive a 10% discount on training packages or, instead provide a ‘commission’ back to BFA. Open discussion with board members and parent guests. C. Heisel was concerned if we chose the commission option it would appear that participants would be contributing to their own outstanding refund. Luke T said any opportunity to recoup lost money is a good one so voted for the ‘commission’ option. Amy K. noted the ‘commission’ option isn’t much different from Dine & Donate but maybe needs to be called Train & Donate. Majority agreed the commission/fundraising option was the best way to go. **Sean will follow up** with ETS for more information on how the commission program would work, registration and dates that can be offered.

7. Board Reports

President: Chris Clifford - NA

VP Admin: Chris Heisel – still dealing with mess left by previous VP like no access to Google docs. Sean advised he has access and can share he password.

Treasurer: Vacant

VP Strategic Planning: Vacant

Corporate Sponsorship Director: Vacant

Director of Communications: Jayson Knutson - NA

Facility Director: Keith Oerther - NA

Equipment Director: Chris Nicholson – reminder to turn in all equipment after the fall season ends.

Chris C offered to assist with inventory.

Secretary: Dave Powers - NA

Coach Development: Sean Skibbie -NA

Player Development: Vacant

Tournament Director: Vacant – But Chris C. advised he still has a lot of raffle baskets in his basement that we need to do something with. Monica insisted an on-line auction is the best bet at this point. Chris appointed his wife to research further. Concern about expiration of gift cards. Jenny P. advised there shouldn't be many gift cards left as most were used as the Pot of Gold game at the Rise Up fundraiser in August.

Marketing Director: Kari Davies - NA

Member Services: Monica Kremer - We made \$66 on our fundraising portion of the last Spiritwear order. Team pictures the previous week went off without hitch/perfect weather.

VP of Development- Jim Leicht - NA

In House Director: Allison Perske - NA

8:35pm Open Comments

Megan Bernard advised that she has submitted her name as a candidate for the President position for the 1 year interim.

Chris C made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm, Monica K seconded the motion, all approved, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Monica Kremer

September 14, 2020