

## **Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association**

### **Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm**

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Eric McAbee- Vice President

Katelyn Genzler – Assistant Concessions

Kacie Robinson – Communications

Meredith Peine - Frenzy Tournament Director

Jeff Buck- President

Tamara Barum- Fundraising

Jen Asleson-Equipment Director

Rob Grissom-Field/Facilities

Kelsey Bohlig In-House Director

Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer

Tara Lemke – Apparel

Chad Redman – Travel Director

#### **Board Members not in Attendance:**

Gretchen Lilja – Secretary

Sara Perkinson- Volunteer coordinator/Frenzy assistant

Kristina Young – Concessions

Neena Wilcox- Program Development

#### **Call to Order: 6:37pm- Call to Order**

Approval of minutes from last meeting(s): July 16, 2023

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- Meredith made a motion to approve open minutes, Jenny seconded motion, board voted, no opposition- minutes approved

#### **Open items**

Registration:

- Aug 28 – Sept 30; 12U – 16U Registration dates.
- Kudos on clarification for age/dates for clarification with the new rules for the 2024 season.
- Sept 22, 2023 – Deadline for petition for moving up to a new level. Petitions must be in before the Sept 24 meeting due to board votes before tryouts.

Concessions:

- Throw away old/gross buns- hard buns-- Need to toss these out
- Will need to get a Sams club order for the weekend.
- Expired Product did go out: We need to make sure we are checking dates when opening concessions.
- Tip Jar: Hard No! We do not take a tip jar. Some parents did for the little kids-

- Open / Close Checklists – Make sure we pull those out.
- Cost coming soon: but we had over \$2k Cash Saturday // \$1400 Sunday

#### Fall Ball:

- Moving Rubbers; Learn it, first person on each shift make sure we are good to go
- Aug 27 we must clear out the Empire Concession and reload at BMS
- YES – we will host Fall Ball State

#### Fields/Facilities:

- Dome for 12/14 is scheduled as planned
- **QUESTION:** When should Rob start planning / ordering gyms
- 8U / 10U Tryouts: **ACTION:** Jeff to send that date to Rob to finalize and schedule
- **ACTION:** Jeff to send dates to Rob to finalize schedule – Gyms for Fall.
- **FUTURE NOTE:** Gyms should be booked July 1<sup>st</sup> for the future school year.

#### Treasurer:

- Renegades sent Venmo to Lindsey for using a field for 1 day. Sublet Fields
- \$72,766.12 balance
- Scholarship: We only had 1 applicant; Morgan Wold- Played through 14U, dad was a coach. Varsity Captain. Dad was a coach. Great association family. - Eric motion to approve, Jeff to second: VOTE: APPROVED- **ACTION:** Eric will reach out to Lindsey to give her the check.
- **FUTURE NOTE:** Set up the scholarship to go to the schools in the Winter- Have a vote/winner before graduation and it would be – *Should this role into apparel and Promotion.*
- **ACTION:** Jen A would be able to participate in this / works at the school / could help promote and timeline.
- Coach Backgrounds: **ACTION:** Eric email the coaches, advise them to not only tell Lindsey they are done, but how to pay them.
- **FUTURE NOTE:** Brian Strindler is our contact at FYFA (Youth Football) to talk about future cost.

#### VP/Equipment

- BMS Fields- continued from July 16
- Must start as soon as Fall ball is over-
- Last time we did was 2019. Maps are the same
- New Proposal: Only do 2 fields at a time;
- **Questions for BMS:**  
 Could we ask Them NOT to drag.. Can we train the lead maint to Drag. And ask them to drag less  
 Could we add drainage? Is that another thing? Can the school help  
 Who do we rent fields from: Community Ed or Schools? Do they lower our rent? Do they lower it if we tell them to quit dragging?  
**ACTION:** Chad will ask all parties involved- if we do a 20-40K improvement. Will they participate in contribution- if not, will they provide good-faith rental for X years.  
 WHO do we need permission from? Superintendent, Athletic Director, ?
- Cost overview;
  - o Field A - ~\$10,000 (bases, level, drainage)

- o Field D - ~\$5,500 (No bases, leveling)
- o Field B - ~\$10,000 (Bases/leveling)
- o Field C - ~\$10,000 (Bases/leveling)

3 Proposals (This Year)

**A:** Proposal 1 - D and B - (we could NOT play at Qualifier) New bases, fill dirt ~\$16,000

**B:** Proposal 2 – D and A – Most popular fields ~\$16,000

**C:** Proposal 3 – ALL FIELDS – Biggest Cost, make it happen. ~\$36,000

**2023 Fall – All 4**

**2024 Spring/Summer – Drainage Fixing (Need to confirm a cost here // Push**

**2025 Fall, 2 fields recovery/maintenance ((yearly \$2,000))**

**2026 Fall, 2 fields recovery/maintenance ((yearly \$2,000))**

**\*\*\* Continued.**

Eric is making a motion to go with **Proposal 3** – with stipulations, for up to \$40,000 -- Rob makes a motion to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*\*\*\* Ask BMS to learn/train on dragging

\*\*\*\* Follow Proposal Schedule with cost/long term field maint.

Lots of Discussion -- Round table conversation

- **APPROVED:**

**FUTURE NOTE** When the drainage comes: We need to price shop 4 companies.

Shame on Eric & Chad - Love Kelsey

Fundraising:

- BINGO- Date is TBD – Likely October
- Halloween Walk
- Dakota Electric: Will donate \$200 if you make nationals. **ACTION:** Tamara will add this to the Fundraising manual.

Frenzy Director:

- Need to get dates set as early as possible: **ACTION:** Meredith will come with proposed dates at the next meeting
- Work with Empire / will they allow a May tournament

6U Coordinator

- Kelsey did a really great job this year.
- A lot of 6u Kids are playing fall at 8U – VERY HAPPY FEEDBACK
- **ACTION:** Kelsey, Add eye black and Glitter to 6U budget request for next year.
- Always have an older team come host this – they little kids LOVED this.
- **FUTURE NOTE:** Have a few older girls (2 per team) Join the 6U or 8U teams to sit on the bench, encourage the girls. Go to a practice, sit on a bench, teach some cheers.

Equipment

- Good feedback on new catcher gear.
- All Summer equipment has been returned.

## Presidents Notes

- Fall ball going good – First weekend went good. Board was good/helpful
- Things overall moved smoothly- most volunteers showed up.
- Fall Ball Roster Movement; Had to be done based on skill level. Chad, Jeff, Eric took care of it. One point of feedback; changes are fine, but we should have communicated better- Even just an 'updated roster email' Communication
- Nominations must be posted for Board Elections on Sept 3 - Voting is 1 hour prior to the meeting; Voting 6pm – 7pm / Votes counted / Board Meeting 7:30pm
- **ACTION**: Kacie; ensure we are clear that 1 vote per family

## General Notes

- Discussion: Update Bylaws that board members should have a child in the program. When a child leaves the program; the board member needs to leave: **ACTION**: Someone should write up that proposal, and present appropriately / **ACTION**: Jeff, to add to the agenda for future meeting. Tabled for a future conversation- Review bylaws for best way to promote this and review for future
- Board elections are coming up.

Call to Close 9:07pm

Kelsey made a motion to close the meeting, Meredith seconded the motion- board voted, no opposition, meeting ended.

- FUTURE MEETING DATES:
- September 24, 2023- elections
  - 6:30pm – 7:30pm Voting
    - Gretchen & Jeff should be here for this
    - Jeff to make ballots
  - 7:30pm MEETING
- October 22, 2023
- November ~~XX~~, 2023
  - Jeff will provide that date.