

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 7-8:30pm  
Chadwick Room, Bloomington City Hall



1. Call to order

Chris Clifford called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

2. 7:09-7:12 Housekeeping

a. Attendance

Board Members present (Bold): **Chris Clifford, Amy Johnson (8:08), Angie Salo, Jayson Knutson, Jodi Workcuff, Chris Nicholson (7:51), Dave Powers, Sean Skibbie**, Kari Davies, **Monica Kremer, Jim Leicht**, Allison Perske, Molly Belmont, Keith Oerther, **Chris Heisel**

Other attendees: Bonnie Borwege, Brian Kremer, Lenny Klevan Schmitz, Brian Johnson

b. Notification of upcoming meetings-Monday, April 6th, 2020 7:00 p.m-8:30 p.m.

c. Approval of October meeting minutes-

Motion to approve By Chris Clifford; Second-Monica Kremer  
MOTION APPROVED by BFA Board

*d. Note-All guests are welcome to share their thoughts, concerns, questions but please wait until the end of the board meeting during "open comments" to share comments to ensure a productive meeting.*

3. 7:12-7:37 Meeting Closed to Guests Due to Administrative Business by the Board

4. 7:37-7:50 Evals-Jim Leicht

-Evals were done with people from outside BFA 2 people (Jason Rudquist/Bill Borwege)-(Did not eval section of players that their daughters were in)

-Notes from Evaluators

-Overall pitching and catching strong

-Hitting improvements as an organization need to be address-Coaching instruction

-Improve/Develop Coaches

-Number of Players tremendous 1 14u, 3 12U, 6 10u, 2 8U Traveling, 3 8U In-house teams

5. 7:50-7:52 Pancake Breakfast Update (Jodi Workcuff)

-Planning going well

-Another meeting planning for Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>

-Bingo timing will be adjusted

6. 7:52-8:26 Board reports

a. President: Chris Clifford-

-Meeting with BAA

- b. VP Admin: Angie Salo
  - Team Formation
  - Working through some details
  - Angie: Motion made to extend the time to post teams to work through the details for no more than 48 hrs.
  - Seconded: Jim L. Motion approved by the board
- c. Treasurer: Amy Johnson (by Angie)
  - Scholarships for players-Angie reported 3 current applications (see below for continuation)
  - Board to approve-Chris Nicholson motion: Second by Chris Heisel Board Approved
- d. VP Strategic Planning: Vacant
- e. Corporate Sponsorship Director: Jodi Workcuff
  - Currently in a good position
  - Contributions down/gone: Cowboy Jacks (down), El Loro (gone)
  - New Sponsors: Urban Landworks; meeting convention bureau
  - Tria (increase)
  - Question raised to continue Cowboy Jacks Blast Off gathering. Board will look at other options
- f. Director of Communications: Jayson Knutson-N/A
- g. Facility Director: Keith Oerther N/A
- h. Equipment Director: Chris Nicholson
  - Reach out to Fall Ball and Dome Ball Coaches for equipment return
  - As new coaches/asst. coaches are identified -Have them contact for equipment issuing
- i. Secretary: Dave Powers-N/A
- j. Coach Development: Sean Skibbie (Molly)
  - Thanks for help with 8u evals
  - Coaching meeting coming up
  - From MN softball-Any adult (parent helper (practice), bench manager, 8U umps) to have direct contact with players need to have a background check. Once these people are identified per team, please pass their info along to Angie Salo for to complete the checks through MN Softball
- k. Player Development: Molly Bellmont-N/A
- l. Tournament Director: Chris Heisel
  - 6 Teams for BASH
- m. Marketing Director: Kari Davies N/A
- n. Member Services: Monica Kremer
  - done with Uniforms
  - old pants will be for sale as practice pants
  - Store will open soon and Close on March 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Coaches uniform link coming soon
- o. VP of Development: Jim Leicht
- p. In House Director: Allison Perske N/A

C. Scholarships Revisit (Amy Johnson Present)

-8 total 1210.00 (Still under budgeted amount)-Board Approval remained from previous vote due to being under budgeted amount for this purpose

-First aid kits-Chris Nicholson and Amy Johnson to discuss

-discussion on a pay by date for tournament registration-Chris Heisel will research

8. 8:26-9:05 Open Comments

-Brian Johnson (10U level coach) brought up his concerns

-Believes having 2 A teams is a mistake

-Concerned that this will push better pitchers/catchers down and move lower level players up

-Reward BFA players that have "time in"-1<sup>st</sup> yr pitcher up concern

Chris Clifford asked for a suggestion on teams at the levels

Brian stated that he thought there should be 1 A, 3 B and 2 C teams to solve the pitching issue

Jim Leicht responded by the MN softball guidelines for team levels and how the teams were decided based on feedback by the pitching/catching evaluator.

-Lenny Klevan Schmitz (Past Coach and Parent) brought up his concerns

-Concern for having 2 A teams

-Head coach concerns-Selection of coaches based on players and possibly not allowing an A level player on an A team if coaches are needed elsewhere

Sean Skibbie responded stated that this there was a possibility of this happening however, the player was placed on the proper team regardless of the coaching needs. So ultimately it did not occur.

-Eval Process concerns-Completed early with kids not being able to prepare due to other sports-Suggested evals to occur in the fall or shortly after the summer season

-Brian Kremer (Past board member, coach, and parent) brought up his concerns

-Questioned eval process-directed towards pitching evals.

-Advised by Jim L that he can have access to his daughter eval results/scores

10. Adjournment

Chris Clifford made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:05pm. Chris Heisel Second. Motion Approved

\*Above times are approximate. Original times/Topic order may vary from the original Agenda due to Board member availability/attendance

Minutes prepared by: Dave Powers, Secretary