

**Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association
Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session
March 21, 2021 - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm**

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President
Kim Boyd – Secretary
Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development
Chad Redman –Travel Director
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities
Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director
Jeff Buck – Equipment
Tara Lemke – Apparel
Susan Taylor – Asst Tournament Director
Lindsey Schepers – Treasurer
Jennie Rutter – In House
Robin Leonard – Volunteer
Neena Wilcox – Fundraising
Matt Johnson - Communications

Paul Harrington – High School

1. Welcome and call to order by Christine (Chris) Schweich.

2. Approval of February meeting minutes

Matt J made a motion to approve the February 2021 meeting minutes, Robin L seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the February 2021 meeting minutes.

3. COVID-19 update

No new COVID updates since last meeting. Have not seen the MN Dept of Health paperwork for the concessions. Sarah P will reach out to try to get the info.

4. Frenzy Tourney Posting and Registration

8U (2 Farmington teams) – 5 total teams registered
10U (4 Farmington teams) – 11 total teams registered
12U (4 Farmington) – 11 total teams registered
14U (2 Farmington) - 5 total teams registered

Sara has reposted on different Facebook sites to keep the tournament at the top. Seems like since some teams have finished tryouts we have gotten more entries.

5. Uniform/Fundraising/Volunteer for added 8U players

There were 2 players added for 8U. Chris will give Neena and Tara the parents phone number to reach out for Fundraising and Uniforms. Matt will be collecting the money from one of the families for Volunteer, Fundraising and registration.

6. Frenzy Meeting

We will see how the next month of planning goes but tentatively schedule a meeting for Monday May 31.

7. 6U Registration

Matt has built the 6U registration and had to send it in to get approval. It usually takes 5 days for approval. So it will go live later this week or early next week. We do not need to worry about roster sizes at this level or numbers. Registration will close one month (4 weeks) from the day it goes live. The cost is \$85 for registration. Jennie and Tara will work together on getting the t-shirts ordered.

Directors Reports:

Corey S – Off Season/Program Development – Nothing additional to add at this meeting.

Jeff B – Equipment - Jeff has all of the 10U and 8U bags ready to go. He will follow up with 12U coaches to see if they need small things added to their bags. We sent a request to Empire to get a box at the fields to put our equipment there. Once they approve we will order and it drop **off**.

Robin L – Volunteer - Robin will follow up on the few the missing volunteer checks. Robin asked when she needs to have the signup genius ready for the Frenzy tournament and when it goes live. Once registration closes and we are able to set the schedule and know the needs for the weekend we can put the list together. It usually only goes out a couple weeks before the tournament.

When do we need fences up at Boeckman? Paul said the first home game is April 13. He asked the AD to put up the fences. Fields A and D.

Lindsay S - Treasurer – The FGFA current balance is \$83,466.91 (checking and savings). Lindsey will work with Matt to figure out how to move the tourney machine money over to our accounts. Lindsey has been paying for tournaments for 12U and 14U teams and 14U off season dome ball. We paid the \$650 deposit for Tri-county, but have not paid the invoice for the remainder of the teams. Chris will send Lindsey the invoice for Tri-County, but we do need a change for MN Softball so that one cannot be paid yet.

Neena W – Fundraising – With the exception of the new 8U registrations we have collected fundraising money from all 8U and 10U players. We are still collecting some from a few 12U and 14U players. This year 35% have opted in and purchased cards and the rest have paid the \$60 and opted out. We sold 150 cards and we ordered 300, and 100 cards can be sent back and we will only be invoiced for 200 cards. So as of right now that is a \$5960 fundraising profit for FGFA. Chris got a phone call from a fundraising person Impact Fundraising, she will pass the information over to Neena once she knows more. Teams still have the option to sell additional cards to fundraise for their teams.

Matt J – Communications – The 6U registration is built and waiting for approval from Sports Engine. Once it can go live we will send out communications via email and social media. We will also send out communications for the remaining open gym nights.

Kim B – Secretary – Nothing additional to add at this meeting.

Chris S – President - Tri-County has a new site to register teams a different way this year. Everything entered on this site will be posted on the MN softball website. Chris will have Chad or Corey help the coaches get their teams registered. Since it is a new site birth certificates will need to be verified again so coaches will need to collect them again and get them entered for verification. The final meeting for Tri-County for the pickup for balls and score books is March 30th.

