



## Board Members

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## Presenter

Steve

- MN Softball meeting on Feb. 7.
  - o LFSA was reinstated on Feb. 7
  - o Rule changes
    - Got rid of the dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike in 10U C League. This doesn't affect 10A or 10B.
    - Pitchers don't have to drag their foot while pitching anymore.
    - Additional rule changes will be noted from MN Softball meeting notes.
  - o Steve will communicate rule changes in coaches meeting. .
  - o LFSA will look to host a cadet umpire meeting.
  - o There will be tournament training soon hosted by MNsoftball.
  - o MN Softball will host a tournament training in the near future.
  - o There is a huge Dudley softball shortage.
    - Kevin said to order a dozen of the 11in and 12 in.
    - Steve will reach out to Brian to get these going.
- Tryouts
  - o As of, Feb 10 we have just over 20 girls registered for 8U, 50 girls for 10U, 16 girls for 12U, and 3 girls for 14U.
    - We will help connect the 14U girls to another organization.
      - May have an option with Eagan and Prior Lake.
      - May have a 14U coach, Emma Olson
  - o Need an estimated 1 hr. to set up tryout stations.
  - o Will communicate to parents that the girls can be there 30 min. before tryout time to warm up.
    - 10:00am–11:30am – 12U tryouts
    - 11:30am–11:45am – Move rubbers to shorter distance, exchange balls, etc.
    - 11:45am–1:15pm – 8U tryouts
    - 1:20pm–3:00pm – 10U tryouts
  - o Will look to have 5 kids in each tryout group.
  - o Girls will do each station one time.
    - 8 stations and one coach at each station evaluating.
    - One helper per station.

- We have the Dundas Dome until 4:00pm
- Todd will provide two pocket radars
- Looking to have ICE do the pitching and catching tryouts.
- Steve sent the high school coaches, Lisa and Mike, a detailed email on what we needed for tryouts.
  - Hoping to have 4-5 coaches help and a couple of girls from each school.
    - The HS girls would help the girls get to each location.
- As of Feb. 10, we had 91 girls looking to tryout. 32 of these girls are signed up for the make-up session.
  - Traveling basketballs state tournament fell on the same day as tryouts.
- Make-up session will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Have the Lakeville North TCO dome from 2:00pm-5:00pm.
  - Start with the three 12U girls
  - Follow with the 27 10U girls
  - Hard stop at 5:00pm.
- Equipment for the tryouts
  - May need to rent a couple pitching machines from the Cages.
    - The one at Kenwood was brand new
  - Jason has 2 of the older radar guns if needed.
  - Card tables and folding chairs
    - We can use the tables in the lobby in Dundas.
    - Additional tables at Aronson if needed.
      - Kevin can borrow some from work if needed.
- Looking to form teams on March 6<sup>th</sup> or the 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Need to establish coaches.
- Next seasons tryouts
  - Looking to avoid the state tournament (State falls on the 25-26 in 2023).
  - Steve suggested that we do tryouts the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>.
    - This would allow coaches to sign up for the bigger tournaments that fill up quickly.
  - Need to make sure that uniforms are done by the end of March.

Nick

- Looking to establish some Spring open gym/practice times
  - Nick sent out email as a takeaway
- Sara Molton needs fields for 2 days in August 16, 17 for a clinic.
- We have 9 fences for the 2022 season.
- Status of Spring orders from Jason
  - Will look to get 2 additional fences.
  - 4 new field rigs
  - 2 squeegees
  - 2 small chalkers for the boxes
  - 24 base plugs
  - Pitching rubbers
  - 18 bat hangers
  - 4 new team equipment bags
  - 64 additional black fence posts.

- This all equates to about \$8400. Richie gave the okay to move forward.
- Additional spring order needs
  - Chalk – only order the chalk, don't need field dry and conditioner.
    - Nick said about 7 bags of chalk
  - Bucket of balls
  - At least one pitcher rubber
- Board voted on spring order. All were in favor of the order.
- Catcher's gear
  - Jason said there are at least two full new sets of catcher's gear.
  - Need to go through to see if it is usable.
  - The black catchers gear should be the newest gear.

#### Matt

- Dibs checks
  - Matt to enter data in once we have the checks.
  - Receive checks at the time of uniforms.
  - Make sure to define the last day of hours
    - Checks will be cashed the next day.
- Traveling - \$250 dibs check in 2022, 6 hr. volunteer requirement.
- In-house – \$250 dibs check in 2022, 3 hr. volunteer requirement.
- Both traveling and in-house get 1 head coach and 1 assistant gets full dibs.
  - Traveling gets a manager gets half the hours

#### Amanda

- Activities and sports festival has been cancelled.

#### Bobby

- Received information on the mock-ups. Will send information via email.

#### Todd

- Grand slam tournament looks to have 56 teams by the end of this weekend.
- Steve will ask how to get tournament posted to the MN Softball website and give Todd the info.

Next meeting will be help on March 13. Possible topics include:

- Coaching training
- 10U in-house program
- New uniform designs