

White Bear Area Fastpitch Softball Association Board Meeting Notes

June 24, 2024 6PM at South Campus Between Fields 2&4

Agenda:

1. Call To Order: 6:09 PM
2. Roll Call: Board Members: Carrie Rivard, Scott Kasten, Joni Joy, Jim Roettger, Lindsey Shellenberger, Brianna Oliverius, Jen Verplaste, Sheila Evans
 - a. Visitors: Heather Larson, Gregg Larson,
3. Public Forum: No Public Membership Requests to Talk
4. Director Updates:
 - a. MONSTA/NAFA Gifts - Beach Towels and a String Bag -
 - b. Qualifiers feedback from Township - Email from White Bear Township about parking and no parking zones. Will place Large signs at the corner with No Parking Signs and keep people from parking in the road.
 - c. If this continues they will not allow us to host anymore. We will place many more signs about parking signs and placing flags closer to the road. Ticketing will be allowed per direction from Joni and Carrie to Police/Township.
 - i. Also need an email to our Association about the situation
5. VP Updates:
 - a. 8U Nafa - We had 2 8U teams allowed to attend 8U NAFA. We have never had this occur in this specific tournament.
 - i. Cost - \$430 fees -
 - ii. Pins - Have been ordered
 - iii. Cost for gifts (\$10-\$12 limit) - Who covers this cost? We will cover the costs of Pins and Gifts as we do for the rest of the older teams who choose to go to MONSTA/NAFA.
 1. Joni made a motion to approve the cost of all pins and gifts for 8U teams going to 8U NAFA. Jen V. seconded. All voting members in attendance stated Aye. Motion Passed
 - b. Nafa Teams Update
 - i. 2 - 8U (21)
 - ii. 5 - 10U (58)
 - iii. 2 - 12U (23)
 - iv. 3 - 14U (33)
 - v. 1- 16U (12)
 - c. Tryouts Update
 - i. Incoming Numbers (Movement) -
 1. 10s - 81 (+8) 79
 2. 12s - 41 (+7) 49
 3. 14s - 39 (+15) 37
 4. 16s - 29 (+18) 13
 - ii. Tentative Schedule - May change depending upon numbers, especially in 10s with potential of 8s moving up.
 1. August 5th - 12 (41) Util, 14 P/C
 2. August 6th - 14 (39) Util, 10 P/C
 3. August 7th - 10 (81) Util, 12 P/C

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4. August 8th - 16 Util and P/C (12 P/C)
 - iii. **8s need something new...either at registration or 8U day of assessment. Skills or Clinic day to help identify what skills girls have vs. brand new girls coming onto a team together. Potentially having a mini tryout in order to have an upper 8U team in order to have an 8U teams in the MNSoftball program are around 32 teams but is more traveling**
 - iv. **Or a potential 6U program in order to allow for some of the younger girls to get in but not be so young/new to 8U in order to have a more level playing field.**
 - v. **Table 8U discussion for now - We will place on agenda after Fall Tryouts - Joni will send a survey to get feedback from 8U parents on what they want to see.**
6. Tournament Director (Sheila):
- a. Bear Classic Updates:
 - i. Positives: Bringing Brianna and Genna on in the concession stands made things better. DIBs were filled quickly which helped.
 - ii. Changes to be Made: Rent Hand Washing Stations (2) so we can have people washing instead of hand sanitizer.
 - iii. Do we try to do a 12U B/C tournament or keep it as an Open? Or do we open it up to be larger for more teams?
 - iv. 10s it was hard because there was not a big enough bracket to play so maybe a double elimination bracket. We do a 5 game guarantee and that is too hard with brackets. Maybe we need to look at options for bracket play.
 - v. Carrie to discuss potential new field options in Hugo for games/tournaments as well as a potential new facility moving forward in 2+ years.
7. Treasurer/DIBS Updates (Stacy):
- a. Current Balance: ~\$75,000
 - b. Card Updates on Square Reader: No complaints reported, seem to be working well other than needing to be connected to power - Reader # 9058 seemed to be the issue in regards to disconnection so we may need to re look at that.
 - c. DIBs Updates:
 - i. 65 athletes still have hours to complete
 - ii. Overall sessions have filled well with few no-shows
 - iii. Once state brackets are set I will post those sessions ASAP, let Stacy know of any gaps from qualifier's schedule or times where too much help was scheduled - Having an earlier morning opener and later closer for help to open and close concessions and a grill closer
 - iv. Have a spreadsheet with the Dibs along with who signed up as well as the time and position that they filled up for. Along with the option for if a parent/person fills in and didn't sign up can also put their name down in the sheet as well as check in on the iPad.

