

# Bloomington Fastpitch Association

## Board of Directors

### Meeting Minutes – August 5th, 2013

#### I. Call to Order

Karen Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:07PM on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

#### II. Attendance

The following persons were present:

Board Members: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Melissa Walter, Craig Johnson, Bob Christiansen, Grant Effertz, Carol Effertz, Jim Leicht, and Beth Johnson.

Non-board Member: Amy Christiansen, Tod Demming, Jim Hanson

#### III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion made by Cathy Currier and seconded by Craig Johnson that we approve the minutes from July, 2013. MOTION PASSED.

#### IV. Old Business – Old

- Heritage Days
  - Melissa and Amy are working with Tony Angrimson on a float for parade.
  - Carol will have flyers at registration to invite girls to join us in the parade.
  - We will pass out sunflower seeds again with the BFA stickers on them. We are also looking into temp tattoos with the flaming softball.
  - Melissa will email to verify we have the hula hoop contest again; we have plenty of BFA backpacks available for prizes.
- Parent/Player evaluations
  - 10 teams turned in evaluations, out of the 10 there were 8 that had good/excellent. The 2 with poor ratings were 12U Black and 14U White.
  - We need to have a discussion regarding where we want to be, alignment with our mission statement.
- Fall Clinics
  - Catching pilot: Grant said it went well; maybe add a few more 1 hour sessions, like 5 or 6. Open up to 12U's for 8 sessions at \$10.00 per session.
  - Pitching: Will start in late August and run through October, no clinics in November & December will start again in January. As of now Julie will be Saturday AM, still waiting for Amy's schedule.
  - Also discussed pitching for 8U's, as of now there will be no kid pitch at 8U, so do we have clinics for late 8's so they are ready to move up to 10's.

#### V. New Business

- September Board meeting confirmation
  - We have agreed on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM, Brad will be late as he is coaching.
- Coach Appreciation Night
  - Bob and Amy Christensen have offered to host again this year. Looking at possibly October 12<sup>th</sup>. Cathy will send email to coaches once we confirm date.
- NAFA Recap
  - Stu Parker said it went well overall.
  - New Parade location went well, a few things for next year; request parking on Johnson and Heritage so we don't have parents parking on the Olson fields. Obtain a new sound system, and invite Sun Current to come take photos. Bob will book for Thursday and Friday next year in case of rain. Order more trash cans and another Porta Potty.
  - We sold 582 Berry Blends despite short minimal games Thursday/Friday and cool weather Saturday.
  - Over staffed on Friday had to send volunteers home early and cancel a few.
  - Games were all ending at the same time so maybe need to play later on Friday or Saturday.

- Fall Ball
  - Registrations: Have not received many via mail, will be busy at evaluations. Melissa, Karen and Amy are available to assist with registration at evaluations.
  - Coach Selection Committee: Cathy, Karen, Bob and Jim.
  - Team Selection Committee: Jim, Mike, Bob and coaches.
  - Committees will meet Friday to get coaches and team selection complete.
- Dome Ball
  - We have enough 12U girls interested based on registration. Only 2 at 14U and 1 at 16U.
  - We will charge \$170.00 with a 13 girl max per team. Runs Oct 12-Dec 14 ( 9 nights with 18 games total)
- Committee updates
  - Spirit Wear- No report
  - Clinic Programs Assessment- See clinic updates
  - Scholarship Program-
    - Karen has done some research and some associations use the school free and reduced lunch program guidelines for determining eligibility.
    - Possible have a 5 question survey to see total household income.
    - Offer working NAFA as a way to pay down fees.
- Nominating Committee
  - By laws state must come from Individuals from membership, Karen will work on this at registration night.
- Clutch Hitters update
  - Karen, Tod, Jim Hanson, Mike and Grant- Met to discuss Clutch in relation to BFA. Hand out outlining this was passed out.
  - What defines a Bloomington Player- Need to be a resident/ or attend school in Bloomington.
  - These years 1/3 of girls are from Bloomington: 5 at 14U, 9 at 16U, and 7 at 18U.
  - Motion was made by Bob to have Clutch provide its own Tourney director for the Elite Bash, Beth second, MOTION PASSED.

#### VI. Directors Reports

- President's Report: Karen Johnson
- Vice President's Report: Cathy Currier
- Treasurer's Report: Mike Kopischke- on Vacation no report
- Secretary's Report: Melissa Walter
- Commissioner's Report: Craig Johnson
- Facilities Coordinator: Bob Christiansen
- Communications Director: Grant Effertz
- Member Services & Membership Report: Carol Effertz
- Marketing Director Report: OPEN
- Player Development: Jim Leicht
- Tournament Director: Brad Currier

#### VII. Open Comments

- Fred Wroge- only to Ump 10U games as long as he is coaching for Bloomington Jefferson.
- Summer Registration: Move it up? - will table for September meeting

#### VIII. Adjournment

Karen adjourned the meeting at 9:32p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Bloomington Center for the Arts, Dakota Room.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Walter

Minutes approved by: Karen Johnson