

NPGFA

Board Meeting minutes 6/14/2020

7:00PM via ZOOM/Michelle Fischer's House

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association Mission Statement

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association is committed to teaching the fundamentals of competitive Fastpitch softball. We are here to promote leadership, cooperation, team skills, to deal with accomplishments and disappointments, to improve self-confidence and self-esteem and to have FUN! We do this as a feeder system to the New Prague Schools.

Board Members

Present: Jim Kaufman, Alex Plonski, Michelle Fischer, Becky Wilson, Colleen Ambroz, Katie Galland, Chad Kraml, and Tina Steinhoff

Not Present: Amy Skluzacek and Mark Cameron

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Melissa Digatono

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by Jim Kaufman

President's Report:

- Reading of the mission statement by Jim Kaufman
- Need to start thinking about fall ball and fall tryouts
 - Need to take care of all the information that needs to get sent to Sports Engine before the first week of July

Fundraising Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

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Uniform Coordinator's Report:

Chad Kraml

- Jerseys are in - will be handed out during trainings this week

League/Tournament Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- 2020 summer season is cancelled
 - All league games have been cancelled
 - Associations can pick up scrimmages if they would like
 - Surrounding communities are interested in holding scrimmages
 - Jim will reach out to surrounding communities to see who is interested in doing scrimmages and get contact information for each association/age level
 - Pod coaches need to send out an email to their families to see if they are interested in playing in scrimmages with surrounding communities
 - New Prague fields are reserved Monday-Thursday 5-8pm
 - Plan A to scrimmage (combine pods to the best of our ability):
 - Combine 8U red and 8U black
 - 14U can pull up pitchers on the night of the scrimmages
 - Daylan Johnson's pod will be able to pull up 3 2nd-year 10U athletes
 - There is a possibility of playing in a state tournament with USA Softball:
 - Gate fee would be covered by the families
 - 8U/10U/12U will be July 18-19
 - 14U/16U/18U will be July 25-26
 - Need to decide what we'd like to do with the athletes that are participating in the summer training
 - NAFA is also offering a league for the summer:
 - Doubleheaders twice a week
 - Teams can play as many games as they would like during the month of July timeframe

- NAFA will be in charge of running a database of game schedules as well as contact information for teams playing in the NAFA July league
- Administration fee of \$50 per team for the summer
- Host teams need to secure fields and umpires for scheduled dates and are responsible for any payments
- Will also facilitate an all-encompassing fall league with a NAFA qualifying event to conclude the season
- 10U/14U dates: July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29
- 12U dates: July 7, 9,14,16,21,23,28, and 30

Motion made by Alex Plonski to have pod coaches connect with NPGFA families about playing scrimmages with surrounding communities and participating in a state tournament with the families paying the tournament and gate fee.

Seconded by Michelle Fischer.

Motion passed 7-0.

- Fall league
 - Looking at using the 2020 summer teams
 - If there are athletes that would like to move up age levels because they are supposed to in the summer of 2021, that will be allowed
 - 2019 fall league cost: \$500
 - 2020 fall league cost: \$700
 - Due to the umpire fees, extended season
 - Can start later than August 8-9 at a prorated cost
 - Fall ball registration:
 - Fall league, winter training, and summer league will all be on the SportsEngine registration
 - Families have the option if they want to do fall 2020 AND summer 2021, or if they are ONLY doing fall 2020 or summer 2021

Motion made by Michelle Fischer to have 2021 summer team tryouts in August, participate in Fall Ball - starting during proposed week 3 at a prorated cost, and

create a registration with 3 options - A) 2021 winter training/summer teams, B) 2020 fall ball league, or C) both.

Seconded by Tina Steinhoff.

Motion passed 7-0.

- Waiver needs to be created/given to players/athletes and must create a preparedness plan and be given to the high school
 - Michelle will be taking what the NP Gymnastic Club did and switching to NPGFA
 - Preparedness plan must be sent to families and placed on the website
 - Waiver must be put on the registration

Tabled for next meeting:

- Bylaw amendments:
 - Scholarship
 - Applications are distributed via the President to the current seniors on the Softball Team (managers/non-managers are eligible/noneligible) at the beginning of the season in March.
 - Application criteria to include:
 - Athletes choice of college or post-secondary program she plans to attend
 - Inclusion of student activity involvement
 - Essay question
 - Essay question that embodies our Mission Statement: “we are here to promote leadership, cooperation, and team skills...” “How has softball impacted you and what have you done to give back to the NPGFA Softball Program?”
 - Seniors are to complete and return the application to the President by the designated deadline to be considered. Applications are to go directly to the President to protect the anonymity of all players who apply.
 - The President provides copies of applications for the Board to review while maintaining anonymity to review at April’s Board meeting and Board approves recipient/s.

- Scholarships to be awarded to (a minimum of 1 and maximum of xxx recipients)
- Overall cap value of scholarship is \$1,000.00 per year.
 - The President is to present at Seniors Honor Night as communicated via the Administrative Assistant at the NPHS Counseling Office. Certificate and information provided to recipients on how to obtain her scholarship for the following academic year.
 - Anonymous
 - Parent of Senior - not a voting member
 - Webmaster/Registration Coordinator
- Concessions during summer season → discuss more around tryouts
 - Keep simple → chips, seeds, water, etc.
 - Can give more opportunities for volunteer hours

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Katie Gallad.

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Next meeting 7/1/2020 at City Hall - Chambers Room at 7:00PM.