



Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Minutes
Monday, March 7, 2016
Bloomington Center for the Arts- Dakota Room

- I. Call to order
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:01pm on Monday, March 7, 2016
- II. Attendance
 - a. Board members present: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Sarah Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Daren Anderson, Erich Manwarren, Bob Lindberg, Greg Westendorf, Jessica Musta, Jenn Herron, Lisa Bruins, Tammy Galvin & David Rau
 - b. Other Attendees: Grant Effertz, Tod Deming (Clutch Hitters) and Rich Hanson (Clutch Hitters)
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (February 2016)
A motion to approve February 2016 Minutes as distributed was made by Daren Anderson, 2nd by Bob Lindberg
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- IV. Old Business
 - a. Coach Pledge (Discuss/Decide)
A motion to approve the Coach Pledge was made by Daren Anderson, 2nd by Bob Lindberg.
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 - b. Disruptive Conduct Policy (Discuss/Decide) – Add to Parent Handbook
A motion to approve the Disruptive Conduct Policy was made by Bob Lindberg, 2nd by Greg Westendorf
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 - c. Grievance Policy and Procedure (Discuss/Decide) – Add to Parent Handbook
A motion to approve the Grievance Policy and Procedure was made by David Rau, 2nd by Lisa Bruins
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- V. Registration Results (Inform)
 - 8U = 46 players – 36 returning, 10 new, 5 did not return (in fall 26 move up)
 - 10U = 56 players – 50 returning, 6 new, 8 did not return
 - 12U = 44 players – 36 returning, 8 new, 6 did not return
 - 14U – 12 players – all returning, 13 did not return (3 went to a club team)
 - 16U – 11 players – all returning, 9 did not return (2 went to a club team)
- VI. Website and Member Communications (Discuss)
 - a. Rules of the Road and Protocols
 - For blast notices or website updates, please allow minimum 48 hours from request to distribution or post.
 - Email blast: send prepared email to Jenn for distribution.
 - Website posts: provide content and clear instruction on what is to be posted.
 - Lisa B and Tammy K are Jenn's backup to help with team posting, and setup the team pages prior to Thursday.
 - b. Website clean up plan
 - Cleanup has started

- VII. Parent Meeting Readiness (Discuss/Decide)
 March 29th, Tuesday – 6:30-8:30
- a. Draft Agenda – went through a timeline and PCA guest speaker
 - b. ID team and date to plan meeting
 - Committee setup for meeting
 Karen, Tammy G, Tammy K, Jessica and Lisa
 - Send BFA Hero nominations to Jessica
- VIII. Blast Off Readiness (Discuss)
- a. ID event planning team – committee to be formed next meeting
 - b. Need to schedule the day – Pitch-Hit-Run, team line up
- IX. General Director Reports
- a. President: Open
 - b. Past President: Karen Johnson
 - c. Vice President: Cathy Currier
 - Head Coaches have been selected and notified
 - Need 2 – 12U coaches (2 more paid)
 - Maybe 1 – 8U
 - Tod going to help with college kids to see if any interested in coaching
 - Coaches meeting will include field draw, Erich found out we no longer have field 4
 - Please leave early times for the younger kids
 - Need to include the 6 Clutch teams
 - Get extra fields, makes it so much easier if we need to reschedule
 - Erich will provide computer and projector for coaches meeting
 - Team selection meeting on Thursday. Teams will be posted by midnight Saturday
 - Will send out updated calendar to everyone
 - League team meeting – New Ulm and Maple Lake have joined for 10U & 12U
 - League is moving from Sport Ngin to Score Monster
 - Need to either upload all birth certificates or can take them to the business office and they will scan them and give them right back
 - Minneapolis has started their own team but honoring all prior player agreements to play in different cities
 - d. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
 - BFA received a donation for \$125 to be used towards a scholarship. The donation was made in memory of Helen Brisson who loved baseball and to watch her Granddaughter, Mary Hajduk (10U) play softball. We receive four (4) scholarship requests – 3 for 8U, 1 for 12U
 A motion to approve the four (4) scholarship requests was made by Sarah Johnson, 2nd by Karen Johnson
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 - Have extended our tax return due date
 - Currently for Sarah, this is her busy time at work please mark email as urgent so it is not missed
 - Would like to know when uniforms will be ordered and when payment needs to be made. Uniform try ons will be done Sunday, March 20th, order will be placed on the March 21st.
 - e. Secretary: Tammy Tessier Kealy
 - f. Commissioner: Daren Anderson
 - We have two freezers, in the process of testing both of them – first one works great, test is going on in the second one

- g. Facilities Coordinator: Erich Manwarren
 - There has been a change to the 8U director meeting, room has been reserved
- h. 8U Director: Bob Lindberg
 - Will not be able to attend the 8U league meeting but has sent a message saying BFA does not agree with 5 in the outfield and bunting. Likes the 60 minute games and the last 30 minutes is girl pitching instead of machines
- i. Player and Coach Development: Greg Westendorf
 - Evals were very successful. Only a few girls missed – 6 in 10U and 1 in 12U
 - TC Fastpitch went over the agreement signed and is only charging us \$800 instead of \$1000
 - 12U evals
 - Went well, nice to have outside view
 - Each spot had two evaluators
 - Next year hoping to get courts 2,3,4 and 5
 - Have to get equipment out of JAC
 - Introduce a motto for BFA – Esprite de Corp – Pride-Fellowship-Loyalty, he will team up with Tammy G and brainstorm some ideas
 - Would like to get them motto and new nickname introduced with the new website rollout – branding
 - Teal laces will be handed out at the first practice
- j. Tournament Director: Jessica Musta
 - Clutch bash tourney is full
 - BFA tourney has 5 team registrated, 2 or 3 have paid
- k. Communications Director: Jenn Herron
 - Will add to webpage for 8U evals that check-in begins at 12:15 and will be done at 2:30 and warm ups will begin on fields 4 & 5 at 12:30
- l. Member Services: Lisa Bruins
 - Working on the team photo
- m. Marketing: Tammy Galvin
 - Social media – can we add an instant gram feed? Tweeter account?
 - Currently, the only feed we have is Facebook
- n. Fund Raising: David Rau
 - TRIA wants to upgrade to a Grand Slam sponsor and have it be an inkind donation where they would be at all our events, supply the needed trainers for our tournaments. They like that we are a part of PCA. A motion was made to have TRIA be our Grand Slam sponsor as long as they can commit to all the dates and the numbers we need by David Rau, 2nd by Tammy Galvin.
 - The dates and numbers are:
 - Bash – need 2 trainers, one at Kelly and one at Dred
 - NAFA – will need just not sure if the TRIA truck will be there
 - 8U – Ask to add 8U state - June 25th and 26th, need 1
 - Have confirmed all sponsers for all age levels
 - Dick's has donated a \$500 gift card and 9 buckets of practice balls
 - Working on grants, presenting one this Friday with Karen for the Bloomington Hotel and Vistors Bureau, up against eight (8) other groups but only a couple are from Bloomington.

X. Open Comments

A motion was made to change the position name Commissioner to Equipment Manager was made by Karen Johnson, 2nd by Tammy Galvin.

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XI. April Agenda Input – please send all items to Karen for the April meeting

XII. Adjournment

Karen Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, 2nd by Jessia Musta

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 4th at 7:00 pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts.