

# **NPGFA**

**Board Meeting minutes 4/3/2019  
7:00PM City Hall - Chamber Room**

## **New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association Mission Statement**

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: Alex Plonski, Colleen Ambroz, Jim Kaufman, Michelle Fischer, Chad Kraml, and Todd Pietsch

Not Present: Pat Perkinson and Lisa Johnson

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Daylan Johnson

### **Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 7:04PM by Colleen Ambroz

### **President's Report:**

- Reading of mission statement by Colleen Ambroz

### **Secretary's Report**

- Reading of last meetings minutes by Alex Plonski
- Changes:
  - 3/6/2019 minutes:
    - Buyouts:
      - 7 **11** for flowers and 40 **8** for pizzas
  - 3/13/2019 minutes:
    - 10U = 3 teams
      - C - 42 **13** athletes
    - 14U = 1 team
      - B team - 42 **13** athletes

**Motion made by Chad Kraml to approve 3/13/2019 meeting minutes.**

**Seconded by Michelle Fischer.**

**Motion passed 5-0.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

*Jim Kaufman*

- Cash balance: \$29,700
- Tax return due May 15th
  - Accountant will be doing it
- All bills have been paid
- New batting cage still needs to be ordered
- If fundraising goes well, we will have too much money in the bank if we don't do the field improvements we are currently planning on
  - Not doing improvements → offer an extra tournament to the teams, keep money for possible payments on gym/field rentals, pay more non-parent coaches
  - Look at increasing the pay for non-parent coaches (i.e. recent college graduates or current college students)
  - Look at doing small item updates → flagpole and new poles for the JV fence

### **Volunteer Coordinator's Report:**

*Nikki Hauck*

- Pat has emailed Nikki to change the batting cage DIBs item date to 4/6
  - It is the HIGH SCHOOL TEAM'S responsibility to put up the cages

### **Webmaster Report:**

*Lisa Johnson*

- The 2019 Teams page has been updated
  - Nikki has created DIB sessions for each team & volunteer opportunities
  - Nikki has been given 15 hours of volunteer hours
- A PDF document for Volunteer Coordinators to use on how to create DIB Items is at the bottom of the Volunteer Page
- The Contact Us page has been updated
  - Removed Joel Munson and added Daylan Johnson
- Lisa has created a template for creating teams that she'd like suggest the SDBC uses for team selection and sends for board approval
  - Whatever is on the template will be what is updated on the website

- Using this to try to eliminate the number of times we update the Teams page

### **Registration Coordinator's Report:**

*Todd Pietsch*

- 100 athletes registered for the 2019 summer season
- 2 athletes on payment plans that are behind on payments
  - They also are not doing the fundraisers
- Have Pat send out an overall email about getting fundraiser items to Michelle by the deadline
  - Possibly add a "late fee" for those who get things to Michelle past the deadline

### **Board Calendar**

*Todd Pietsch*

- Coaches meeting on April 9th at the Medina Entertainment Center:
  - 6:30pm for 8U/10U
  - 8:30pm for 12U/14U
- Booster club has taken over Youth Night → May 2nd
- April 30th → Benefit night for Brian Marsh

### **Equipment Coordinator:**

*Michelle Fischer*

- Equipment will be handed out on Sunday, April 7th
- A new pitching machine has been ordered for 8U
- New catchers equipment needs to be ordered for 10U
- All clinic equipment will be put into the middle school shed after the summer season
- All sheds will have new locks on them on Saturday, April 6th
- Order tape measures for the fields

### **Field/Gym Coordinator:**

*Michelle Fischer*

- We have the go ahead to use the fields starting April 8th
- Coaches MUST rake fields after practice
  - The equipment box will be moved to the west field at the community center

## **Fundraiser Coordinator:**

*Michelle Fischer*

- 454 flowers sold this year
  - Still missing forms from 1 family
- Pizza:
  - Start: May 26th
  - End: June 10th
  - Pick-up: June 27th
  - Look for a new company for a freezer truck

## **Uniform Coordinator:**

*Chad Kraml*

- Socks should be here the week of April 8th
- Jerseys/coach shirts should be here the week of April 26th
- Had about 38 orders from the online store
  - Met all the minimums
  - Should be about 3-4 weeks after closing date for orders to come
- Online store:
  - Can look at clearance items to buy and create a screen print logo
  - Use these items for prizes/raffle options/etc.

## **Umpire Coordinator:**

*Pat Perkinson*

- Steve Schmitz is covering 12U/14U games
- Pat Perkinson/Alex Plonski/Nate Sticha will be covering 10U games

## **Tournament/League Coordinator:**

*Colleen Ambroz*

- Coaches meeting on April 9th at the Medina Entertainment Center:
  - 6:30pm for 10U/12U
  - 8:30pm for 14U/16U

## **SBDC Report:**

*Daylan Johnson*

- Tryout process:
  - Space → what are we doing to if we can't get the gym, rent out dome space
    - possible fall tryouts for a realistic feel
  - Catchers → remove evaluation?

- Infield evaluation → ball is being rolled on a smooth gym floor vs. dirt on a field
- Policy for who the judges are?
  - Always try to get non-parents
- Coach selections

### **Other Business:**

- Customer hardship payment plan:
  - Create a guideline/policy in the registration coordinator description
  - Step #1: make payments over so many months
  - Step #2: decrease overall pay, add more volunteer hours
- Pull tabs: looking at the month June
  - Next step: talk with Rich Novak
  - Must have a board of at least 15 people and keep a separate account
  - Monthly fee you must pay out to the state
  - Must brief your board monthly
  - Must pay rent for who is hosting during pull tabs
  - Look at using that money for paying for gym/field space, dome space, etc. for the future of the program
- Batting cages - grading dirt
  - Remove timbers and create the dirt safe again
  - Grade dirt and level
  - Michelle will check with Eric Steinhoff about who should be doing this
- New coaches:
  - Have Daylan/SBDC reach out to the coaches to teach them the “NPGFA ways” (i.e. throwing progressions)
  - Create check-ins throughout the season
  - Create practice programs for coaches to follow
  - All training/requirements MUST be done by the first game
- Trailer: Sell/auction fundraiser
- Windscreen: should be up by the middle of April
  - Wasn't ordered right away due to changes that were made when originally ordered
  - Will be shipped the week of April 8th

### **Table:**

- Come up with ideas for what to do with some extra money
  - Field updates
  - Shirts from the association for every athlete/coach

- New registration coordinator description → payment plan
- Bylaws → 8U moving up to 10U and have a 2-day evaluation
  - As individuals?
  - As a team?
    - Keep all 8U together instead of making even teams
  - Get coach feedback after the season
- Team sizes for next year
- Team pictures → dates
  - April 28th or May 5th

***Motion made by Alex Plonski to adjourn the meeting.***

***Seconded by Jim Kaufman.***

***Motion passed 5-0.***

**Meeting adjourned at 9:48PM.**

**Next meeting 5/1/2019 at City Hall - Chambers Room at 7:00PM.**