



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Board Meeting	Time	6:30 pm
Date	12/4/2023	Location	Bismarck Moose
Facilitator	Matt Liudahl, President		

Invitees/Attendees:

Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name	Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name
R	Y	Matt Liudahl	R	Y	Scott Owens
R	Y	Jessica Simpson	R	Y	Heath Lessard
R	Y	Jody Simpson	R	Y	Nick Roemmich
R	Y	Carinna Hendrickson	R	Y	Darby Krivoruckha
R	Y	Jamie Turner	R	N	Melissa Artlip
R	N	Janelle Moos	R	Y	Jesse Klaudt
R	Y	Fred Schauer	R	Y	Beth Carlson
O	Y	Brian Nieuhardt			

Agenda/Minutes:

Item	Topic	Owner
1.	Call To Order	Matt
	a. President Matt called the meeting to order with 13 members present.	
2.	Approval of November Minutes	Jessica
	a. Scott motioned to approve, Jody second. Motion carried.	
3.	Treasurer Report	Heath
	a. Treasurer report was reviewed.	
4.	USA Softball Report	Matt/Thor
	a. Tournament dates	
	i. June 7-9 Bismarck	
	ii. Minot June 14-16, W Fargo 15-16	
	iii. July 5-7 Red River Rage	
	iv. Dickinson June 21-23	
	v. State – July 12-14	
	b. State wants to use RegisterPlayNow	
	c. List of umpires should be available	
	d. Requesting for tournament staff shirts to be worn for all tournaments	
	e. 12U All-American Games will be held in April in Bismarck	
5.	Committee Reports	
	a. Fundraising/Sponsorship	Nick
	i. Nick presented meeting notes from November meeting	
	ii. Will be meeting in between regular board meetings. Next meeting December 11.	
	b. Blast Tournament	
	c. State JO Tournament	



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6. Old Business

Matt

- a. Travel Program
 - i. Logo
 1. Form sub-committee: Jamie, Scott, Darby, Janelle, Carinna
 2. Darby will bring ideas to Chris
 3. Would like to have prototype by next board meeting
 - ii. Director report
 1. 10u Travel Team hitting starting on April 11-May 30. Can the teams split days? Monday & Tuesdays. Travel team coaches need to attend.
 2. Hitting on Thursdays during travel seasons for 12u on up. 18u start earliest in the day.
 3. 14u-18u go to West Fargo rather than Minot this year and then go to Minot the following year.
 4. Currently working on options in lieu of Red River Rage since it falls on 4th of July weekend.
 5. Darby will email 2024 budget proposals to board for review.
 6. Look into serving a meal as a fundraiser and other fundraising options to offset costs if needed.
 7. Darby would like yearly rate evaluated. Proposal will be discussed with Matt and brought to the board.
- b. Summer League
 - i. Equipment
 1. Pitching machines - replace the springs. Scott will order.
 - ii. Rules Review
 1. Make sure to include - Additional practice night is not optional
 2. 6u & 8u rule changes reviewed
 - iii. Format
 1. Season length – 6u will be 6 week program, 8 week for the remainder.
 2. 8u Jamboree (3-game & no tees), 10u & 11Up double-elimination year-end tournament.
 - iv. Mandan participation – Matt contact rep
 1. \$100/team was proposed
 - v. Remove softie balls from 8u bags – complete on equipment hand-out/coaches meeting
- c. Clothing Store
 - i. BYFSA store open
- d. Technology
 - i. Website Renewal
- e. Division Representatives -table until February
- f. Camps and Clinics
 - i. Pitching & Catching Camp – 1/6-1/27, 2/10 (5 weeks) 1pm-3pm (1 hr. each age group)
 1. \$100 registration fee
 2. Coach compensation - \$35 per player.
 3. Facility Rental = \$1500
 4. 15 max for 11 yo & up as well as catching clinic. 30 max for younger age group
 - ii. Intro to Training – Jan X?-Feb 25
 - iii. Spring Camp – 2/25-3/24 (5 weeks) 11am-2pm (1.5 hrs each age group)
 - iv. Intro Camp – 4/7-4/21 (3 weeks) 12pm-2pm (1 hr each age group)



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- g. Communications/Marketing/Community
 - i. I Can Movie event
 - 1. Heritage Center: Weeknight \$450, Weekend (day) \$600, Weekend evening \$700
 - 2. Library: \$20 for 4 hour space rental
 - 3. Try for January

- 7. New Business** **All attendees**
- 8. Other Business** **All attendees**
- 9. Review Action Items** **All attendees**

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, January 7, 2024

Action Items:

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Sparks Logo	Sub-committee	12/31/2023
2	Send spreadsheet with registrants for off-season training to Thor	Jody	12/31/2023
3	Sparks travel coaches: reach out to potential coaches	Darby/Jess	12/31/2023
4	Discuss with Lane regarding summer travel team training schedule. 10u during April/May	Darby	12/31/2023
5	Schedule pre-tryout practices. 1/29 for 14-18u (1hr); 2/5 for 10u-12u (2hrs)	Darby	12/31/2023
6	Gather information from Lane for Intro to Training Camp	Darby	12/31/2023
7	Reach out to movie theater and Heritage Center for <i>I Can</i> movie screening. Goal date in January	Melissa	12/31/2023
8	Contact Mandan regarding summer league	Matt	12/31/2023
9	Registration creation: Sparks Travel Tryouts, Summer League	Jody	12/31/2023
10	Update travel team handbook	Darby/Jess	12/31/2023
11	Update summer league rules	Jamie/Jess	12/31/2023
12	Secure evaluators for travel tryouts	Darby	1/31/2024
13	Order springs for pitching machines	Scott	1/31/2024
14	Create Blast Tournament Committee	Team	1/31/2024
15	Create State JO Tournament Committee	Team	1/31/2024
	Pitching & Catching Camps: create registration, promote	Jess/Jody	COMPLETED