

Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association

Meeting Minutes

01/05/2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Buffalo Girls Fastpitch Association was called to order at 6:08pm on 01/05/2020 at the Bunkers of Course (Lower Level) by President Nate Hintze.

As customary, this meeting is open to the membership of the Bison Fastpitch Association.

Board Members: ✓ = present at the meeting

Jaime Sherwood ✓	Alexandra Bechtold ✓	Jesse Violett ✓
Nate Hintze ✓	Stephanie Salonek ✓	Kari Haugen ✓
Dani Eiklenborg ✓	Nathan Aspen ✓	Jason Mix ✓
Adam Bjorklund ✓	Amber Jorgensen ✓	Brad Zrust (Advisor)

Absent: Brad Zrust (Advisor)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed/with changes/additions.

1. Approve Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes
 - i. 12/08/19 Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Bills to be paid (December 2019)
 - c. Policy updates (If applicable)
 - d. Recognition and Thank You's
2. New/Other Business
 - a. Treasurer Update
 - b. Commitment Emails
 - c. Website details: Administrator and updates
 - d. Ngin Finances
 - e. Update on practice/game locations
 - f. Update on 2019 Bison Showdown field charges
 - g. BGFP Clinics update
 - h. Spring Clinics planning
 - i. 6u/8u Season discussion (addition of practices and games)

- j. Registration fees discussion
- k. BGFP hosting of tournaments discussion
- l. Open items
- m. NGIN Training for Board Members and visitors
- n. Other Reports by Board Members
- o. Next Meeting Date (TBD)
- p. Items for the next meeting

Motion: Dani Eiklenborg moved to approve Agenda

2nd: Jesse Violett

Discussion: None

Result: Motion Passed 11-0

Questions or Comments from the Visitors

- No visitors present

Approval of Consent Agenda (includes 12/8/19 minutes)

Motion: Nate Aspen moved to approve Consent Agenda

2nd: Kari Haugen

Discussion: None

Result: Motion Passed 11-0

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

- A. Treasurer Update - Adam Bjorklund
 - Treasurer Adam Bjorklund updated the board on the status of the BGFA finances. Within the most recent bank statement (dated 12.15.19), the BGFA started the statement month (11.17-12.15.19) with a balance of \$46,633.55. Two transactions occurred during that month: Check for \$1695.00 paid to STMA Softball to pay for 12u Domeball and one of \$25 to the State of Minnesota. BGFA ended the statement month with a current balance of \$44,913.55.
 - 11/17/19 Balance: \$46,633.55
 - Debits: - \$1720.00
 - 12/15/19 Balance: \$44,913.55
 - It was also discussed that deposits for 14u Domeball are coming in and will be deposited soon by Stephanie Salonek. Jaime Sherwood stated that we are about \$400 short for the

registration fees supporting our HS team's domeball experience. He included the fact that BGFA should be fine to cover the cost of Winter Clinics coaching (\$2000) due to positive Winter Clinics registration. Registrations for Winter Clinics cover the cost of the coaches and BGFA covers the cost of the use of "The Shed" for 6 weeks. Overall, BGFA invests approximately \$2000 in the winter development of our players.

- Adam Bjorklund also stated the following bills will need to be paid in the upcoming month:
 1. Accounting Bill: \$849.50
 2. Post Office Fees (unknown at this time)
 3. EGIN Annual fee: \$780
 4. Clinic Payment (\$2000 for coaches along with Shed payment)

- Adam Bjorklund also updated the board on the process of BGFA 501c3 being reinstated due to taxes not being filed for multiple years (approximately 5 years ago) and was discovered 3 years ago. (BGFA has been working diligently with an accountant and IRS to have the 501c3 status reinstated). Adam stated that all documents have been filed and that we are waiting on the IRS for approval. This approval could take up to 90 days. Adam did state that he checked the MN Secretary of State site and BGFA has a renewal date of 12.21.19. He will continue to monitor the progress and report back to the board on any developments.

Motion: Stephanie Salonek moved to approve treasurers report.

2nd: Dani Eiklenborg

Discussion: none

Result: Motion Passes 11-0

B. Commitment Emails - Jaime Sherwood

- Board member Sherwood updated the board on the progress of our "Commitment Emails" to the previous years' players. At this time, 51 parents/players had responded in regard to their commitment. 42 players commented they are committed, 7 undecideds, and 1 is not playing. Jaime stated he will continue to send out emails to determine commitments.

