



Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

April 6th Minutes

- I. Call to order
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:11pm on Monday, April 6th, 2015
- II. Attendance
 - a. Persons present:
Board members: Karen Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Craig Johnson, Bob Lindberg, Cathy Currier, Grant Effertz, Gary Hanson
 - b. Others Attendees:
Jim Hanson, Tod Deming and Mary Tracy
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (March 2015)
Motion to approve March Minutes by Karen Johnson, 2nd by Gary Hanson
MOTION APPROVED
- IV. Old Business
 - a. S&C Sports Clinic - accepted the boards recommendations (date and cost for BFA participants)
 - Basic Skills Clinic (6/15-17, 2-4pm)
- V. New Business
 - a. Open Board Position
 1. VP resignation
 2. Follow up on items that need to be completed
 - a. Assistant coaches need to do background checks, BFA will cut individual checks to each assistand after they have completed the background check
 - b. PCA – have 20 on-line seats to use
 - c. Karen, Cathy and Tammy will meet to divide up the responsibilities
 - b. Code of Conduct
 1. Research for BFA Board – this has been assigned to Tammy
 - c. Storage Shed / Field 2 Dugouts
 1. Status Update – Still waiting on the lease from legal. Craig has a meeting scheduled with John to discuss dug out construction
 - d. Coachs Meetings
 1. Coaches Field Clinic (3/8) –
 - a. Was good but need to do more hands on during the clinic
 - b. Divide the clinic up into two groups; 8U-10U and 12U and up.
 2. PCA Coach Workshop (3/15)
 - a. Everyone had great experience.

- b. The leader had a lot to offer as she had experience in all levels – player and coach.
 - 3. Follow up needed for On-Line completions – Karen will follow and get the information out to those who need to complete the training.
- e. Tryouts / Team Selection
 - 1. Debrief / Lessons Learned / Suggestions to Improve
 - a. Change what we evaluate the kids on
 - b. 12U and above the opportunity to come to both tryouts and take their best score
 - c. Have tryouts closer to the start of the season
 - d. Do not need live pitchers at 10U
- f. Parent Meeting
 - 1. Feedback / Suggestions to Improve
 - a. Positive about the giving away of old catchers gear and bats
 - b. Heard during coaches meetings, “best run youth organization” and they love the way we are training our coaches
 - c. Make the lines clearer and separate them
- g. Jersey Request 12U Jensen – Nice design. BFA wants to stay true to our brand and have consistence within all age groups
- h. Field Status – All fields are open, but it is determined daily
- i. Kennedy/Jefferson Game (April 24)
 - 1. Picnic is at 4:30
 - 2. Karen is going to work with the two high school coaches to see how we can get the younger girls involved with the game
 - 3. Coaches will be asked to send information out to the parents
- j. Blast-Off – May 2nd
 - 1. General Prep/Action Items
 - a. Need to guard – David will check to see if American Legion is available
 - b. National Anthum – Karen will check with person who did it last yeat
 - c. Game schedule
 - d. Communication needs to go out to the coaches – remind them about banners
 - e. Invite our upper corporate sponsors
 - f. Confirm Sun Current reporter and photograher
 - f. Have the parade start at 9am
 - g. Banners
 - h. Committee was formed – Karen, David and Gary
- k. Fundraising
 - 1. General Update
 - 2. Catch The Fire Kick off – May 2nd
 - l. Clutch Participation – Here are the terms
 - a. Funds raised by BFA stays with BFA

- b. Funds raised by Clutch stays less \$1 per ticket to help cover expenses.
 - 1. Clutch will need to keep detailed records of who has what tickets, what tickets were sold and to be sure that unsold tickets are turned back in
 - c. Invite Corporate sponsors
 - d. Confirmed the top three (3) prizes going on the ticket:
 - 1. 16 tickets to a Twins suite
 - 2. A free tree installation
 - 3. One night stay at the Millennium Hotel in DT Mpls
 - e. Confirmed how packets are being distributed and collected
 - II. General Prep/Action Items
 - a. need to get packets assembled and ready for the kick off
 - I. Team Pictures
 - 1. Date/Prep/Action Items – still working on the details
- VI. Director Reports
 - a. President: Karen Johnson
 - b. Vice President: Open
 - c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
 - 1. Distributed the budget out to everyone in a prior email
 - 2. Still have some registration fees that need to be collected
 - d. Secretary: Tammy Tessier Kealy
 - e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson
 - 1. Board approved the fence request for Field 3
 - f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson
 - g. Player and Coach Development: Bob Lindberg
 - 1. Amy will be having pitching clinics starting in April, Tammy has asked for time off during the season
 - 2. The pitching clinics will be first come first serve and fill one class before opening another
 - 3. Looking for another 12U coach with some changes that happened in 12u and 14U, we are in need of a head coach for one of the 12U teams
 - h. Tournament Director: Cathy Currier
 - i. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
 - 1. Cart will be opening soon
 - 2. Practice t-shirts have been ordered
 - 3. Uniforms have been ordered
 - j. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
 - k. Marketing: Gary Hanson
 - 1. Lined up hotels – AmericInn and Hilton Garden Inn
 - 2. Confirmed Sun Current for the Kick Off
 - l. Fund Raising: David Rau
 - 1. Will call about the color guard
 - 2. Papa Johns – provided BFA members a code that gives everyone's order an automatic 20% discount and BFA will receive a check every quarter for 20% of the total sales from the BFA code
 - 3. Papa Johns has provided a code for the Player of the Game certificate, each girl will receive one by the end of the season
 - 4. Jimmy John's will donate party platters to an event whenever we choose
 - 5. Applebees dining out will be May 2nd, flier to be added to the Blast Off packet
 - m. 8U Director: Bob Lindberg

VII. Adjournment

Karen Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 9:13, 2nd by Bob Lindberg
 The next board meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd, 7:00pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts