



## Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 2nd, 2015

- I. Call to order  
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:00pm on Sunday, August 2nd, 2015
- II. Attendance
  - a. Board members present: Karen Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Craig Johnson, Bob Lindberg, Cathy Currier, Grant Effertz, Carol Effertz, Gary Hanson and David Rau
  - b. Other Attendees: John (JJ) Jensen, Daren Anderson and Rich Hanson (Clutch Hitters)
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (July 2015)  
With a date change noted in the meeting, A Motion to approve July 2015 Minutes as distributed was made by Karen Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Rau  
MOTION APPROVED
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Pitching Clinics
    1. July through end of FY 2015
    2. Set Program for 2016/2017
  - b. Catching Clinics
    1. Plan for July through end of FY 2015
    2. Program for 2016/2017
  - c. PCA Promotion
    1. BFA Website – general info and links
  - d. Committee Formations  
David presented an outline that has been successfully for other associations showing redunance for each position  
BFA Board  
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Appointed Position  
(non-voting)  
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Committee  
(as needed)
- V. New Business
  - a. 12U Coach / Parent Issue – parent involved hospitalized. It was agreed to wait to discuss.
  - b. Fall Registration, Evaluations and Team Formation
    1. Registration went good – we have 3 – 8U, 4 – 10U. 3 – 12U and 1 -14U team(s)
    2. Evaluations – there will be a make up day for 12U's
    3. Team Formations – Bob has started but we are short a few coaches, so he will make some calls. 8U – fine, 10U – missing one. 12U – only have one pair, need two more, 14U – fine

4. Karen will attend Monday league meeting, pick up score books and pay BFA and Clutch League registration fees (8 BFA teams, and 5 Clutch teams \$6,500)

c. NAFA

1. Revenue is up from last year but so are expenses
2. September reporting
3. Opening Ceremonies went quiet good with the shuttle service and off duty police officers. We had over a 1,000 cars so moving it at the last minute was a good decision.
4. Paid staff expense was ~ \$8900, only had 20 BFA volunteers
5. City discussed putting a limit of 70-75 teams as maximum number in a tournament at Dred Scott Fields. Dred Scott facility does not have parking to facilitate higher number of teams.
6. BFA needs to follow up with City of Bloomington and make decision on whether BFA can continue to host 10U NAFA or if tournament, 80 plus teams, has gotten too big.

d. Board Nominations – October Elections

1. Every position is open except for Secretary. Grant will send out an email to all parents with a call to help. If you have any recommendations, please let Karen know and she will reach out to them.

e. Parent and Player Surveys – are slow to come in. Grant will resend a reminder email to the group

f. Daren Anderson came to ask as a board what we are going to do about the 8U coach issue – recommendation from the board is an overview letter will be sent to the Eagn board with a couple of examples.

g. Discussion on how team names will be added to jerseys, according to JJ, most of the work (layout, style, art work) can be done long before we need to have name and numbers. Karen noted that she observed other teams at tournaments with sponsors listed on their team banners hung on dug out during games. Karen suggested BFA consider providing the team banners and including sponsors on the banners and placing team sponsor on practice shirts in lieu of uniforms.

h. All-Star team members will be listed on the BFA home page – Grant to post

i. Hudson tournament went well, everyone had a great time  
12U took 3<sup>rd</sup> in their tier, 10U took 1<sup>st</sup> in their tier

VI. Director Reports

a. President: Karen Johnson

b. Vice President: Open

c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson

d. Secretary: Tammy Tessier Kealy

1. Golf carts from NAFA – has there been any other communication from Yammah
2. ttk will reach out to Dan and see what/how we handle insurance for the new players for fall ball

e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson

1. Permit is ready for the dugouts. Not 100% clear on what is considered our \$2000 donation regarding the \$3500 grant, so Craig will review the application Stacey filled out. Grant will send out an email asking for help once a schedule has been put together.
2. Shed – Greg Boatmen responded to Craig's inquiry that it will still happen this fall. Confirm shed funding not tied to deadline to use Grant money. American Legion donated shed funding.

- f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson
- g. 8U Director and Player and Coach Development: Bob Lindberg
  - 1. Early next week should know the number of 8U teams. Mark has the field draw scheduled.
- h. Tournament Director: Cathy Currier
  - 1. Received good feedback from NAFA umpires and other coaches regarding our field crew and how quickly they turned the fields
  - 2. Suggest BFA procure a vehicle to haul things around during tournaments – food, rakes, fences, etc.
  - 3. Four tournaments in one summer is way too much for one TD to handle
  - 4. Recommend shorter grill shifts – 2 hour increments, not 4 hours – and get some sort of mats for the grillers to stand on, asphalt is just too hard
  - 5. Meeting with Clutch on the 17<sup>th</sup>, so please send an email to Cathy with any questions or concerns regarding the relationship you have
- i. Communications Director: Grant Effertz
- j. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz
  - 1. Have fall ball t-shirt order ready, just need final numbers by end of the week so we can get them on time
- k. Marketing: Gary Hanson
  - 1. Check on where the BASH pictures and interviews are
  - 2. Submit the 10 Blue Westendorf team picture for 10U state 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- l. Fund Raising: David Rau
  - 1. Started working on new sponsors for 2016 – have signed one for a triple, we cannot wait to the last minute like last year
  - 2. Put a Thank You to our sponsors in the Sun Current, Grant will help with the layout and artwork
  - 3. Still dealing with the tax exemption issue with Sam's Club

## VII. Adjournment

Karen Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 8:50pm, 2nd by Gary Hanson

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm** at the Bloomington Center for the Arts