

# Bloomington Fastpitch Association

## Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes – April 9th, 2012

#### I. Call to Order

Amy Christiansen called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, April 9th, 2012 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

#### II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Jason Wendlandt, Mike Kopischke, Grant Effertz, Carrie Miller, Mark Flugstad, Beth Johnson, Amy Huett, Michael Taylor, Tod Deming, Melissa Walter and Amy Christiansen.

Non-Board Members: Craig Johnson

#### III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Amy Christiansen and seconded by Tod Deming that we approve the minutes from March, 2012.  
MOTION PASSED.

#### IV. Old Business – Old

##### A. Team selection recap

- All teams have been chosen and posted to the BFA website
- We need one more coach for an 8U team
- The two 14U teams were split A/B. Both will play B
- The 10Us were split into three equal teams
- The 12Us were split into one A team and three equal B teams to ensure pitching on each team
- Craig Johnson attended the meeting and expressed the following tryout / team selection concerns:
  - Feels the description of who makes the A teams is too vague and it would be helpful to parents and players to be clear each year on how teams will be put together
  - On the B teams, concerned that not only girls that tried out as a pitcher or are investing in developing as a pitcher will get the opportunity to pitch
  - Would like to know up front what the tryout expectations are. Feels it would be helpful for parents and players
  - Suggested that it would be helpful to provide scores and corresponding comments on tryout performance to players so they know what they did well and where they can improve
- The Board appreciates parent feedback, agreed that there are opportunities for improvement in next year's tryouts and will work to incorporate suggestions where possible

##### B. Bloomington Bash update

- We have twelve 10U teams, sixteen (full) 12U and 14U teams, seven 16U teams, eight (full) 14U elite teams, five 16U elite teams and only two 18U elite teams registered for the Bash. We will be canceling the 18U elite bracket due to lack of expressed interest.
- Pam Tucholke, 2011 Bash volunteer coordinator, will be meeting with Amy, Beth and Lisa Leicht (2012 volunteer coordinator) this week to transition and train on the process.
- Still looking for a concessions coordinator. The primary responsibilities of this role are to order the concession food and keep it stocked throughout the tournament. Last year we spend \$6,500 in tournament concession supplies.
- Tournament roles have been sent out to Board members to remind them of their additional jobs
- Still need to decide if we need medical personnel at Kelly

#### V. New Business

##### A. Parent meeting planning for April 15th

- Grant will send a reminder email out to parents including a promotion for the Waterpark of America fundraiser on April 20th

- Suggestion made to provide a “key dates” reminder handout to parents at registration next year
  - Would like to invite Jim Hanson to come to the parent meeting and sell season tickets to the batting cages
  - Meeting speakers have been coordinated
- B. BFA picnic planning for April 30th
- Tod will bring the picnic supplies from the shed to Dred
  - Mike T. will purchase 400 hot dogs, buns, chips and drinks (pop and water). He'll also pick up ice and condiments
  - Grant and Melissa will set up by 5:30 p.m.
- C. Water Park of America Planning
- Flyers will go out in the schools this week
  - High Schools have sold very few tickets so far
- D. Pitching clinic update
- Pitching clinics start this Friday and will be from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  - Recommendation was made to move the clinics from McAndrews to Olson South

## VI. Directors Reports

- A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt
- Need to schedule team pictures. Melissa will look into and coordinate. Planning for a Sunday in May or possibly June 3<sup>rd</sup> at JAC or KAC. Possibly can do outside if the weather is nice enough.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke
- Still working on the insurance but will have it done yet this week
- C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming
- All teams are scheduled for tournaments except the 12U Blue team has one additional tournament to schedule
  - Only a few players have yet to pay their registration fees
  - Emailed all tournament directors of tournaments we are playing in and provided them coaches names and contact information
- D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller
- No report
- E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad
- 8Us will utilize the gently used softies we already have for games
  - Will be completing coaches bags at the shed
  - 12Us are getting all new catchers gear, bags, bats, tees, etc.
  - Have 8 banners as we didn't get them all back last year. Will need to replace them.
  - Uniform orders have been placed by Diana. Order should be here by the first 10U game on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Still need coaches shirt sizes.
  - Need to get new head and assistant coaches background checks. Mark motioned and Amy seconded to do background checks every four years unless our insurance says otherwise. All in favor.
- F. Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen
- The field schedule is done. Split Dred times up from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Younger teams will get early time priority.
- G. Member Services & Membership Report: Diana Williams
- No report
- H. Marketing Report: Michael Taylor
- No report
- I. Player Development: Amy Huett
- Proposed changes for next year's tryouts. Proposed full tryouts on two days. Proposed introducing game situations. Need to vet specifics and formalize a plan for the 2013 season. Also recommended increased communication ahead of time to parents / players of the tryout format as well as posting tryout evaluation forms online ahead of time.

- Wants to meet with coaches once they have started practicing to discuss strategy to get all players playing at their ability. Amy has thoughts around how to facilitate this.

J. Tournament Director: Amy Christiansen & Beth Johnson

- No further report

K. Fundraising: Melissa Walter

- Sent donation requests out. Set up jewelry lady for both tournaments. Reached out to Culver's and checking with Westside Perk on a possible opportunity to sell coffee beans as a fundraiser.

L. Website: Grant Effertz

- No report

M. Open Comments

## VII. Adjournment

Amy adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 7th, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt