

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session

October 17th - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Christine Schweich – President

Eric McAbee- Vice President

Gretchen Lilja – Secretary

Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer

Chad Redman – Travel Director

Tamara Barum- Fundraising

Robin Leonard- Volunteer Director

Jeff Buck- Equipment Director

Kacie Robinson – Communications

Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities

Mika Kieffer - In House

Tara Lemke – Apparel

Katelyn Genzler – Concessions

Kristina Young – Assistant Concessions

Sara Perkinson- Frenzy Tournament Director

Meredith Peine - Frenzy Tournament Assistant

High School Booster Representative

Paul Harrington - Farmington HS

- **Welcome and call to order- Chris Schweich**

- **Official welcome and introduction of new FGFA Board Members**

- **Approval of August 2021 Meeting Minutes**
 - Eric made a motion to approve August 2021 min, Sara seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the August 2021 meeting minutes.

Open Issues

- a. Announcement of 12U/14U/16U Teams

New Business

- b. Transition of old board members to new board members
- c. MN Softball Yearend Meeting (Nov 3)

Directors Reports-

Paul (field updates)- JV field 2, has been extended and will be getting sod 10/18. Hoping to be able to use that field next summer pending how the sod takes and looks in the spring. Field 3 (left)- received the green light to extend the field to 200 ft. Construction to start summer 2022 but should be after the FGFA season. The field goes to 180ft so could be used for 8U or 10U games, and other ages ok to practice. Should have 2 fields for spring and Frenzy tournament.

Robin (volunteer coordinator)- All volunteer hours for fall ball have been waived due to lack of opportunities for volunteer hours. Plan for collecting volunteer checks for this season. Board discussion surrounding bringing back a parents meeting for all players towards the end of Feb- aiming for in conjunction with an open gym (thurs) 6pm for 60min, using the auditorium. If parents don't want to stay for the meeting, there will be an option to drop off volunteer checks at meeting or bring them to tryouts. Registration for summer ball to begin in Jan. No girls are allowed to practice/play without volunteer checks turned in.

Board discussion regarding hosting for tournaments to fulfil volunteer hours. Host state vs hosting a fall tournament. Will have further discussion surrounding this.

Eric-(Vice President) Coaches figured out for 16s, 14s, 12s- brand new U16 player, new to softball- working on getting her on a team so she gets more playing time. Eric to follow-up with family regarding options. Will need to refund family if she moves to another team. U16 pitcher- chatfield, waiting to find out if she can play on Eric's team based on eligibility

Mika (In House)- none

Katelynn (Concessions)- Board discussion surrounding left over things from the concessions last season. Lots of soda, Gatorade (~150 drinks). Board agreed to donate to basketball concessions, and anything they don't want will be donated to the food shelf. Jeff has the garage door opener from Sarah, will plan to give it to Katelynn. Board discussion surrounding adding electronic payments to concessions. Options include Shopify, Square, Venmo. Katelynn to research our options and report back to the board. Eric suggested doing a year membership to allow the board to get familiar with the inventory system and how the platform works and then may switch to a monthly basis pending FGFA needs. Would potentially need a couple of iPads to use for the different concessions locations depending on which platform is decided upon.

Tara (Apparel)- Jerseys have one more year left and the squad locker site is up to date with new items. Tara to connect with parents of older incoming players regarding jerseys and off-season needs. FGFA gets 15% on all squad locker sales. Squad locker is easy to add things to, and ships directly to parents. Tara to look into adding a visor and a pop-socket. Will work on promoting the squad locker site to the FGFA members.

Tamara (Fundraising)- Discussion around fundraising options for the upcoming season. Chris has a contact for cards similar to the boys football options. Tamara to check in with Neena regarding past cards, how much FGFA makes per card. The fundraising money goes towards nationals (gate fees and pins). Discussion regarding bringing back parents night- historically done at Celts. Pick a few high ticket raffle items for parents night, 50/50 drawing, Booze Wagons. Selling pizzas are for teams to choose to help cover costs of things. Tamara to check with Sarah about whether she bought a wagon.

Kacie (Communications) Off season registration went ok. Kacie to connect with Neena regarding some questions about using signup genius vs sports engine. Discussion regarding onboarding new parents, how we can help them get used to all of the technology (sports engine), what's needed at parents night. Discussion regarding off season clinics- using signup genius to sign up and bringing a check on night one. Suggestion for future off season clinics, only allowing sign ups for 1 spot at a time. FGFA eats half of the costs, to keep it affordable for families. Pictures- asking families to send pictures to FGFA communications to be able to share. Prepare for registrations in Dec and ready to get it live to go in Jan.

Neena (per Chris) working on getting another round of clinics and working on finding a catcher for catcher clinics.

Gretchen (Secretary) got mail 10/17. Discussion surrounding meeting minutes. Gretchen will send minutes to Chris to look over and then will send them to the board once the meeting agenda for future meetings has been distributed to the board. Chris to add meetings to group me calendar on the FGFA group page.

Katie (Field/facilities)- emailed Katie (Celts) about Nov meeting being reserved at Celts. Open gym to start Nov 1st at Boekman Middle School (gyms 4-5) 7:15-9:15. Kacie to put together a sign up genius for the board members to volunteer to open/close the open gyms. Board members will plan to volunteer for 2-3 shifts. Open gym scheduled every Mon/Tues until Christmas, and then mon/tues/thurs after Christmas. Masks are only required during school hours and will not be required for open gym at this time.

Sara (Frenzy tournament)- 2022 dates are June 3rd, 4th and 5th. Katie will request BMS fields Fri 6/3 1pm-8pm, and all day Sat and Sun. FHS Sat and Sun all day (no Friday due to graduation conflict). Discussion surrounding including A-teams in the tournament or just B and C? Could potentially have gold, silver, bronze tiers. For 8U, issues in 2021 with weather and teams needing to play too many games. Discussions around moving the 4 game guarantee to a 3 game guarantee. Discussed need to have medals and t-shirts for first place instead of just shirts. T-shirts and medals have already been purchased for 2022. Sarah will work with Kacie on communication blast and online payment system. Discussed need to have a site supervisor position at each field to help with the day of issues- board member or volunteer that has awareness of what is needed. Need to replace Chris's canopy, and order an FGFA canopy.

Lindsey (Treasurer)- FGFA checking account balance ~\$65,000 and ~\$20,000 in savings. Liability and taxes are done for this year. Will need contact info from Mark for taxes for next year. 503c status has been updated. We need to pay Empire for concessions. In years past it has been around \$200-300 (20% of our profit). Chad to ask for an update from Empire regarding past payments. The PO box was paid online. Dakota Electric 8U and 14U sent fundraising money for nationals. Parent sent \$200 check for his daughter's team (summer)- ok to go to her team per Chris.. Chris has a form that teams can use to get \$200 for fundraising for nationals. Parents/coaches can reach out to Dakota Electric once a team is formed. Need to do a FGFA budget.