

Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 17nd, 2020 7-8:30pm
Chadwick Room, Bloomington City Hall



1. Call to order

Chris Clifford called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:04 p.m. on Sunday, May 17nd, 2020. Meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing. (Note: May meeting was originally set for May 3rd 2020 at 7:00pm. The meeting was postponed to take into consideration the Governor of MN new changes to the Stay at Home order for COVID 19 during the week on May 10th 2020).

2. 7:04-7:07 Housekeeping

a. Attendance

Board Members present (Bold): **Chris Clifford, Amy Johnson, Angie Salo, Jayson Knutson, Jodi Workcuff, Chris Nicholson, Dave Powers, Sean Skibbie, Kari Davies, Monica Kremer, Jim Leicht, Allison Perske, Molly Belmont, Keith Oerther, Chris Heisel**

Other attendees: Jason Rudquist, Erica Hake, Maggie Johnson, Vang Skibbie, Jaiah Kamara, Liz Friederich, Mark Perez, Jenny Perez, Amy Keith, Einer Rasmussen, Jen Rasmussen, Becca Wait

b. Notification of upcoming meetings-Sunday, June 7th, 2020 7:00 p.m-8:30 p.m.

c. Approval of October meeting minutes-

Motion to approve By Chris Clifford; Second-Angie Salo

MOTION APPROVED by BFA Board

d. Note-All guests are welcome to share their thoughts, concerns, questions but please wait until the end of the board meeting during "open comments" to share comments to ensure a productive meeting.

3. 7:08-8:00 Overall Discussion on BFA Activities to Date

BASH-The BASH Tournament has been cancelled- The city has not opened the fields. Vote was not needed as the decision was ultimately made by the city due to field closure. Discussion was to move the tournament or scale back a tournament later in the year. Discussion tabled until June meeting.

Pancake Breakfast-Current Status-Postponed. Based on State guidelines surrounding COVID-19 and eating establishments, it effectively cancelled the current date. Discussion on hosting the Pancake Breakfast will be tabled until the June meeting.

BFA Survey Results of Players-

- Results on 152 responses (115 Traveling Players; 37 In House; 37 No response)
- 56% said **Yes** to returning to play if season starts
- 31% said **Maybe** to return to play if season starts
- 13% said **No** will not return to play if season starts

Refunds-If a player does not return to play a registration refund will be made less \$100.00 (for uniforms). The player will get to keep the uniform.

Pancake Breakfast refund decision will be based on whether a pancake breakfast takes place. No decision has been made whether a breakfast will happen (see above). We are waiting for more directives from the Governor in the weeks prior to the June 7th meeting. Conversations on the Pancake Breakfast has been tabled until the June meeting.

Molly Belmont and Chris Nicholson suggested and requested a communication be sent out on COVID 19 updates to the membership. A message will be sent out per Chris Clifford

Bank Account Changes-

Motion made by Chris Clifford: Motion to add Angie Salo as a signer on the bank account. Motion second by Chris Heisel. **Approved** by the board.

Motion made by Chris Clifford: Motion to remove Molly Belmont as a signer on the bank account. Motion second by Jason Knutson. **Approved** by the board

4. 7:52-8:26 Board reports

- a. President: Chris Clifford-N/A
- b. VP Admin: Angie Salo
 - Background Checks are on hold until season decision is made
 - Insurance has been renewed-Thanks to all that help get documentation for the renewal.
- c. Treasurer: Amy Johnson
 - Refunds/Reimbursements will be made for expenditures that are outstanding including coaches for training conference attended
- d. VP Strategic Planning: Vacant
- e. Corporate Sponsorship Director: Jodi Workcuff
 - Had some sponsorship questions of nonpayment for sponsorship fees promised-3 sponsors-No direction given-Situation will be monitored
 - Girls Scouts donated 450 boxes of cookies for BFA fundraising. Currently in the freezers at the shed
- f. Director of Communications: Jayson Knutson-N/A
- g. Facility Director: Keith Oerther N/A
- h. Equipment Director: Chris Nicholson
 - Uniforms will be picked up once paid for (Keith Oerther). Per Amy payment will be made the week of May 17th. Then the distribution of the uniforms will be by coaches.
- i. Secretary: Dave Powers-N/A
- j. Coach Development: Sean Skibbie
 - Thought of girls scout cookies donation to hospitals (HCMC) as a possibility
 - Asked if any direction from MN Softball on the COVID-19 guidelines, etc.
 - Molly responded- Dan Pfeffer with MN Softball is turning, along with other youth sports organizations, a proposed plan in to the Governor's office to request games to start games by June 15th.
 - They hope to have an answer from the Governor by Friday May 22nd.

Chris Heisel suggested a panel to make decisions regarding the return to the field without board approval. It was determined that the proposed plan approved by the Governor will dictate the return to practices and games in the future. The board will follow the MN Softball guidelines for return to play as well.

- k. Player Development: Molly Belmont-N/A
 - l. Tournament Director: Chris Heisel
 - Since BASH is cancelled request for assistance with refunds. Amy Johnson will help coordinate.
 - m. Marketing Director: Kari Davies N/A
 - n. Member Services: Monica Kremer
 - Spirit wear should have been distributed/delivered to the person placing the order.
 - o. VP of Development: Jim Leicht
 - Softball Association governing bodies (i.e. MN Softball, USSSA, etc.) will have a waiver to play under the current conditions player, coaches will have to complete if a season takes place.
 - p. In House Director: Allison Perske N/A
 - Chris Clifford brought up and approved In House Refunds-
5. 8:26-9:05 Open Comments
- Jenny Perez-Double check on girls scout cookie resell
 - Documentation was received by the Girl Scouts to use the cookies as a fundraising option for BFA
 - Jason Rudquist
 - Thank you for volunteer on the board.
 - If there is a season-it will be a "circus"- Just the coordination of events, teams, possible setting of tournament dates in July/August etc. Some other associations are moving tournaments to other dates in prep for play. Just wanted the board to consider
 - Chris Heisel responded that the BASH won't be the same size tournament-consideration of a smaller size event
 - Surveys Comments-If people want the money back for a refund, he felt the refunds should be made
(Chris Clifford thought resending the survey to the "maybes" and "no responses" to get a better idea on commitments and team reorganization.)
 - Pancake Breakfast-If a breakfast happens, refunds should only be given for tickets not sold.
 - Liz Friederich-N/A
 - Amy Keith-Would like to see some communications from the board on the current status of the season
 - Einer Rasmussen (Jen)-N/A
 - Maggie Johnson-When/if season starts she would like to see coaches' expectations on who is responsible for instruction/teaching/coaching and the social distancing guidelines once determined from the board
 - Vang Skibbie-Refund thoughtful and consistent wording because of COVID-19
 - Erica Hake-not all people got the last survey
 - Jaijah Kamara-Appreciates the board's work
10. Adjournment
- Chris Clifford made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:39 pm. Angie Salo Second. Motion Approved

*Above times are approximate. Original times/Topic order may vary from the original Agenda due to Board member availability/attendance

Minutes prepared by: Dave Powers, Secretary