

Bloomington Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2011

I. Call to Order

Jason Wendlandt called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:26 p.m. on Monday, September 12th, 2011 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Jason Wendlandt, Mike Kopischke, Grant Effertz, Carrie Miller, Mark Flugstad, Bob Christiansen, Jim Hanson, Kevin Caspers, Tod Deming and Amy Christiansen.

Non-Board Members: Diana Williams, Tom Marroquin and Jim Leicht

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Mark Flugstad and seconded by Jason Wendlandt that we approve the minutes from September, 2011. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Other Business – Old

A. Discuss Fall Ball tryouts

- Jim did a great job running fall tryouts this year. Process ran smoothly.
- Go-forward, only those individuals identified by Player Development and requested to help with tryouts will be allowed to assist with tryouts.
- Evaluations will be kept totally confidential and seen only by those putting teams together.
- Both spring and fall evaluations will be closed in 2012.

V. Other Business – New

A. Decide how many dome ball teams

- Clutch Hitters will have 2 teams (22 players)
- BFA 14U will have 1 team (10 players)
- BFA 12U will have 1 team (7 players so far)

B. Coaches appreciation event

- Scheduled for 10/17
- Jason will check out Fongs as a venue
- Coaches and Board member will be included

C. Fall / winter clinics – dates / gym time / website

- Bob has all the dates and gym times booked. Jim Hanson will work on scheduling people.
- Open gym will start 10/2
- Grant will update the calendar
- All BFA events / space is booked through April 2012

D. Field Improvements at Kelly and Dred

- The city will put a French drain near the 3rd base player bench area on Dred #3. They will also include some work to make sure the draining from both the field and the player bench areas are optimized. This project has a sooner rather than later timeline (possible yet this fall). The city is also putting together cost estimates for the concrete pad for the player bench areas for Dred #3.
- Player bench coverings, with galvanized poles, wood frame and raised metal roof covering are being discussed by the city for Kelly Fields and Dred #2 & #3. They are putting together cost estimates to see if they can undertake this project in the near future. The current plan for the scope of this potential project is to include finishing player bench areas with fencing as needed.

- The city will be addressing trees on Dred #3. The plan is to remove a tree or two and definitely trim back others.
 - Once cost estimates come in, BFA will determine how to participate in the cost of the projects.
 - The city is also moving forward with netting in the wheel at Dred and estimates completion by next spring's season.
- E. Heritage Days details / planning
- Have purchased 20 hula hoops, 50 string bags and candy
 - Competition will be for different age groups from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18th
 - Jim Hanson Sr. will MC for the event
 - Will bring BFA banner
- F. Board Positions
- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner are all have one year left on a two year term
 - Member Services & Membership, Marketing, Player Development, Tournament Director, Fundraising and Website are one year terms
 - Diana Williams, Jason Wendlandt and Mike Kopischke will be the committee that identifies other candidates for these positions. This committee will get Carrie names a week before the October meeting. Carrie will have ballots for the votes.
 - Will also be looking for people to help the Tournament Director. A group is looking to make a recommendation in October on those roles.
 - Grant will send membership notice about the vote in October by the end of the week.

VI. Directors Reports

- A. President's Report: Jason Wendlandt
- Jason thanked all those helping with Fall League games hosted at Dred.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Kopischke
- Adding insurance for fall and dome ball
 - Board will address poor sportsmanship (our teams or others) if brought to our attention
- C. Treasurer's Report: Tod Deming
- \$450 and \$850 profit from the first two weekends of fall league play
 - Pitching and catching reimbursement requests are due by October 31st
 - Tod will be working on closing out year-end, preparing a final statement and proposing a 2012 budget
- D. Secretary's Report: Carrie Miller
- Grant and Jason are working on the email management system and getting all member contact information loaded.
 - All external communications should be approved by the Secretary prior to being sent.
- E. Commissioner's Report: Mark Flugstad
- Ordering some needed equipment for 2012
 - Completed some shed repairs
- F. Assistant Commissioner's Report: Bob Christiansen
- No report
- G. Member Services & Membership Report: Beth Johnson
- Mark is looking for suggestions on new jerseys that the players will like better
- H. Marketing Report: Lori Hanken
- No report
- I. Player Development: Jim Hanson
- Once all dates are received, will be scheduling folks to run clinics

J. Tournament Director: Kevin Caspers

- The 2012 Bloomington Bash is scheduled for June 8.9 & 10
- Will post the tournament on FastSports closer to the end of the year
- Jim proposed we expand the Elite tournament at Kelly to Saturday and Sunday. General agreement.

K. Fundraising: Lisa Greely

- Kevin reported we are having trouble getting a response from the Waterpark of America

L. Website: Grant Effertz

- Grant shared a proposed BFA Concussion Action Plan
- Carrie motioned and Mark seconded to look into a BFA concussion policy / plan
- Committee will include Grant, Mike and Jason. They will get together and make a recommendation to the Board.



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M. Open Comments

VII. Adjournment

Jason adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 3rd, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Carrie Miller

Minutes approved by: Jason Wendlandt