C. BisonFP Website details: Administrator and updates

- The board discussed who was going to have administrative access and rights to the website. After a discussion it was determined the following board positions will have access:
 - President

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Motion: Dani Eikleborg moved to approve the administrative access to the website as stated.

2nd: Steph Salonek

Discussion:

Result: Motion passed 11-0

D. Update on practice/game locations - Jaime Sherwood

- Boardmember Sherwood gave an update on field usage (practice and games) at BHS. He stated that there were ongoing conversations with the school district regarding the use of the fields. Much of the conversation between the entities focused on if there should be a cost to use of the fields. The board agreed that they should continue to work with BHM Schools to ensure the future use of the fields as our players are members of the tax-paying district.

E. Update on 2019 Bison Showdown field charges - Nate Hintze

- President Hintze recommended to the board that he continue to work with BHM Community Education to determine the overall costs to use Northwinds Elementary/HS fields during the 2019 Bison Showdown. BGFA received a bill for \$990 (Northwinds) for the 2 days of the showdown. He will give an update at the next meeting.

F. BGFA Clinics (winter) update - Nate Hintze

- President Hintze updated the board that Winter Clinics were underway and we have a good turnout so far. More players can join if they would like to.

G. Spring Clinics planning - Jaime Sherwood

- Jaime Sherwood updated the board that the Spring Clinics and Tryout information was already posted on the BFGA website.

Clinic dates are: **March: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 of 2020.**

10U & In-House: 6pm - 7:30pm

12U - 18U: 7:30pm - 9pm

Pitchers/Catchers (all ages): 7pm - 8pm

- H. 6u/8u Season discussion (addition of practices and games) - Stephanie Salonek reported

- Boardmember Salonek reported to the board on the upcoming 6u and 8u season. She indicated that Delano will be joining the East teams. There is an organizational meeting on Wednesday (12/8/20) that Boardmember Bechtold and Boardmember Haugen will be attending in her place. During this meeting all teams will be in attendance and the organization of the summer will begin.
- Boardmember Salonek also indicated that after reviewing feedback from parents and players from the 2019 season she stated there is a request to increase practice dates to 2 days a week at the 8u level and to enter them into a tournament as well as having some sort of jersey for the players. In addition there was a request for umpires at the 8u level.
- Boardmember Sherwood indicated that last season (2019) was new to everyone and we realized that we cannot make it like the “old in-house” program we used to run. We found out that we couldn’t be based upon what other teams were doing prior and needed to adapt to ensure growth for our program. Boardmember Sherwood recommended hiring HS players to umpire at \$20 and fully recognize the 6u and 8u programs as “Traveling Programs.”
- Finally a discussion occurred as to the viability of ensuring fiscal responsibility for BFGA in order to add on practices, jerseys, and umpires for the 8u program.

Motion: JS: \$50 for 6u registration (includes basic tshirt), \$75 for 8u and cost for jersey (\$25) incurred by parents.

2nd: Stephanie Salonek

Discussion:

Result: Motion Passed 11-0

I. Registration fees discussion

- A short discussion was had about the registration fees for the season. Each entity that we associate with are raising fees as well as BFGA is seeing increases in consumable costs and umpire costs.

Motion: Jaime Sherwood made a motion to raise 10u - 18 U registration fees to \$275 per player

2nd: Dani Eiklenborg

Discussion: None

Results: Motion Passed 11-0

J. BGFP hosting of tournaments discussion (Tabled until the next meeting in February, 2020)

K. Open items

1. NGIN Training for Board Members and visitors

- a) BFGA Boardmembers were trained on the use of the NGIN website.

L. Other Reports by Board Members

1. Boardmember Salonek informed the board that Bison Softball now had an Instagram account and can be found @buffalo_girls_fastpitch.

Agenda for Next Meeting

1. Equipment checklists for coaches
2. Coaching Commitments
3. Advertisements for spring clinics: Facebook, emails, newspaper, mobile signs
4. Planning for clinics
5. Commitment email updates
6. Finalize clinics, cost, tournaments, dibs hours, registrations

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 by Nate Hintze. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 pm on Feb. 9th, at Huikko's.

Minutes submitted by: Jason Mix

Approved by: _____ (1st), _____ (2nd)