

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session

December 19th - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President
Eric McAbee- Vice President
Gretchen Lilja – Secretary
Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer
Chad Redman – Travel Director
Katelyn Genzler – Concessions
Kacie Robinson – Communications
Kristina Young – Assistant Concessions
Robin Leonard- Volunteer Director- no updates
Jeff Buck- Equipment Director- no updates
Tara Lemke – Apparel- no updates
Pau Harrington- varsity coach

Not in attendance:

Tamara Barum- Fundraising
Sara Perkinson- Frenzy Tournament Director
Meredith Peine - Frenzy Tournament Assistant
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities
Neena Wilcox- Program Development
Mika Kieffer - In House

I. Call to Order- Chris

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting: November 21st , 2021

- Eric made a motion to approve November minutes, Robin seconded motion- board voted, no opposition, minutes approved.

III. Open Issues

a) Parent Meeting – Feb 24th, 6-7 BMS Auditorium

- Eric, Chad and Chris to work on power-point. Chris to check with Katie on tech student.
- Ideally have parents drop off checks- must have checks turned in prior to trying out.

b) Recap of MN Softball Yearend Meeting- Discussion of surrounding leagues.

c) 12U White Team- No updates

d) 8U/10U Tryouts- Sat March 5th (7am-5pm) Evaluators secured- 3 (pitching, catching, other). Bring in 3-4 club girls to run the batting cages, pop fly machine

- Shifts of 3-4 people, working incremental shifts

e) Handbook (Review team placement criteria)

Handbook: Clarity on Pitcher/Catcher criteria and how it correlates to try-out score.

Specialty Positions:

- Page 6, E:
 - Discussion surrounding specialty tryouts and how that score plays into team placement, but overall score is what places a player on a team.
- **Current Verbiage:** Girls that try out for a specialty position will be placed on a team based on their overall tryout score and their specialty score. Their specialty score must be relative to their overall score. (Ex. If a girl makes the orange team as a specialty score her overall score needs to put her relatively close to the orange team as a player as well.)
- ❓ **Potential Verbiage correction:** Girls that try out for a specialty position will be placed on a team based on their overall tryout score (hitting and fielding). The specialty score will be used to determine pitchers and catchers within the team that their overall score places them on.

Discussion surrounding coach picks and how the tryout results are discussed with the coaches. You can only pull a player up from the team below.

- Section 16- communication- website (a) change website
- Chris and Kristina will look through the handbook for errors and work together to get an update version for the board to vote on.

IV. New Business

a) Parents Night Out 2/11

- Discussed verbiage for flyer and advertising. "Join us for an evening with friends, the cost is \$10 to get in and it's all you can drink tap beer"
- Kacie to set up facebook invite with Tamara.
- **BUDGET QUESTIONS**
 - Jeff to print flyers
 - Confirmed approval of purchase of two wagons. Jeff motioned for approval, Eric seconded the motion and the board voted. No oppositions, approved the purchase.
- **Donations**
 - Jeff to help with donations, we have receipts we can give businesses.
 - Board members will all plan to bring something for the booze wagons.
- **Open Questions about the Event**
 - Chris has some raffle tickets, also available at dollar store
 - Celts provides wristbands
 - Will buy keg from Celts

Expo- is in march during tryouts- Chris will think about it

V. Directors Reports

Sara- Frenzy, Sarah and Meridith will be meeting in a few weeks. We need to increase registration to \$400 (10, 12, 14- 4game guarantee) \$200 (8U- 3 game guarantee) Include ABC level at 10 and up

Chad- Working with Kacie on updating website, tryouts are in motion, empire request has been made. We aren't booking gyms for the early spring until we know what weather looks like. Open sports engine Jan 6th for registration. Closes March 1st at midnight.

Jeff- Last year equipment budget was \$8500, asking the board for \$10,000. All prices have increased, need to purchase two large tents. Eric made a motion, Kacie seconds all voted no opposition. Approved

Robin- no updates

Katelyn- Going to work with Sara on license

Kacie- Registration for off season pitching opens Monday 12/20. Will include fundraising opt-out option to registration. CA gear to provide updated jersey costs.

Lindsey- \$77,448.59 (savings and checking), we have a debit card, PO box is all figured out.

Gretchen- no updates

Tara- Verifying CA gear pricing for uniforms, looking at other options for fan gear.

Eric- Will send out email for coaches' background checks.

Paul- Captains practice at BMS start late jan early feb- HS girls to use FGFA equipment. Will verify dates and see what aligns with FGFA open gym. Youth night deciding on if we are having it 2022 due to covid. FGFA girls go to a varsity game and cheer on the girls. Third field doesn't have permanent fencing, just temporary. Want to enclose field, put up permanent fencing at 200yards, put in two foul poles. FHS boosters are committing \$10,000, overall cost is \$30,000- looking for assistance from FGFA. Hoping the school board will also contribute to the project.

will discuss FGFA's donation at future meeting

Chris to check with Marie on what we have done in the past for posters.

VI. Call to close- Jeff motioned, Kacie seconded and the board adjourned.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

☐ January 23 rd , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)

☐ February 20 th , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)

☐ March 20 th , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)