



Mandan Fastpitch Association Board Meeting



April 27, 2022 - 6:30 PM
Mandan Eagles

OPEN MEETING

Call to order

In attendance:

Board Members:

- Lance B.
- Nate M.
- Scott B.
- Sarah Y.
- Niki K.
- Ryan K.
- Dustin F.
- Kara C.

Others:

- Darin Bugbee
- Mike Gustavsson
- Mike Dannenfelzer
- Deanne Jahner
- DeAnn Hanson
- Travis Miller
- Jennifer Miller

Discussion - Opportunity to add additional New **Business** Items from Board

Previous minutes review & approval including E-Votes

- March meeting minutes - Approved E-Vote

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS the Board

- Discussion on meetings:
 - Board and Executive Meetings
 - Posting of all meetings need to be posted on the website, Facebook, and email out to registered members
 - Meeting agenda needs to be posted on the door and provided before the meeting
 - Executive sessions and regular sessions all need to have meeting minutes posted after the meeting
- Discussion on the decisions of why players were asked to move up and planning for team's vs the program
- Discussion on the decision of the costs for travel fees. Last season fees did not cover the cost to play. The fees were based on limited the deficit, but not totally removing the deficit.
- Darin Bugbee offered to help support raffles for the club.
- Discussion on gaming funds and asking clubs to give to the MFA.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion - Opportunity to add Old **Business** Items missing from Agenda

- Status of Accounting software
 - Need to send invoices Hockey club \$180 and Basketball Club (MBBC) \$270
- New Field Update
 - KLJ working on Rendering
 - Parks and Rec requested MFA to pay for the rendering at \$5,000
 - MFA will hold for more information to determine next steps
- Minnesota Twins Play Ball clinic
 - Will not move ahead with the clinic this year
- Good Vibe Night
 - Option, if there is not a Varsity home game night, then ask the Varsity girls host a clinic night
- Sponsorship situation
 - Status/Sponsor Form
 - 2 - \$1,500
 - 2 - \$500
 - Deadline for sponsors on shirts is May 8th
 - Outfield fence/rec teams
- Try-it Night – new players (Intro to Softball)
 - Finalize details at the next meeting
 - 19th or 22nd May are tentative dates at Fort Lincoln
 - Rec registration will stay open for any of these
- Open Board Position
 - Nominations
 - Darin Bugbee – votes 2
 - Deanne Jahner – votes 6
 - Deanne Jahner – newly elected board member – Member at Large - Travel

STANDING REPORTS

Recreational League

- League status with Bismarck?
 - Double header on 4th week
 - Practice and play one game weeks 1-3
 - More details to come after the Bismarck board meets
- Practice Schedules for Rec
 - Softball fields in Mandan are available

Travel League

- Motion to close registration by Sunday night for travel team (May 1st)
- Second - Sarah
- Approved unanimously
- 10u Team Selection
 - Parent Meeting and Agenda
 - Parent meeting was held on Sunday per Niki

- Motion to remove the 10u team from Rapid City and put refund into Starion and register the 10u team for Watertown tournament
 - Motion - Sarah
 - Second - Nate
 - Approved unanimously
- 12u Team Selection
 - Parent Meeting and Agenda
 - Sunday is the parent meeting per Mike D.
 - Close 12u Registration for travel tonight
 - Motion to close 12u Travel team
 - Niki – Seconded
 - Approved unanimously
 - NAFA tournament
 - Request to register the team \$850 per team
 - July 12- 24
 - Discussion with parents will be had next week to get feedback on attending per Mike D.
- 14u & 16/18u Teams
 - Weeknight scrimmages 14/16/18u updates
 - Reached out to Dickinson (would like the 14 to play 18), put us on their list
 - Discussion on allowing non-Mandan girls to play at the 16/18 level, this would be allowed based on no restrictions in the by-laws
- Tournaments
 - Dickinson (10u and 12u) – all Minot/Fargo (Fargo)
 - Rapid City Status/Teams going
 - Hotel room block is available
 - Refund if a team would take our spot
- Other Tournaments
 - Motion – Paid coaches will have their hotels, mileage, and per diem for food (at City Rate)/return receipts up to that amount.
 - Motion - Niki
 - Second – Nate
 - Approved unanimously

Player Development

- Open Gym - No more ASA nights scheduled in April besides the 7th
 - Plans for others? Not currently.

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaws update for tryouts

- Define process for determining if players need to be asked to move to another level based on team numbers
 - Proposal – Offering players who have already played in their current age group and prioritized by their tryout scores.
 - Proposal – Ask the parent group if their player would like to move up to the next age level.
 - Proposal – Make tryouts staggered for the top of the lower age level to tryout for the next level up.

Financials and Operations

Financial review and updates

- Treasurers updates
 - Motion to reimburse Scott Borchers for flowers purchased for Geigle family for \$100.00 – Sarah
 - Second – Kara
 - Approved unanimously
 - Motion to reimburse Niki for printing and paper for \$66.40 – Nate
 - Second Sarah
 - Approved unanimously

At Large Reports – Any Reports Not Covered in Portfolio Reports

Items for the good of Softball?

- Travel and Rec uniform pickup at the Eagles (May 22nd)
 - Deposit required for travel uniforms
- Rec parent meeting (May 22nd)
- Alternate night to be decided

Next meeting will be scheduled for: Wednesday May 11th 6:30

Motion to Adjourn – Nate

Second – Scott

Approved unanimously