

White Bear Area Fastpitch Softball Association Board Meeting Notes

May 5, 2024 at Otter Lake Field Shed - 6PM

1. Call to Order: Joni called to order at 6:02pm
2. Roll Call: Julie S, Lindsay L, Joni J, Jim R, Jill L, Stacy L, Brianna O.
3. Public Forum: No one contacted to speak at public forum
4. Coaching Clinic/Training: Tasks from Last meeting:
 - i. Joni connected with Jill for coaches to come watch a practice -
 1. Jill offered for coaches to attend practices in the email she sent.
 - ii. Sheila to take the lead and work with Julie Retka to invite coaches to a Sunday night training session along with practice?
5. Director Updates: (Carrie)
 - a. Serious consideration to moving to MN softball vs SportsEngine. It's not fully functional yet but may be by Fall or next summer. Example is [here](#). Check it out and we will keep it on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
 - b. Team movement with 16 injuries (2 potentially returning)
 - i. Lauren Simmons-16A
 - ii. Whitney Breen-14A
 - iii. Savannah Culbertson 14 Black
 - iv. Hollie Masloski 14 Orange (was cut and happy to come back)
 - c. Concessions Introduction: Briana Oliverus: VOTE
 - i. Stacy motioned to vote Brianna as concessions. Joni seconded, Lindsay third. Carrie voted via phone. Jill and and Sheila voted yes. 6 yes. No one opposed.
 - d. At large member Genna Wade (to come to next meeting) Potential
6. VP Updates: (Joni)
 - a. Optimize Camp - Optimize still showing WBL as a location for summer
 - i. Email sent to Abby about fields not available at the school. Abby also reached out to Jill to check on fields. Still would go through Jon for South fields with same answer. Haven't received any feedback back from Abby
 - b. Fall Tryouts
 - c. 16's tryout plan to be coordinated with Jill. What does that look like? Is it Optimize tryout day PLUS softball IQ/game scenario situational day? Do we include girls who want to tryout for 14A and 16A on this day? Can Jill/Mary since we are a feeder program for WB HS do this day?
 - i. Jill said a scrimmage scenario sometimes isn't great as pitchers don't pitch well, batters don't swing and there is a lot of standing around.
7. Apparel Update: (Jen) - not present.
 - a. All uniforms in except for one team.
 - b. Shirts for coaches were pushed back as coaches didn't respond right away.
8. Scheduling Updates: (Lindsay)
 - a. Dumpsters at Otter Update
 - i. Jon suggested do similar to what Lacrosse does. Drop dumpster by other dumpsters at Otter which is a \$300 fee to pick up/drop off and then it is \$60 + 70% tax for each dump

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1. Motion to add a dumpster for spring, Joni second. All in favor. 6 - yes. No one opposed.
9. Treasurer/DIBS Updates: (Stacy)
 - a. Card/Contactless Payments
 - i. Looking to do Square. Suggesting a Square stand kit \$579 each. Gives you cash drawer, stand for iPod and printer that controls the cash drawer. Suggesting to get two. Also suggesting to ring in each item so we can reconcile at the end of the day and know what to buy for future.
 - b. Recommendations for POS systems for the fields for POS/Card machine use.
 - i. Needs wi-fi. Garritt looking into it. Looks like T Mobile is the best option. MiFi.
 - c. Sam's club membership - Stacy has online account for association and card is available for new concessions board member
 - i. Will get Brianna a card for concessions
 - d. Taxes due May 15
 - i. Done, just need Carrie to sign. Net \$15,188 total assets \$103,070
 - e. Sales Tax Exemption update
 - i. Changed from a 5 to a 7 digit number at some point in the past. Sent to old board member address and didn't get a response so agency closed our account. Stacy got this up and running again and we have a new exemption number.
 - f. Parents have reached out about next DIBS opportunities. Need start/last game times for Bear Classic and then can announce when DIBS will be posted.
 - i. Stacy will send something out about possibly posting dibs a week from Monday? Talked about how we typically have opened it up to 8s first and possibly 14s as well since they will not be playing that weekend.
10. Social Media Updates: (Scott) - Not present
 - a. Update from Gerritt/Scott on some options for Hotspots or WIFI options
 - b. Update on cameras/security for shed?
 - i. Need to determine Wifi first
 - ii. Lindsay will check with Jon to make sure we can even set up cameras at the field
 - c. Positive Coaching
11. Equipment Update: (Swen) & Jim
 - a. Recap of Field Work, Setup, and Equipment Handout
 - i. Jim said it went well. Good turn out with volunteers. Suggesting looking at it again after spring to see how they look before fall.
 - ii. Equipment hand out went great. 45 minutes to hand out all equipment. (Wagons were a little small)
 - iii. Some coaches said they didn't get catchers gear. They were handed out to them after. Will make sure the gear that was handed out gets updated on the master list.
 - b. New arrival date of banners -

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- i. Banners are here in the shed.
 - 1. Ben Bovee is putting banners up at Otter tonight during the board meeting
 - ii. Joni has zip ties for the banners.
- 12. Tournament Updates: (Sheila)
 - a. Tournament is Full; 10U orange will move down to 10 B/C bracket and St Anthony Blue will move up to A/B bracket.
 - b. Discussion on sending out dibs and schedules sooner rather than later so people can sign up
 - c. Discussion on checking with Sheriff to patrol lot and see if we can park on east side of fields in the grass similar to prior years?
 - d. Sheila reached out today to confirm with t-shirt vendor and check on artwork.
 - e. Metals - Sheila was going to reach out to same person from last year to see what cost is for actual metal instead of plastic. Drop metals off at Sheila's house so no shipping.
 - f. Used FedEx last year to make brackets. Looking to see if there are cheaper options. A couple hundred dollars last year. Express Images is the company that Volleyball used for brackets.
- 13. Fundraising/Concessions Updates: (Carrie?)
 - a. Job expectations are started and just need to be laminated to be placed in the shed. - who needs to complete?
 - i. Joni gave hard copy of start of expectations to Brianna to review.
 - b. Need to buy a new awning for over grill
 - i. Awning is purchased and in the shed
 - c. Look into giant freezies.
 - i. Can ask Brian Casemore to see if he can get them for us. Amazon is expensive.
 - d. Health inspection passed
 - i. All equipment will need to go on opposite side of where the food goes so it's not above where we are serving food.
 - ii. Added a new water jug/station with a bucket underneath per requirements
- 14. HS Liaison Updates: (Jill)
 - a. Feedback from Youth Night
 - i. Very different, don't normally do anthems, etc. More fans than expected
 - ii. Handed out 230 hot dogs and bought 250
 - iii. 8U coordination was hard as not all were there at the beginning of the game. Game was early so couldn't all make it right away. Talked about maybe moving the 8U portion to the end of the game instead.
 - iv. JV umpire didn't show up. Bart (dad) umped game. Games ended at different times so hard to coordinate anything at the end.

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15. Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 27 at 6:00pm at Otter Lake if people can make it. (This is Memorial Day) Otherwise looking after Bear Classic. Hard because most weekends are filled with tournaments now and game schedules during the week.
16. Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made, meeting adjourned at 7:23pm