

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
April 9, 2018 7:00-8:45pm
Chadwick Room, Bloomington City Hall



1. 7 pm Call to order
Molly Belmont called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9th, 2018.
2. 7:00-7:05 Housekeeping
 - a. Attendance
Board Members present: Molly Belmont, Kathy Love, Tammy Tessier Kealy, David Rau, Jenn Herron, Jenn Hembd, Brandon Peterson, Jessica Musta, Lisa Bruins and Amy Munsinger

Other attendees: Karen Johnson (past president), Tod Deming (Clutch), Mike Kopischke (KHS), Renee Spencer (parent), Brandan Lawrence (parent), Nannette Thorman (parent) and Megan Bernard (parent)
 - b. Approval of March meeting minutes
Molly Belmont made a motion to approve March Minutes as distributed. Motion seconded by Kathy Love.
 - c. Notification of upcoming meetings – May 6th at 7:30pm
3. 7:05-7:10 Shed Update and Guidance- (Molly and David)
 - Have received bids that are more than the money we have set aside. We could either go half the size or raise more money
 - BFA has \$15,000 set aside, bids received are
 - \$14,600 to clear and prepare the spot and pour the concrete (only), to buy the supplies need to will cost a total of \$25K-27K
 - \$38,000 was a bid received to do the entire project
 - Being the project is on city property, the project has to go from start to finish within 21-28 days
 - Sarah Piper who was looking into bids for us recommends we wait until we have more funds.
 - David and Leah are going to look into a partnership with a local company, grants or corporate sponsorship
4. 7:10-7:15 8u league meeting updates-Molly
 - Games start May 9th
 - Rule change – players cannot stand before the pitching machine, a white line will be drawn in the pitching circle
 - Umpires will be paid for the 8U tournament by the league
5. 7:15-7:20 Approval for Assistance -Kathy Love on behalf of Tiffany
 - Motion was made by Kathy Love on behalf of Tiffany Shermak that we approve seven (7) scholarship in all three ages requested for a total of \$1115, which is below budget. Motion 2nd by Jessica Musta
MOTION APPROVED

6. 7:20-7:25 MOA Tournament update (Molly and Jessica)
 - Everything is signed, up and advertising has begun
 - Focusing on the events that will be offered for all players – Nickelodeon, pin trading, i.e.
 - Flexsports will be there so girls can sign up
 - BFA will be offering three bids at our BASH tournament – MOA, NAFA and USSSA

7. 7:25-7:35 Tournament Prep Update for Summer (Jessica)
 - BASH – we are just about full – need 2-8U, 2-10U, 1-12UA – if we get everyone we will be close to 80 teams
 - Jessica presented over the Weather/Rainout Policy and who is in charge if the situation would arise.
Motion was made by Jessica Musta to use this policy during Bloomington BASH. Motion 2nd by Molly Belmont.
MOTION APPROVED
 - Tournament Volunteer Guide – has been updated and will be posted on the website.
Motion was made by Jessica Musta to approve the updated and revised guide. Motion 2nd by Jenn Herron.
MOTION APPROVED
 - 8U Tournament – Monica Kremer will be the on-site Tournament Director and hopefully will be able to shadow Jessica during BASH
 - MOA volunteer sign up will be posted May 1st. Erin Peterson will be in charge of the volunteers going forward.
 - Golf carts have been reserved – have reserved two for the 8U tournament.

8. 7:35-7:45 In House Director Role (Molly)- Vote to add position
 - Motion was made by Molly Belmont to add the position of In House Director to the BFA board under the VP of Development. Motion was 2nd by Lisa Bruins
MOTION APPROVED
 - At the May meeting, we will take nominations and vote for the open position

9. 7:45-8:00 Blast Off (Molly and Preston) -Walk through the afternoon
 - Is April 28th, depending on weather will depend if we have the event or not. We will not reschedule the event. Teams will still need to pick up their Catch the Fire packets/
 - Pitch-Hit-Run – we need volunteers. Reaching out to the high school softball teams and other groups within each high school.
 - David is working on the Sponsorship banners
 - Board members need to be there at 8:15, coaches at 7:30 to help prep the fields.

10. 8:00-8:05 Pictures (Jenn Heron)- Travel and In House
 - Travel - Friday, April 20th will be uniform handing out and team pictures
 - In house – Saturday, April 21st
 - Team banners will be ready for the BLAST OFF. Great way to get our new brand out!!!
 - Trading cards may be available for each girl

11. 8:05-8:10 Parent Meetings Recap/Feedback-Molly
 - To get more people to attend, maybe have the coaches meeting before
 - Do the players need to be there?

12. 8:10-8:15 Waiver Policy Review-David Rau
 - History was given
 - Discussion needs to continue on how we want to update our waiver
 - Three waiver policies were presented and discussed and we liked of each.
 - David will form a committee to continue work on the policy and will bring it to the board

13. 8:15-8:35 Board Reports

- a. President: Molly Belmont
- b. VP Admin: Kathy Love
- c. Treasurer: Tiffany Shermak
 - o It was brought up that if next year we could add a line item regarding a “rainy day” fund for April, so parents do not have to pay for the extra gym space – discussion to continue
- d. VP Strategic Planning: David Rau
 - o Sponsorships are done!
 - o Waiting to hear from Sam’s Club and RBCU
 - o Collection Raffle prizes, our goal is to have \$15K in ticket sales
 - o Need help following up with raffle prizes phone calls and then collecting the prizes
 - o Dick’s donated more equipment
- e. Corporate Sponsorship Director: Leah Hughes
- f. Director of Communications: Jenn Hembd
- g. Facility Director: Preston Renstrom
 - o First field draw will be April 11th at the city offices
- h. Equipment Director: Daren Anderson
- i. Secretary: Tammy Kealy
- j. Coach Development: Steve Hofer
- k. Player Development: Amy Munsinger -Strategic Planning Report
- l. Tournament Director: Jessica Musta
- m. Marketing Director: Jenn Heron
- n. Member Services: Lisa Bruins- Strategic Planning Report
- o. Brandon Petson: VP of Development- report update AND Eval/Team Formation Process
 - o Numbers game – 10U and 12U each have an A team
 - o Areas of concern for team selection
 - When and how to start with coach selection/applications
 - Team formation committee got together and setup scenario’s (top 16)
 - Conversations had with parent/coaching
 - Same process was used as years past
 - Outfielding was hard to evaluate, so those scores were ranked lower
 - Numbers were inputed – team selection committee got the information – numbers included infield/outfield/hitting and catching. The numbers did not include pitching or catching
 - o Done better:
 - What happens at tryouts
 - How we communicated to coaches – was allowed to select asst coaches
 - o Top 16 – top 3 locked and team formed from the rest of the Top 16 – worked great
 - o There will be a work group meeting regarding evaluations this Sunday, April 15th at 2pm

14. 8:35-8:45 Open Comments

- o Use high school coaches, add more days and times for evaluations, maybe bring the teams to the board for approval

15. **8:45-** Adjournment

Molly Belmont made a motion to adjourn at 10:02pm, it was seconded by Lisa Bruins