BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2018

**Opening:**

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria by Matt Baufield, President.

**Present:**

Board Members

Matt Baufield – President Tony Loftus – Treasurer

 Michelle Fjone – Vice President Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Kris Knodle – Travel Coordinator Wayne Howe – In-house Coordinator

Kris Lund – Secretary

Board Members Not In Attendance

All present

Other Attendees

Rich Berg

Kelly Bowne

Joshua Zoccoli

**Old Business:**

1. A motion to approve the November Minutes was made by Michelle Fjone, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
2. A motion to approve the current Treasurer’s report was made by Kim Bowen, Kris Knodle seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor. Tony is writing a $175 check to Corey Wemple (Wayne’s assistant coach) to reimburse him for volunteer fee – check cashed by mistake.)

\*Treasurer’s report is available upon request\*

1. Tony Loftus handed out the **Kwik Trip cards** to board members who wanted to sell them. He had purchased $3,000 worth of them. We have the potential of making a total profit of $450 if all are sold.
2. Kris Knodle reported there is nothing new to report on the **Hit, Run Throw Competition**. Tabled until January meeting.
3. Matt reported on the **end-of-the-season travel meeting** that he attended. Umps are going to be stricter with coaches next year if they argue with them – handing it down to the association to take care of. May penalize teams that don’t show up for State. Looking for eight teams to start a U23 League.
4. There was discussion about possibly bumping up the **registration and volunteer fees**. Tony Loftus researched Monticello, Becker and Buffalo fees and compared them to ours and they were comparable after all the fees and uniforms. He said checkbook balance is higher than 2016 and 2017 so it was decided to leave the fees alone but increase the volunteer hours to 8 (4-hour shifts) instead of 6. Players 16 or older can rake fields, parents can rake fields or work concessions at tournaments or help at the open gyms to get their hours. A motion to approve increasing the volunteer hours from 6 to 8 was made by Kim Bowen, Matt Baufield seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.

In-house registration fee will include the clinic and open the same time as travel January 1. If registered and paid before March 1 the fee will remain the same as last year ($35 for 6U; $65 for 8U). If registering after March 1 the fee will go up to $55 for 6U; $85 for 8U. Michelle Fjone mentioned having a table advertising the association at the elementary school conferences (March 4 and 7).

1. **Travel update** by Kris Knodle was that he reached out to outside communities regarding 14U pitchers – hasn’t heard back on anything yet.
2. **In-house update** by Wayne Howe was there will be mandatory numbers on jerseys. There was a good turnout for the clinic last spring (Saturdays in April).
3. Clinic updates: There are nine dates for **pitching clinic** starting January 6. There has been an average of 24 girls participating in this clinic. It was discussed raising the fee since it hasn’t been raised. $5 flat fee per girl goes to Community Ed and the rest to Katie. Matt waiting for a response from Brad/Paula if that CE fee is changing. It was decided to raise the fee from $135 to $155.

Kim Bowen has been in contact with Tony, a hitting coach for St. Kate’s who has owned his own **hitting clinic** in the past in Arizona. He was going to get back to Kim if he would do it. Fee for the hitting clinic would remain at $135 for eight weeks.

Kris Knodle will be contacting Hjermstad to see if he wants to do **catching clinic** again this season. That would run five weeks.

1. **Varsity Field/Batting Cage update**. Kim Bowen said Geroux has to put on door handles and cubbies. He is done until spring. They didn’t get the power in yet because of the frost. The Batting cages are not done yet either.
2. **2019 Tournaments** – Matt Baufield said Brian told him we could have both days for fall state tournament. We could possibly host the fall league.
3. **Liberty Concessions** – Michelle will report on this after the 50/50 Raffle so tabled until January.
4. **Non-voting board positions** – Tabled to January

**New Business:**

1. Michelle Fjone is going to be updating the handbook.
2. Rich Berg built a two-foot section of a bench for the dugouts for Kim Bowen to see – looked great. He is going to make the bench out of 20-foot lumber (brown treated) and get the supplies at Big Lake Lumber. He will get the Board an amount he needs (around $1,100). Rich said his labor will be free – thanks! The pancake breakfast raised $1,625 to cover the cost. The school is holding the money and will disburse the funds to Rich.

**Open Discussion:**

None

**Adjournment:**

 A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 7:40 p.m. by Michelle Fjone, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next public meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria.

Minutes submitted by: Kris Lund, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_