

**Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association
Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session
April 11, 2021 - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm**

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President
Eric McAbee – Vice President
Kim Boyd – Secretary
Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development
Chad Redman –Travel Director
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities
Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director
Jeff Buck – Equipment
Tara Lemke – Apparel
Lindsey Schepers – Treasurer
Robin Leonard – Volunteer
Matt Johnson – Communications
Sarah Preston – Concessions
Mika Kieffer - Assistant Concessions

1. Welcome and call to order by Christine (Chris) Schweich.

2. Approval of March meeting minutes

Corey S made a motion to approve the March 2021 meeting minutes, Sarah Preston seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the March 2021 meeting minutes.

3. COVID-19 update

No new COVID updates since last meeting. At this time parents sit in outfield and/or past the first and third bases, no mask required.

4. 6U Registration

We currently have signs at the entrance and exit of Riverview, Meadowview, Aikin, 170th and Pilot knob near North Trail. Chris and Lindsey both have one in their yards. We currently have 21 registered for 6U. The Facebook post was boosted so we are getting some good hits.

5. Frenzy Tourney Posting and Registration

8U (2 Farmington teams) – 10 total teams registered (room for two more)

10U (4 Farmington teams) – 15 total teams registered and one that wants to get registered which would be our last team.

12U (4 Farmington) – 16 total teams registered

14U (2 Farmington) - 7 total teams registered (room for 1 more).

Sara will keep posting on sites to let people know that they are still spots available especially at 14U.

Directors Reports:

Sarah Preston – Concessions – Sara did finally get the health dept forms, she gave them to Lindsey to write the check and send in. We are going to move forward with concessions at Frenzy but we need to be careful and make sure we are safe. We need to have individually wrapped items at all locations which will increase cost but is necessary for safety purposes. We are also limited to the number of people in the concession stands at each location. We can really only have a few people inside the building to allow for distancing and we need to have hygiene stations. We do still want to do hot dogs and hamburgers so we could have four volunteers in the buildings and one on the grill. A food truck is the best option for FES. We have confirmed the Philly Express food truck that will have corn dogs and french fries along with their normal food. We will have a tent that has the candy and coolers for drinks at FES too. Kona Ice will be around at Boeckman too with the other tournament going on. Corey asking what if we did pizza at Boeckman? Volunteers have to be masked and gloved and only one to handle money and one to grab the food. We plan to have Water, Gatorade, pop, coffee and hot chocolate for drinks and no meal deals (a la cart). What do we do with the Golf Cart do we want to do the traveling concessions? No need for that this year. Remember if it is used for transport it will need to be cleaned and sanitized between each use. Sarah made a new seed sheet for the money boxes and Lindsey will have them ready before the Frenzy. Sarah will work with Robin to get the volunteers for the tournament. There is a Lacrosse tournament that weekend too which will probably bring additional food vendors to Boeckman but also attendees from that tournament to our concession stand too.

Robin Leonard – Volunteer – Robin will be working with Sarah and going through the packet of information that Angie gave to her to set up Volunteer time. Eric said that he has more volunteer checks and will get them to Robin.

Katie M – Fields and Facilities - May 23rd, May 31st, and June 20th meetings have been confirmed at Celts. Katie has sent information regarding the July 18th meeting but has not heard back yet, at this point meetings will be moving to 7pm for all future meetings. Katie will be working with Chad to help organize the schedules. We currently have 10U on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Empire and we asked to go light on 12U home games for now until we get past the high school season. Katie will start scheduling umpires once we get final word on schedules from Tri-County.

Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director – Please review the list of board duties for the Frenzy now and let Sara and Susan know if there is anything that seems to be missing. There are items on the list that need to be taken care of now so do not wait too long. 8U and 14U are just one bracket with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finish. 10U and 12U have gold and silver brackets with 1st, 2nd, 3rd place finish. At this time we plan to do shirts for 1st place and medals for 2nd and 3rd. 1st and 2nd place also get bids to Nationals. There will be shirts for 10U, 12U and 14U but medals for all places in 8U. Do we have a Frenzy logo? The board agrees we should do something simple that says Farmington Frenzy with a softball and then champions on the back. Sara emailed the updated rules to Chad and Chris. We also discussed buying medals that say Farmington Frenzy with no date and add 2nd and 3rd and buy in bulk. We will need 15 medals per team.

