

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

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President
Kim Boyd – Secretary
Eric McAbee – Vice President
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
Sarah Preston - Concessions
Lindsey Schepers – Treasurer
Susan Taylor – Assist Tournament Director
Jennie Rutter – In House

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

2. Approval of January meeting minutes

Corey S made a motion to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes, Sarah Preston seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the January 2021 meeting minutes.

3. COVID-19 update

Nothing has changed from January meeting.

4. Frenzy Tourney Posting and Registration

Registration went live and we currently have the following registrations; 8U(2 Farmington teams), 10U (4 Farmington teams), 12U (6 total, 4 Farmington), 14U (3 total- 2 Farmington). There is a director that wants to register some additional teams but wanted some questions answered about refund policy. COVID refund piece of the tournament rules should follow the same as the weather refund policy. Sara found some policies from other organizations and most are charging processing fees. If the full event is cancelled there would be full refunds to all teams. If a team drops out due to COVID they get a 100% refund with a \$25 processing fee. Sara will send it out to Chad and Chris for a second set of eyes before Matt adds it to the site. Sara was wondering if we had decided if we would be awarding medals or shirts for the winners? Sara and Susan will research and figure out cost and decide which age groups get the shirts and which get the medals. Sara will get it listed on fastpitchmn.com and continue to post on the different softball sites monthly to keep the tournament in the forefront. We could also send out emails to teams who have previously attended the Frenzy. We will have a task list at the next meeting for jobs. What about food trucks? Sarah Preston will research food trucks. Katie will check on FES for the Saturday to move Frenzy 8U there due to the field improvements happening at the high school(see below). Katie will also check on porta pottys for all locations.

5. Virtual Parent Meeting

Chad is reviewing the PowerPoint to post on the website instead of hosting and in-person parent meeting. As soon as it is good to go then Matt will send it out to the membership. The meeting will be an email that has the link to the PowerPoint and then an option to contact for questions.

6. Uniform Try-on

Uniform try-on event is Monday, February 22nd at BMS during open gym. We will also have the ability to try on uniforms at tryouts. Tara will reach out to families after these two events if they have not ordered uniforms.

7. FHS field updates

The high school is building tennis courts and two of the fields will be out of commission so many of the underclassman HS games will be played at Boeckman this year which may push some of our teams to Empire for practices and games.

Directors Reports:

Corey S – Off-Season/Program Development - Open gym is going well and there seem to be quite a few girls at the gym each evening.

Katie M – Fields and Facilities - Katie has confirmed meeting change for March, April and May at Celts, but there may need to be some changes to the future dates. Chris will look at the calendar and let Katie know if we need to change the dates so she can confirm any new dates. Katie will work on porta pottys and FES fields for Frenzy.

Sara P – Tournament Director - See Frenzy tournament above.

Sarah P – Concessions - Sarah asked if we are planning to have a Frenzy prep meeting or if not can we dedicate the May meeting to the Frenzy? We will see how the next couple months of planning go and Sara and Susan will let us know if we need an extra meeting. Mika Keiffer is going to become the assistant concessions coordinator (non-voting). Sarah said the health department paper work should be coming so we need to watch the mail. Sarah has lots of ideas for concessions but right now she will just keep making lists for ideas until we know more about what we will be allowed to do. Sarah will take on the food truck investigation for Frenzy. FES we will want to have some type of concession such as a tent concession with just candy and then have a food truck. Would we still do golf cart concessions as long as the person wears a mask? We do need to have the right person do it who is willing to talk and sell.

Jeff B – Equipment - Jeff will be picking up the equipment this week that he ordered.

Lindsey S – Treasurer – Currently FGFA has \$73,777.46 between checking and savings (increase is due to registrations). We still need to pay the deposits to MN softball for team registrations. Chris and Chad will figure out what needs to be done and get that taken care of.

Eric M – Vice-President - Eric will reach out to the 12U and 14U coaches about the volunteer checks and fundraising cards.

Tara L – Apparel - Tara contacted the photographer we used from Northfield. She does the green screen and does the individual pics and can create team pictures. We can plan the pictures the last week of April as long as we have uniforms. We will follow the same process as previous years and assign teams times. Once some dates are decided Katie will look into reserving a location and finalizing a date. We will launch another apparel order through SquadLocker for spring. Tara will be working to figure out coaches shirts and hats as well as Frenzy shirts for the board members. Tara will also work with Jennie for the tie-dye 6U shirts.

Susan T – Assistant Tournament Director - Nothing more to add.

Jennie R – In-House – Jennie reached out to Farmington travel baseball for a contact about signs. Jennie will talk to Chris about what to put on the signs. We just need to figure out where to put them once we get them. Jennie would like to have 6U registration start around March 22nd and the 6U season starts in early May and runs until mid-July. Jennie would like to either give the 6U girls medals (same as Frenzy) or pins. Jennie does not have a preference we just need to see what is cheapest.

Chris S – President - Deposits on teams need to be done in the next week. Chris and/or Chad will attend the Tri-County meeting is next Monday. Chris spoke with Paul Harrington regarding high school softball. Captain's practices start this week and info about HS softball can be found on their website.

Chad R – Travel Director – 8U and 10U tryouts are Sunday, March 14, 2021 at BMS. We currently have 31 registered for 10U and 17 registered for 8U. Please get the word out and share the social media posts, we need more players in both age groups. The gym reservations are confirmed for that Sunday. Rosemount has a couple coaches that will come and help for the 8U tryouts and then we have the outside evaluators for the 10U tryouts. Chad has been fielding age eligibility questions and has had inquiries about 6U, but no one has contacted about conflicts yet. Limiting the size of the groups will help with organization. Chad will send out something for the helpers at the different stations. 8U tryouts will run from 9am-11am, 10U pitchers and catchers will run from 9am-11am and 10U hitting and fielding run from 11am-4:30pm. We should have stations for turning in checks. We need Matt to update the communications to make sure everyone knows what they need to bring and make sure they have the information for how many checks they need to bring and for what amounts. Players will need a \$300 volunteer check and will need to bring a check for fundraising cards (either \$60 to opt out or \$100 to purchase four cards).

1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings and Events

Dates for Open Board meetings –

March 21, 2021 6pm at Celts

April 11, 2021 6pm at Celts

May 16, 2021 6pm at Celts (TBD) Chris is going to confirm dates and may need to change date.

2. Adjourn Meeting

Corey S made a motion to adjourn meeting, Eric M seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.