

- **Fall Ball Hosting (6:20-6:30pm)**
 - Put in for every time we can
 - 8/24-25
 - 9/7-8
 - 14-15
 - 21-22
 - 28-29
 - 8/10 sat, 12/14 sundays
 - 12, 130, 3 and 430pm
 - State will start at 930 and go over 90 min
- **Registration Fees (6:30-6:40pm)**
 - \$400 for 10/12/14
 - 8U less
 - Proposed increased
 - \$435 (10,12,14,16)
 - 8U increase +\$35
 - Chad proposed an increase in \$35 for all age groups, Jenny seconded motion and board voted without opposition.
- **Tara-** Jersey goal, would like to order late fall for 12/14- working with CA gear on a new design
 - Fall ball jerseys ordered with hopes to have them in place prior to upcoming games
- **Sarah- Off season:**
 - Discussion surrounding off season/open gym to make that more valuable
 - Strike zone sports will do off season
 - Sara working on re-vamping off season clinic layouts
 - \$10,800 total- raising to \$100 per session
 - Will have sessions for all age groups over two sessions
 - Mn fast pitch for both coaches clinic set up
 - For future- would like to do pitching for 8U during the summer to get ready for 10U fall ball
 - Estimating 8 teams for off season funds (\$1,500/team)

New Items

- **Fall ball-** no charge for umpires, MN softball to send us \$50/field/day which encourages associations to host games
 - Empire charges us \$1200 for field rental for the weekend
- **Treasurer Report (6:40-6:42pm)**
 - \$23,523.35 total in all accounts
- **Fundraising**
 - Bingo- March 15th
 - Maybe add parents night to bingo day?
 - Add Mike to play at parents night?
- **Chad**
 - A player made a formal proposal to move to 14U for summer 2025 given the age cutoff (birthday 9/9/22)- no opposition as she is in the gray area of Sept-Dec.

- **FGFA is not currently requiring petitions for players with birthdays from Sept 1st through Dec 31st due to the 2023 MN Softball rule change.**
- Any new player to FGFA as of 2024 must follow the MN softball age guidelines.
- **Rob-** things booked for upcoming season
- **Sara-** Volunteer hours to go out for fall dates in the next day or two
 - Will create a board signup for fall ball weekends
 - Need help getting volunteer checks (\$250)
- **President Notes (6:42-7:11pm)**
 - Practices have begun
 - Hailey and Sara to work on sending out an email to parents re volunteer checks
- **Elections**
 - Jeff – President - Staying
 - Tara – Apparel - Staying
 - Rob – Fields - Staying
 - Lindsey – Treasurer- Lindsey will continue to stay on for another year with an intern or someone to train over the next year
 - Jen A – Equipment Manager -Staying
 - Kelsey – In House Coordinator -Staying
 - **Chad – Travel Director – OPEN**
 - Sara P – Volunteer- Staying

Questions from non-board members:

- **Off season opportunities/dome ball**
 - Historically dome ball hasn't gone well when trying to put together a team in the off season
 - Since 12U/14U teams are formed in the fall, teams have the opportunity to use off season money for tournaments or other opportunities that they want to do.
 - Discussion surrounding using "open gym" to a higher level, greater capacity with more instruction opportunities.
- Discussion surrounding sponsorships with local businesses, different tiers for different things- banners, signs, jerseys, and email signatures.
- Discussion surrounding coaches development
 - Association-wide need for more coaching development at all age groups, and the need for coaching mentorship and involvement opportunities for our families.
 - Discussion surrounding bettering FGFA as an association, taking into account feedback from families and other teams.

Call to Close 7:12pm

- Hailey made a motion to close meeting, Sarah seconded motion, board voted without opposition and meeting was adjourned.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

September 29th 6PM Celts, 6-7pm elections

Tryouts Oct 12th

October 27th 6PM Celts- team announcements (12/14)