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- v. DIBs cancellation - it is a 2 day hold prior for DIBs so if within 48 hrs they cannot cancel their shift.
 - vi. Garbage Can by Porta Potties, as well as make sure we just place Garbage Bags in the Garbages instead of dumping them into a bag.
 - vii. Bathrooms are continuously locked in the school so we need to look at options of what can be done with the school.
 - viii. **FALL DIBS were discussed post meeting due to Stacy's absence. Stacy L. confirmed on 7/2, via email that due to Dibs coverage needs the Fall 2024 Dibs requirement hours would need to increase from 4 to 6 hrs for 10U+ per player with a \$300 Dibs (\$50/hr) per player buyout as approved with the fee scale for the Summer 2024 season. 8U would remain the same at 2 hrs/player. Communication will be placed on the website as below:
 - 1. 10u, 12u, 14u families: 6 hours per player with a maximum of 12 hours per family.
 - 2. 8u families: 2 hours per player with a maximum of 4 hours per family.
 - 3. DIBS buyout fees for fall are:
 - 4. 10U-14U: \$300 per athlete, \$600 max per family.
 - 5. 8U: \$200 per athlete, \$400 max per family.
- d. Reimbursements:
- i. If you make purchases for the association and do not have a card, Stacy needs a receipt for the expense with your name and whether you were reimbursed with cash (from concessions) or need a check. You can text or email a picture of the receipt to Stacy or put it in the bucket in concessions. - Board members are allowed to reimburse on the day with a receipt if we have them and then write the information on the list.
8. Concessions/Fundraising Updates (Brianna/Genna):
- a. No Updates as of now...we will discuss more in the Fall
9. Scheduling Updates (Lindsay L)
- a. Field Update email sent 6/22 (fields packed full!)
 - b. Dumpster will be picked up this week
 - c. Porta potties reserved for State this weekend including clean out Saturday and Sunday morning (will cancel Saturday morning clean out if no games on Friday)
10. Social Media Updates (Scott):
- a. We had some issues with form so we figured it out and now it seems to be working. Form was still working but it wasn't actually forwarding it to Scott. He will update QR code with one that works indefinitely. Expanding it to families as well
 - b. Been trying to add an Instagram account and sync it to the Facebook account. Finally figured it out so we should now see both if we post to one we will see it on both
 - c. Add Dibs this weekend
11. Equipment Updates (Swen/Jim):

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- a. Order more catcher gear for the association after Summer Gear Check In (Safety Check we will NEED to see all gear at the end of summer)
 - b. For Initial Equipment Handout - We need to hand out a bucket of balls and a bow net prior to outside
12. Apparel Updates (Jen V):
- a. Pin Update - PINs are ordered and should be in late this week or early next week. 15 PINs per girls
 - b. Additional Jersey (2 colors) for summer for ALL teams option for next summer.
 - c. Group Buy for Softball Bags from Boomba - Jen V to get an order form together for a Bag Buy
13. Next Board Meeting: July 22nd, 2024 at 6PM at Otter Lake Fields
14. Motion to Adjourn: Lindsey S. made a motion to adjourn. Jen V. seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 PM