

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session

January 23rd, 2022 - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President

Meredith Peine - Frenzy Tournament Assistant

Neena Wilcox- Program Development

Gretchen Lilja – Secretary

Katelyn Genzler – Concessions

Tamara Barum- Fundraising

Chad Redman – Travel Director

Sara Perkinson- Frenzy Tournament Director

Kacie Robinson – Communications

Eric McAbee- Vice President

Tara Lemke – Apparel

Robin Leonard- Volunteer Director

Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities

Jeff Buck- Equipment Director

Lindsey Schepers- Treasure

Paul Harrington- varsity coach

Mika Kieffer - In House

Not in attendance:

Kristina Young – Assistant Concessions

I. Call to Order- **Chris**

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting(s): December 19 th, 2021- Jeff motioned, Eric seconded, no opposition- December min approved.

III. Open Issues

- Parent Meeting – Feb 24 th, 6-7 BMS Auditorium
 - a. Content to be worked on by Chad, Chris and Eric
 - i. Covered content- uniforms, multiple options to try on uniforms. Will plan to do uniform try ons after parent meeting during open gym.
 - 1. Uniform checks
 - ii. Fundraising cards will be available for 2/24 meeting
 - 1. All 12U, 8s and 10s that didn't opt in
 - iii. Volunteer checks to be collected
 - 1. All ages need to bring a check
 - b) 12U White Team- now has 10 players- one possible pitcher. Will investigate adding a pitching clinic for this team. Will work on trying to get a few more players and a coach. Eric to communicate with the team to encourage open gym attendance.
 - c) 8U/10U Tryouts- March 5th. 8U in the AM, shift to 10U. Chad needs 4 helpers, Eric to work on securing helpers from his team to assist with batting cages and ground balls. Chris to secure a pitcher and catcher. Will plan to provide pizza, soda and small payment for helpers. Outside evaluators committed from MN fastpitch academy. Alternative tryout option available, will create a signup genius for those tryouts.
 - Team approvals- can have a team placement meeting prior to 3/20 if needed.
 - Ok to place uniform order prior to team announcement
 - d) Handbook (Review team placement criteria)- push out another month, Chris and Kristina to review.
 - e) Parents Night Out- CASH ONLY- Feb 11th.
 - Get alcohol to Tamara by 2/4- beer, wine, liquor
 - Will need set up help
 - Table for check in (someone carding & wristbands) 1 volunteer
 - 5 people pouring beer
 - Celts has clear cups, color changing cups available
 - Working on getting gift cards from local restaurants
 - f) Budget- Lindsay and Chris connected and will work through putting things in quick books.

- Lindsay to send Sara and Katelyn example budgets from years prior to help create budgets for this upcoming year.
- Discussion surrounding buying a new grill for FGFA- will discuss options for storage. Only for FGFA use.
 - Eric motioned for approval for \$900 for new grill, Robin seconded motion- voted, all in favor.

Discussion surrounding memorializing Scott Herda within FGFA. Discussed his impact within the programs. We donated to his go-fund me, possible scholarship options for graduating seniors or annual memorial tournament. Looking at big picture ideas doe years going forward.

-Scott Hughes (At Bat) is interested in hosting pre-season scrimmages 10, 12, 14 with proceeds going towards a certain foundation.

-Discussion surrounding tournament vs pre-season scrimmage. Empire and umps volunteer time?

-Volunteers to start working on logistics, Paul, Tara and Sara interested. Discussion surround decals, stickers to honor Scott Herda.

-Discussion surrounding 501c's and scholarship. 990 must have a line item for the scholarships. Discounts for registrations should also be a line item. Will discuss qualifications for scholarships at future meeting. Will reach out to Kayla Herda to have her approve whatever decisions we make to honor Scott.

g) FHS Softball Donation Request- D

IV. New Business

Farmington Expo – Same day as tryouts

Lacrosse tournament- Eric will working with them to coordinate field usage and parking issues. They only need the baseball fields, they charge for parking.

V. Directors Reports

Eric- backgrounds coming in, working on 12U white coaches. Need to roster a 16U

Mika- 6U- start to advertise in march, starts in Mid May \$85 registration fee, registration open in April

Kaitlyn- will work on stocking up on Gatorade, alternative options Body Armor, Propel, sugar candy in high demand.

Katie-Fields at HS, BMS (no field C until mid May), FES starting 4/18. FES, BMS 6-9, HS 7-9

All JV, varsity 9 and 10th grade will play at HS- alt spot with be BMS A or B

Tamara- Fundraiser cards will be here for parents night, Haile nutrition- working to set up fundraising opportunity. Bourbon Butcher- working on fundraising opportunity. Also looking at Panda express opportunities.

Sara/Meredith- Registration is open, a few teams registered. Checks are ok if teams want to use that payment route. Every level will be playing from FGFA. Working on getting it on MN softball.

Gretchen- no updates

Neena- 12 players in pitching clinic currently. Working on putting together a player conducted catching clinic- last two weeks in feb. Coaches clinic in Rosemount today- 4 registered FGFA coaches that attended. Working on FGFA coaches clinic, will aim for similar line-up as last year.

Chad- Connected with Kacie to get dates on the calendar for tournaments. 12,14,6u coaches are aware of these dates. Chad to join advisory board to get Jim Bell park/rec center up and running. Historically denied, working on getting new momentum behind the proposal.

Kacie- Working on promoting events, registrations etc. 6U- registration to open in April.

Jeff- no updates

Lindsay- \$85,805.71 total, venmo, paypal and checking and savings. 12U orange and black have signed up for all of their tournaments for the season.

Tara- Uniform prices- small increases. Possible warm-ups.

Robin- no updates

Chris- Tri-county deposit meeting, will need check for Tri-county meeting 2/7.

Paul- Captains practices start 1/31. 2 dome teams currently playing. Tryouts 3/14. Decals created. Apparel for team being worked on, could blast out link for FGFA players to order from. Will get update from school on amount they are planning to donate.

Next meeting-

-6U dibs

-Venmo rules- Jeff to research

VI. Call to close- Eric motions to adjourns, Robin seconded motion- meeting adjourned.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

February 20 th , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)

March 20 th , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)

April 10 th , 2022, 6PM @ Celts (NEED CONFRIMATION)