Tara Lamke – Apparel – Warm up orders are in and we had 94 players and coaches order warmups. CA gear confirmed that we will have the uniforms in before pictures. Tara is working with Jennie and Town Sports for the 6U shirts. Eric and Tara have been working on coaches shirts and are very close to finalizing those. Chris mentioned that we need to get pins ordered for Nationals soon and that we

usually order multiple designs for the different teams in each age level. Every girl gets 10 purchased by FGFA but teams have an option to buy additional pins for each player. Tara will start investigating pins.

Kim Boyd – Secretary – nothing to add at this meeting.

Chad Redman – Travel Director – We should be able to start some practices this week. We are currently waiting on Empire to open the fields. We do have gym space this week but don't have the other gym that we had originally asked for so we have gym 4 but not 5. As soon as we can we will get the schedules out to the coaches. We have been communicating with the coaches to get the information out to their players (especially those that have new players). We should be playing games the first week of May. Corey asked if Tri-County is going to be struggling for scheduling with HS being pushed out so far? Chad asked Katie to check to see if we can get the Gym at all for the rest of the month.

Jeff Buck – Equipment – Equipment has been handed out to every team except 8U and then 12U orange needs game balls and a score book. We are waiting on approval to put a container at Empire and will have keys for the locks made and then replace all of the locks on the other boxes too. Chalk, diamond dry, rakes will all be ready for the Frenzy.

Corey S – Off Season – Corey scheduled a coaches clinic for Sunday April 18, 2021. The coaches clinic will be run by Sean Hall of Midwest Speed and S & C Sports Services. At this time there are 11 coaches signed up to attend. We have to pay for 16 coaches minimum. The clinic is from 9am-noon. We will start at @Bat for hitting drills and then move to Boeckman for fielding demonstrations. The clinic will cover from basics up to high level so any and all coaches (assistant/head) are welcome and should attend. The amount is appx \$20 per coach plus we need to rent @Bat for that time period. **Eric M made a motion to approve up to \$1000 for a coaches clinic, Matt J seconded the motion, the board approved, none opposed.**

Matt J – Communication – Matt will add future meetings to the website calendar and update the minutes. Matt will also send out information regarding the picture day. Matt will also manually register the Rosemount team for the Frenzy and make the adjustment to 8 teams for 14U level. Matt will also send another communication regarding the 6U in house program and boost the social media postings.

Eric M – Vice President – Background checks have not started yet but Eric will send out them tomorrow and should have the info back quickly. One coach per team has to have the ACE certifications. Eric and Chris will handle any coaching issues that arise. Make sure to direct any issues to them.

There is an opening right now to host the 8U, 10U C, 12U C and 14U C Northern Nationals. Our 14U team is currently registered as a C team and we could apply to host the 14U C tournament. This would bring in teams from the 5 state area and there are USA softball reps that come out for the tournament. This would be after state tournaments and toward the end of the summer. Eric will get more information to see if this is something we want to do for FGFA.

Lindsey S – Treasurer – There are teams that have not signed up for any tournaments yet. Lindsey will get Eric and Chris a list and Eric will reach out to the coaches. Lindsey has created a spreadsheet to

keep the all of the tournaments organized so they are easily accessible for questions. Currently FGFA has a total of \$84,344.79 (checking 63,438.76, savings 20,906.03). Right now we have money coming in from Frenzy registrations and money going out for tournaments that our teams are playing in. We stopped using PayPal in the past due to the fees and do not plan to pick that up again but Lindsey has been using QuickBooks to pay for some tournaments when she can. Chris will plan on writing the check for the Coaches Clinic on the day of the event.

Chris S – President – nothing more to add outside of the other information provided elsewhere.

Neena W – Fundraising (provided by Eric M). We are only tracking down a few more checks for fundraising.

1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings and Events

Dates for Open Board meetings –

May 23, 2021 7pm at Celts (confirmed)

May 31, 2021 7pm at Celts (Frenzy only)

June 20, 2021 7pm at Celts (confirmed)

July 18, 2021 7pm at Celts (not confirmed)

2. Adjourn Meeting

Jeff B made a motion to adjourn meeting, Chris S seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.