

NPGFA

**Board Meeting minutes 3/4/2020
7:00PM City Hall - Chambers 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: Jim Kaufman, Alex Plonski, Michelle Fischer, Katie Galland, Mark Cameron, Amy Skluzacek, Becky Wilson, Colleen Ambroz, and Tina Steinhoff

Not Present: Chad Kraml

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Melissa Digatono

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Jim Kaufman

President's Report:

- Reading of mission statement by Jim Kaufman
 - HS Softball Beer Bash: March 14th 6-8pm at Czech'ers
 - We get all 50/50 raffles we want → don't need to split with the Booster Club
 - Any big donations will be given to NPGFA and NPGFA will donate back to the Booster Club
 - Mark will be there to help with the 50/50 raffle
 - Anyone else that's there can help if need be

Secretary's Report

- Reading of last meetings minutes by Alex Plonski

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to approve 1/30/2020 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Michelle Fischer.

Motion passed 8-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Colleen Ambroz/Jim Kaufman

- Cash balance: \$43,500
- Registration has been coming in and more still to come with tryouts being on Saturday
 - At a total of 88 registered today

Webmaster's Report:

Tina Steinhoff

- Need to go in and make registrations inactive
- Daily/weekly updates are being done

Volunteer Coordinator's Report:

Amy Skluzacek

- An email needs to be sent out to parents who have done the coach training to go in and claim their DIBs hours
- HS Hit-A-Thon: March 28th from 8-12pm
 - Need to put out on DIBs for volunteer hours
 - 10 more people to do front toss
 - 4 from 8-9am
 - 5 from 9-10am

Registration Coordinator's Report:

Tina Steinhoff/Michelle Fischer

- 88 total signed up
 - 8U: 24
 - 10U: 29
 - 12U: 32
 - 14U: 3

- 14U → 4 girls are playing for Jordan
 - Belle Plaine and Jordan are not an option
 - Lakeville has reached out to us
 - Need to reach out to TCU, Prior Lake, Chaska, Chanhassen, and Shakopee
- Possibly have another 8U signing up
- We have one parent asking to have one of her 8U athletes to be moved up to 10U to keep her kids between 2 teams instead of 3
- Possibly move second year 12U up to play 14U
 - Email will be sent 14U athletes about this option with tryouts coming up

Equipment Coordinator's Report:

Becky Wilson

- Week of March 16th, inventory will be done by Becky and Michelle
- Will be creating a new check-in/out system to keep track of equipment
 - Missing buckets of balls again
- Coaches should be the only people who know lock codes
 - Possibly look at doing locks that need keys → keys go out to coaches and MUST be returned at the end of each season
- HS will be requesting to use the pitching mats
- HS purchased lite-flight balls that can be used by the association
- JV fence
 - Melissa is talking to Rick Bell about what baseball is doing for their collapsible fence
 - Mark will be looking into PVC pipes

Field/Gym Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- Teams can start practicing March 22nd

Fundraising Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- Flower fundraiser will be ready to go at tryouts → same as last year

- Buyouts:
 - Flowers: 7
 - Pizzas: 5
 - Volunteer: 1

Uniform Coordinator's Report:

Chad Kraml

- Samples will be at tryouts

Umpire Coordinator's Report:

Alex Plonski

- Alex will be reaching out to Barb/Steve this week
- If they are not able to cover for us:
 - Pat Perkinson, Alex Plonski, and Nate Sticha will be taking all the games
 - Any youth who have gone through cadet training can umpire as well

SBDC Coordinator's Report:

Melissa Digatono

- 14 tried out on March 1st, 2 are trying out on March 8th
- Evening of March 8th, teams should be created
- Andrea and Courtney have done pitching and catching evaluations
- A coaching binder has been created by Melissa
 - This will be given to all coaches so they know what is expected of them or have questions, know how to run practices, etc.
 - Look at adding a recommended tournament list
- March 15 at 6:30pm at the High School: Alex Plonski and Pat Perkinson will be doing a coach's training
- Non-parent coaches will be paid \$1,000 for the summer season
- Fall ball tryouts will be held possibly for all athletes
 - This gives coaches the opportunity to coach their team throughout the winter
 - SBDC is concerned about who will be in charge of the winter trainings
- Schools are going through the process of possibly adding batting cages for the auxiliary gym at the middle school
 - Cage on pulley system → would be about \$3,000
 - Lighter, need less people to put up/take down

- Baseball said they would buy one if softball bought one
- The school may pay for part of the cage
- Do we gain anything by putting cages up → will we be getting the gym space to use the cage, are we going to be enforced to using just the MS versus being able to use the HS as well?
- Would we be able to utilize the cages during the summer during rain outs?

Other Business:

- Green laces for kidney disease will be purchased by the association with proceeds going to the family of Kianna Johnson
 - Proceeds are for driving expenses, medical bills, etc.

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to approve NPGFA purchasing green laces for kidney disease in honor of Kianna Johnson.

Seconded by Mark Cameron.

Motion passed 7-0.

- Team registration will be done by Michelle and Tina → deadline is April 9th

Tabled for next meeting:

- Amend VP, Webmaster, and Communication Coordinator roles in By-laws
 - Colleen, Tina, and Alex create description for each role
- Amend Meetings section in By-laws
 - Jim create description
- Concessions during summer season → discuss more around tryouts
 - Keep simple → chips, seeds, water, etc.

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Alex Plonski.

Motion passed 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46PM.

Next meeting 3/11/2020 at New Prague Middle School Room 209 at 7:00PM.