



BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:01pm on Monday, February 2nd, 2015.
- II. Attendance
 - a. The persons were present.
Board members: Karen Johnson, Kristie Ludden, Sarah Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Craig Johnson, Tony Acketz, Stacy Acketz, Grant Effertz, Carol Effertz, Gary Hanson, David Rau and Bob Lindberg

Other Attendees: Cathy Currier, Aaron Vail and Anthony Dress
- III. IV. Guest Presentation: S&C Sports Services
 - a. Aaron Vail and Anthony Dress with S&C Sports Services attending the board meeting to ask if BFA will act as host and reserve fields for a Summer Skills Clinic Monday, June 8th through Wednesday, June 10th and a Collegiate Camp on Friday, June 12th as part of the Bloomington Bash Elite tournament.
- IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the January 5th, 2015 Minutes was made and 2nd by Tony Acketz
 - b. MOTION APPROVED
- V. Old Business
 - a. PCA
 1. Coaches workshop will be March 15th at JAC and we will need the North Cafeteria
 2. Karen will be meeting with Andrew Pillsbury to learn the tools
- VI. 2015 Registration (C.Effertz)
 - a. February 8th at Jefferson cafeteria from 5pm to 8pm
 - b. It was discussed and decided that 8U would get the racer back jerseys this year and not t-shirts
 - c. Carol will send out board assignments for registration days
 - d. Tammy will get certified rosters to Kristie for the coaches binders
 - e. February 10th will be a second registration at KAC, again Carol will send out details as it gets closer
- VII. Evaluations (T. Acketz)
 - a. Confirmed the dates and times
 1. February 28th, JAC, 12pm – 8pm
 2. March 7th, is make-up date, KAC, 8am – 3pm
 - b. Confirmed the same evaluators as last year
 - c. Grant will send out an email blast regarding what time the tryouts are for each age group
 - d. Bob will send out an email requesting coaches for 8U

VIII. Director Reports

- a. President: Karen Johnson
 1. Had inquiries regarding approved hitting instructors- board approved Nat Wagner and Jeremy Chell
 2. A list will be compiled with all the approved hitting, catching and pitching coaches and will be put out on Google storage
 3. Handbook has been sent out, please review and send any revisions to Karen so the book is ready for the parent meeting, double check for items that are date specific
- b. Vice President: Kristie Ludden
 1. Need coach applications, will send out another email reminder
- c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson
- d. Secretary: Tammy Tessier Kealy
- e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson
- f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson
- g. Player and Coach Development: Tony Acketz
- h. Tournament Director: Stacy Acketz
 1. Cathy Currier will be Asst Chair to help with games and volunteers
 2. Fundraising – if having raffle at Bash, need to staff and plan a spot for it
 3. Rain Policy – Cathy presented a draft, will add that we reserve the right to move teams to another field and/or provide one (1) umpire but play full games
 4. Changed how points are awarded to help keep brackets fair and consistent
 5. Changed the size of the Bash – only 72 teams, Cathy has worked this reduction thru the budget
 6. Winner brackets will have two (2) umpires except conciliation rounds
 7. Every team has to have a certified roster, otherwise a \$30.00 fee. If a team not certified plays, our insurance is invalid. We can mark them certified at the field.
 8. Rain out Saturday, sending out Sunday
 9. Cathy verified with Craig that there will be an extra box of each size ball and an extra pitching machine
 10. Cathy instructed Tammy that insurance will be needed two (2) weeks prior for the golf carts
 11. Marketing and Fund Raising will
 - a. Take care of the banners and hotel sponsors
 - b. Talk to vendors for the tournament
 - c. Place an ad in the Sun Current
 - d. Talk to the local businesses and let them know the weekends of the tourneys, so they can plan appropriately
 12. Need EMTs
 13. Cathy will send out a spreadsheet that contains all the information and what needs to happen for the tourneys to be a success
- i. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
- j. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
 1. Please be sure that the P.O. Box is checked before registration
 2. Found a new photographer – Sunshine, we will receive a CD with all the pictures that we can use
 3. Going to go talk to Big Frog about spirit wear
- k. Marketing: Gary Hanson
 1. Has an ad running for registration
 2. Working on the team banners
 3. Book for Catch the Fire
 4. Talked with the sports writer of Sun Current and he will be out of the Bash this year
- l. Fund Raising: David Rau
 1. Has meet and talked with other youth programs and they are starting to combine booster clubs, all the money is in one large pool.

2. Next year selling age group sponsorships, instead of individual teams
 3. Attending the Rotary Club meeting, is preparing a PowerPoint presentation, so if anyone has anything that he can add regarding what sets us apart from other groups, David would greatly appreciate the input
 4. Regarding raffle, David has verified with the state that as long as the total prize package is under \$5000, we do not need a license.
- m.8U Director: Bob Lindberg
1. Suburban League and Tri-County are going to offer an 8U League
 - a. Bob and Karen attended the meeting to discuss some concerns around the formation of this league
 - b. Shared our rules with them
 - c. 2015 will be a transition year – fees will be a \$25 league /\$125 for state tournament
 - d. Hoping to have 58 teams in the league which will turn the one day tournament into a two (2) day and will need all the fields for both days
 - e. Use national rules, no people on the bench, could have five (5) outfielders

XI. Open Comments

X. Adjournment

Karen Johnson called for adjournment of the meeting at 9:34pm, Tony Acketz made a motion and it was 2nd by Kristie Ludden.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd, 7:00pm at the Bloomington Center for the Arts

XII. Adjournment

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 5th 7:00pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts