

# NPGFA Meeting Minutes

## 11/4/2020

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 Steinhoff, Katie Galland. Amy Englin, Megan Tupy

Not Present:

Quorum present: Yes

Others present: Melissa Digatono, Anna Borwege, Clarissa Farrell

**President Report:** Call to order @ 7:11

**Review and approve minutes:** Michelle made a motion to approve, 2nd motion made by Becky. Approved 8--0

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

- Paid CSSW for taxes for a total of \$750.00
- Taxes were filed and submitted
- Balance: ??
- Getting Colleen off the account and giving access to Megan. Colleen will need to be present at the bank to sign off access and grant Megan access.

**Calendar:** None

### **Other Business:**

- A concerned parent made a proposal to combine strong 12U girls with 14U girls to make a more competitive team.
- Fall season did not go well for the higher level age groups.
  - Very inconsistent with the girls playing ability
  - One girl stood on the wrong side of the plate when up to bat
- 9 girls were picked to possibly make a strong competitive team

- 4 that are 12U and 5 that are 14U girls.
- Last 2 years New Prague has not had a competitive team above the 12U level because a lot went to the club level.
- Lost 5 girls to the club level because there was no final answer if there was ever going to be a team, let alone who was going to coach.
  - High school coaches offered to coach that team.
  - Kennedy Buckman was the coach for that team
- Girls that were not selected to be on the team would make up a team and have more of a “learning season”
- New Prague does not have solid pitchers/catchers.
  - Lost pitchers to a club level because we do not “back them up within our association”.
    - Do not have solid infielders to back up the pitchers, missed fielding and pitchers are throwing more pitches than need be and becoming frustrated.
  - Would support pitchers by having more solid teams for them to play on with equal ability level.
  - Do not support them by putting them on teams that do not belong on, too good or too bad for that assigned team.
- Keep girls playing together within the association if they had more solid teams.
  - Girls would be playing together till HS ball
- Would be better for the High School team because the girls would be always playing together and learning together.
  - Too many girls play for too many different club levels and have a hard time playing together when at the high school level.
- After 12U possibly making cuts if you’re not good enough to keep playing at that age level competitively.
- Working hard on finding a coach to coach this team.
  - Has been in contact with the HS coaches to help find a coach or if they can coach themselves.
    - Will be hard if high school softball is in the 4th season
  - Getting Joleen Otrema and her sister to possibly coach this team
  - Bucky is still wanting to coach this team
  - Other Alumni girls are committed to college softball or work internships.
- Michelle asked for parents and concerned parent to speak up sooner if there is an issue with coaching or ability of the coaches vs waiting till the end of the season.
- SBDC will train the coaches
  - Developing a coaching curriculum for the teams

- Reason for try outs in the summer is to get the coaches training during the winter for their summer teams
- In the end: Wants a more solid 14U team and an answer within a month or few weeks of if this is a possibility.
- Megan and Michelle read letters from parents voicing why this stronger team needs to take place.
- Melissa will reach out to the four parents who wrote letters and address their concerns and reasoning for the team
- Present this to the SBDC and see what they say about the make-up of this possible team.

**Webmaster:**

- Added sports engine for Andrea's pitching lesson
- Updated new board members

**Registration:** None

**Field and Gym:**

**Fundraising Coordinator:** None

**Volunteer Coordinator:** None

**Equipment:**None

**Uniform:** None

**Umpire:** None

**Tournaments/League:**

- Dome ball will be left up to the coaches based off the summer 2021 teams
- Tournaments will start after Jan 1, 2021

**SBDC:**

- Will not ask back certain coaches for future season
  - Leaves them with now 4 less coaches
- Trying to find coaches for summer
- Open up pitching lessons to Molly Richgels
- Andrea has limited availability, space, and distance from mound to plate is short

- At Bat:
  - In the process, Melissa is still working on reaching out to them to confirm solid times and dates.

**Winter Training:**

- Only can reserve times through January on Sat and Sundays
- Covid still pending as weather or not schools will shut down

**Site Supervisors:**

- Charging more per session due to COVID with sanitizing to \$40/hour.
  - Only 6 parents will be able to help out.
    - Will decrease the amount of DIBS hours as only 6 people are allowed to be a site supervisor.
    - Will need to find 6 site supervisors
    - Need to have a background check
    - Attending a meeting for training which is Mon Nov 16th @ 5:30pm via zoom. Mark and Tina will attend the meeting.
  - Charging us \$10/hour per reservation

**Other Business:** None

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Michelle seconded by Mark motion approved 7-0 at 9:27 pm

**Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday Dec 2nd @ 7:00 pm @ Michelle's house