Sarah Preston – Concessions - (report given by Chris S) – Sarah is still waiting on the health department forms and she will reach out to request them. We did NOT purchase the wagons from Sam's yet. Sarah has a list of items she would like to purchase from Amazon for the Frenzy but is waiting until we know more about how concessions will work. Do we know if Empire will be turning on the water this year or if we will have access to the building? Chad said he sent Empire an email and we usually don't get the fields until May. If we can't do normal concessions can we set up a tent at FES and Empire and just do limited concessions? Beverages, hotdogs, chips, candy and a few other pre-wrapped items. Food trucks will not lock in dates unless it is a confirmed date, so we can't lock them in until we know more information from Empire.

Katie M – Fields and Facilities – Katie confirmed FES for June 5th from 9am to 4pm to host the 8U tournament there instead of the high school. We added gym 5 for March 29, 30, April 1, 6, 8, and 12 for 7:15-9:15, these times will be used for teams rather than just open gym. Katie has emailed about switching May and June meetings but has not gotten confirmation yet from Celts. No practice schedules yet as we need to get approval from schools and we don't have access to fields yet. Chad will work on schedules as soon as we have the info, hopefully by the first of April.

Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director - Susan and Sara will work on medals and t-shirts for awards and will have info at the next meeting. Sara did email the updated tournament rules to Chad and Chris but will make a couple modifications to ensure the wording is the same throughout and all dates are for 2021 and send them again. Once approved then we will need to post on the website. Sara and Susan will get an updated version of list of Frenzy jobs for each board member for next meeting.

Susan Taylor – Asst Tournament Director – nothing additional to add for this meeting.

Jennie R – In House - Jennie will pick up the new yard signs tomorrow and we can get them put out once the registration goes live. We will hang the banners on the fences next year and we will keep them on the shed for now. Once registration is approved we will get it communicated and have it up for the month. Tara will check into t-shirts to make sure we know the timeline.

Tara L – Apparel – Everyone (except the two new 8U players) have paid, everything is verified and she will turn in the order this week. Pictures are scheduled for Thursday, April 29th (Thursday). Tara will assign teams time slots for that night. Eric will send an email to the coaches with the date and let them know the time slot will be to be determined closer to that date. We currently have a 5 week window to get uniforms ordered and back for pictures. Tara is still working on board shirts and coaches shirts. Tara has an option for the pullovers and would like to use the same logo that is on the jerseys. The board agreed that Tara should move forward with her plan and option for the pullover. The pullovers will be \$40.

Paul Harrington – High School – High school starts March 29th which is 3 weeks later than normal. Can the net be left down on the nights there is FGFA open gym after HS practice or tryouts? Unfortunately, we need to put it up after each session as we don't want them to get left down and then FGFA doesn't come in after and the custodians have to clean up. High School has not sent out the COVID rules for the season yet. Paul will communicate as soon as he has more information. There are very few HS tournaments this year. Lakeville cancelled their tournament which is one that we used to play in. We do plan to go to Forest Lake now but tournaments that used to be 3 game may now only be 2 games. JV and 9th and V usually play 20 games but 10th grade only has 3 other teams in our conference so we usually use tournaments to get games in for the 10th grade. No youth night this year and no mentoring this year due to COVID. Paul sent a message to the AD to get fences up by the first game if he needs help from FGFA he will reach out. HS would like to use fields A and D at Boeckman for the games. The middle school time change is really going to cause issues with games and travel. FHS field renovations are supposed to start in March but not really sure yet, so right now they are scheduling practice weekly and will use FHS until it is no longer available. Practice days the fields will be used until 5:30 on weekdays for HS. Games don't start until 4:30 so games won't be done until 6:30 and Boeckman won't start until 4:45 so won't be done until 6:45. Chad said that FGFA is going to try to use Empire as much as they can so they don't interfere with high school. The 9th and 10th grade teams will be done Memorial weekend. We will need to be flexible this year because if a game gets rained out it may need to move to the next night.

Chad R – Travel Director – Once we get the go ahead we will need extra help building practice schedules to get everything organized. Chad will work with Eric to get information out to coaches since some things are changing this year. Chad expressed his Thanks for the help at Tryouts. It was great to do everything all in one day. We can decide between now and this fall if we want to change it before next year. Chad said the older girls that assisted for tryouts did a great job. He would like to do something for the helpers that helped all day. The board all agreed that Chad did a great job with tryouts. **Jeff made a motion, Robin seconded to pay \$50 for the girls that were there all day and \$25 for the girls that were there for half day.**

Chris S called the meeting into closed session for team placement discussions.

1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings and Events

Dates for Open Board meetings –

April 11, 2021 6pm at Celts

May 23, 2021 7pm at Celts (not confirmed)

June 20, 2021 7pm at Celts (not confirmed)

2. Adjourn Meeting

Kim B made a motion to adjourn meeting, Sara Perkinson seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.