BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2019

**Opening:**

The open board meeting of the Big Lake Fast Pitch Association (BLFPA) was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria by Matt Baufield, President.

**Present:**

Board Members

Matt Baufield – President Kim Bowen – Varsity Coach

Michelle Fjone – Vice President Kris Lund – Secretary

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

Tony Loftus – Treasurer

Other Attendees

Kim & Jon Windorski

Kristie Royce

Carrie Ruckle

**Old Business:**

1. A motion to approve the March 6, 2019 Minutes was made by Tony Loftus, Kris Knodle seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
2. **Treasurer’s Report** by Tony Loftus. Tony walked us through some deposits and expenses. He said next month there will be some larger expenses for insurance, Big West and Ice Breaker fees. A motion to approve the February and March Treasurer’s Reports was made by Wayne Howe, Kim Bowen seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor.
3. **Thanks.** Matt Baufield thanked Kris Knodle for all the work he did on establishing the 14U blue team and not cutting anyone that wanted to play.
4. **Travel update** by Kris Knodle. Teams will be registered by the weekend. Tuesday, April 9 is the coaches’ meeting at Medina.
5. **In-house update** by Wayne Howe. Annandale/Maple Lake want to join the league to start games in June. They would travel to Monticello, Becker and Big Lake. In-house clinic dates are Saturday, April 20 and 27 and May 3.
6. **Ice Breaker update** by Michelle Fjone. As of 4/3 there are 4-10U teams; 10-12U teams; 5-14U teams registered – no Winnipeg or Becker teams yet. Shelly has put the registration form on two websites. Umps will be paid $45/game. DIBs not quite ready, but she is thinking of having spots for people to sell raffles and/or fall state tournament hours. Parents need 8 hours so two 4-hour shifts. Some vendors have been contacted; Doug from Mountain Stream needs to be contacted yet.
7. **Youth Sports Association** by Michelle Fjone. Keith J. is requesting donations to phase I (pavilion over at Liberty) and phase II in 2020 (concession stand). BLYSA is donating $5,000; Spudfest is donating $1,000. The Association will donate something – maybe split remainder with the rest of the associations four ways??

**New Business:**

1. **School Board Meeting** by Matt Baufield/Michelle Fjone. At the meeting they talked about the $56,000 deficit and there was talk about charging a flat rate. Our Association paid for Ice Breaker to CE $1,105 in 2018 and $1,040 in 2017. The issue of Community Ed fees was tabled until the school board meeting on 3/29/19. There are follow-up meetings Tuesday, April 9, 2019 regarding the lights at the 4-plex and Thursday, April 11, 2019 with Brad S. – Shelly and Matt are going. They are going to bring up the issue of use of bathrooms during the week. Tabled outcome of the meetings to May.
2. **Varsity Field Benches/Batting Cage** by Wayne Howe. Rich Berg and Wayne Howe are going to have a “screw gun party” Monday, April 8 to install the tops of the benches – thanks! Kim Bowen said the school is going to do the painting and that Geroux Construction still needs to finish the cubbies and electric. Kim or Tony will contact Steve Moores regarding constructing the batting cages.
3. **Positive Coaching Alliance** by Carrie Ruckle. She gave a nice spiel on her organization. They will do 2-hour workshops for leadership, parents and/or athletes. The highest cost would be $1,550 for one week a year – goes down if you contract with them for more years. You also get articles and monthly newsletters. You can also purchase 20 online seats for people who can’t physically come to the workshops. She is going to get Kris Knodle some more information, which he will pass along.
4. **Insurance/taxes for association** by Tony Loftus. He did a 4-year comparison with JA Price, Eden Prairie, MN and they still seem to be the best and cost-effective. Wayne Howe made a motion to pay them $2,300.41 for 2019; Kris Lund seconded the motion and the rest of the attending board was unanimously in favor. Tony also said taxes are done and filed for 2018. THANKS Tony!
5. **Kwik Trip Fundraiser** by Tony Loftus and Kim Windorski. They both reported it is going well. There has been a profit of $250 on the car wash cards already. Tony was going to possibly do a spreadsheet regarding the profit on this.

**Open Discussion:**

1. Kim Windorski toying with the idea of doing a 50/50 Raffle at Ice Breaker with the drawing on Saturday. Maybe also give away KwikTrip gift cards as prizes. She will also send thank-you cards to Spudfest and Graco (Todd Dickson/Bruce Bakken) who have donated money to our association. THANKS Kim! Also she will look into maybe doing a Fundraiser at McPete’s in August.
2. Wayne Howe is going to buy some mulch and sleeves for the three new trees out at Liberty. THANKS Wayne!
3. Kristie Royce was just questioning the 14U Blue team formation. Kris Knodle did an excellent job of explaining the board’s process. THANKS Kris!

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made 8:30 p.m. by Kris Lund, Michelle Fjone seconded the motion and the attending board was unanimously in favor. The next public meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Big Lake High School Cafeteria.

Minutes submitted by: Kris Lund, Secretary

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