

# NPGFA Meeting Minutes

## 10/7/2020

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, Michelle Fischer, Mark Cameron, Amy Skluzacek, Tina Steinhiff, Katie Galland. Amy Englin, Megan Tupy

Not Present: Becky Wilson

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Melissa Digatono, Megan Tupy, Amy Englin

**President Report:** Call to order @ 7:06pm

**Review and approve minutes:** Mark made a motion to approve, 2nd motion made by Katie. Approve 5-0

**Other Business:** New Board Members: Vote in new board members: Megan Tupy and Amy Englin. Motion to approve: Amy Skluzacek, Second motion: Mark Cameron. Motion passed: 5-0

### **Treasurer's report:**

- Balance: \$51,289.99
- We are in the plus by \$46, 687.
- Everything done through Oct 1, 2020
- Getting the laptop back from Colleen to pass onto new Treasure.
- Not all checkers have been cashed
- Income taxes extended 6 months, they will be due November 15th
- Appointed Megan Tupy as Treasure
  - Mark made motion to approve Megan Tupy as treasurer, seconded by Michelle Fischer; motion approved 6-0

**Calendar:** None

**Webmaster:** None

**Registration:** None

**Field and Gym:**

- Waiting to hear back from the school to see if we are allowed to use the gym for winter training.
- Dominic Digatono will help build shelves and Mark Cameron will assist
- Renting out At Bat, we are struggling with hitting and having two machines to work with girls will be beneficial.
- Possibly getting a discount.
- Starters is not allowing outside organizations in their facilities due to COVID.

**Fundraising Coordinator:** None

**Volunteer Coordinator:** None

**Equipment:**

- Getting smaller catchers gear for the younger age groups.
- Possible getting a new wagon to haul equipment.
- Equipment check complete

**Uniform:**

- Reimburse Weiers for uniforms
- Possibly getting new socks for all age levels. Current socks are very tight fitting and hot. Will continue with this summer as families have already paid for the socks but we will look into a plain black/cardinal color for next season.

**Umpire:**

- Alex says there is a change over with new people
- Katie will take on new role

**Tournaments/League:**

- Playing with no issues

**SBDC:**

- Asking for \$23,150.00 for next season.

- Last year had \$4,900 remaining. Lot of training planned but it did not happen due to COVID
- Buy pitching lessons from Andrea.
  - Give each kid 3 free lessons and buy one free.
  - Make a contract with her to guarantee slots. If not used by March then first come first serve to anyone remaining to grab those open lessons.
  - Will take responsibility of SBDC with these lessons. Starting now till next Oct 2021.
  - Will do individual pitching lessons and not group due to her current garage size. Cannot hold more than one pitcher at a time.
  - Need to find a shed to use and hang up batting cages.
  - Will pay her \$6,000/year for lessons.
- Catching:
  - Courtney will get paid \$50/hour for 6 hours per weekend. This is on the high end but will work with each team.
  - \$3,000 for Courtney total
  - Estimate to rent At Bat space to use. They will give us a deal at \$75/hour. Will look into getting a facility in New Prague. Potential using old Shopko.
- Facilities:
  - Parents can be charged for all this.
- TPL:
  - Asking for \$1,000 total
  - Paying \$14/hour
- Paid Coaches:
  - Paying them more to help
  - Head coaches make \$1,000 and will double to 2,000 and assistant coaches to \$600.
- Coaches Training:
  - More intentional with girls
- Over all goal:
  - Went big with asking price to help the program grow and be more successful.
  - Only a large asking price because of COVID and money was left over from last year.
  - Allows them to use Andrea in the summer
  - All the Fall training. Jan to Feb budget
- Nominated a coordinator: Melissa. Asking John McFarland to join SBDC
- 2 parents were upset with the 12U team for how large the team was and for the coaching abilities.

- Sending out a survey to ALL parents to see their experience of the season.
- Some parents want to re-do 12U/14U teams for the summer to make a stronger team..
- Will offer this mom to come to next month's meeting to address her concerns. That mom being Clarissa Farrell.
- Katie makes a motion to approve a budget for At Bat for \$4,500 for winter training.

Megan seconded motion, motion passes 7-0

**Dome Ball:**

- Dundas: 14-18U. Games are on Sundays. \$2,500/team
- W.St.P: Only high school level
- Maple Grove: ?
- Eden Prairie: High school level only. Registration closed Oct 11th.
- Edina: No 10U spot left. Sat nights 8-10pm
- Option of not doing dome ball and just doing training.
- Dome ball tournaments vs leagues. Give a list of tournaments to the coaches to help organize with their teams.

**Other Business:**

- Inviting Clarissa Farrell to our next month's meeting. Jim will send her an invite.
- Look over the budget and vote on it for next meeting.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Michelle, seconded by Katie; motion approves 6-0

**Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday Nov 4th @ 7:00 PM @ Michelle's house