

**Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association  
Board of Directors Meeting- Open Session  
August 23, 2021 - Celts – Farmington MN – 6pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Christine Schweich – President  
Kim Boyd – Secretary  
Corey Schweich – Off Season/Program Development  
Robin Leonard – Volunteer  
Sara Perkinson – Tournament Director  
Mika Kieffer - Assistant Concessions  
Neena Wilcox – Fundraising  
Tara Lemke – Apparel  
Matt Johnson – Communications  
Katie Melby – Fields and Facilities  
Chad Redman – Travel Director  
Eric McAbee – Vice President  
Jeff Buck – Equipment  
Sarah Preston - Concessions

**1. Welcome and call to order by Christine (Chris) Schweich.**

**2. Approval of July meeting minutes**

Eric M made a motion to approve the July 2021 meeting minutes, Neena W seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed. The board approved the July 2021 meeting minutes.

**3. Fall Hosting Opportunities**

What can we do to get volunteer requirements and checks collected for fall ball? We are currently hosting 8/28 & 9/11 for Fall ball, 9/12 for NAFA qualifier and 9/25 & 9/26 for Fall State Tournament. Each family will be required to provide a \$150 check and 4 hours of volunteer time (which equals two, two-hour shifts). We will be running 6 hour shifts on the 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 hours on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and all day 12<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 90 families that will need to get hours. We need to let families know all of the weekends so they can plan ahead. Have we thought about having a team or a couple teams commit to the entire day instead of having everyone pick time slots? This has been talked about in the past but we have been getting volunteers as needed so have not made this change.

Robin will get the signup genius ready for all of the weekends and Matt will get it sent out. Sarah Preston will have everything needed for the concessions and will work with Robyn to make sure there are volunteers for setup etc.

**Sara Perkinson made a motion that families will be required to complete 4 hours of volunteer hours and collect \$150 checks and matt will communicate to bring checks by the end of this week. Matt J seconded the motion. The board voted and approved the motion.**

We need to have everyone who has a part in the registration (jerseys, volunteer hours, etc.) to make sure everything is included and has the correct amounts for any price increases that have been done over the course of the year.

#### **4. Open Board positions/nominations**

Nominations for positions are due August 29<sup>th</sup>, then the membership will need to be notified by September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Positions up for election and current nominations:

Vice President – Eric McAbee

Secretary – Gretchen Lilja

Program Development Director – Neena Wilcox (need nomination form)

Fundraising Coordinator – Tamara Barum.

Communications Director - Kacie Robinson

Frenzy Tournament Coordinator - Sara Perkinson

Concessions Coordinator – Katelyn Genzler (need nomination form)

6U In house – Mika Kieffer (need nomination form)

#### **5. 12U/14U/16U Tryouts – 9/25/21**

We are hosting the state tournament on 9/25/21 which will impact the number of board members we have available for tryouts and help at the fields. Is there another night? Do we still want to hold the 12U tryouts in the falls due to the same reasons discussed at last meeting? We get late entry players that have to be put on a team and if there is no room we might have to turn away. If there are no teams we would not have teams to offer the off season \$\$ too for training. Could we just put out that coaches can put together their own teams and play in the tournaments? There would be players that get left out. We could let the fall ball coaches know about the opportunities. Have we encouraged coaches to combine teams to come up with opportunities for the entire level and not just teams? Do we push them until later in the fall? Chad is going to check with Dundas and Corey will check with Rosemount to see if we can get Friday night Sept 24<sup>th</sup> but have 25<sup>th</sup> at Boeckman as a backup.

#### **6. Registration increase for 2022 season**

We need to increase prices to cover increasing costs of fields, umpires, tournaments, etc.

10-16U - \$400

8U - \$175

6U - \$85

**Eric M made motion to increase the prices as outlined above, Corey S seconded the motion. The board voted, none opposed. The board approved the price increases for the 2022 Spring/Summer season.**

#### **Directors Reports:**

**Sarah Perkinson – Tournament Director** – Nothing to add for this meeting.

**Katie M – Fields and Facilities** - We have the fields for tryout Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at Boeckman if we need them. We have the gyms set for offseason except Nov 2, Feb 1, March 8 for elections and Feb 21 for presidents day. They did allow us to add four other dates. Katie has the permit from the school and

Matt will include the dates on the calendar. Katie is unable to confirm meeting dates at Celts until after we hold the previous month. We did add FES for fall fields and one at the high school for extra practice fields along with Empire. We pay \$3.75 per hour.

**Tara L – Apparel** - Fall ball jerseys got ordered and delivered to the coaches. Tara will set up Squad Locker for an apparel order.

**Eric M – Vice-President** - They are requiring SSN numbers now so coaches will need to do the background checks on their own and we will have to do reimbursements. We can't do the same thing that other organizations do because MN Softball does not accept it the same background and certifications used by those organizations.

**Sarah Preston – Concessions** - Nothing more to add for this meeting.

**Neena W – Fundraising** - Neena got involved with the Fall Ball team set up, Corey did the majority of setting up the teams then passed it off Neena and Chad.

**Matt – Communications** – Matt will update the calendar with off season gym dates. He will also email fall ball families about requirements for fall ball hours and checks. The Signup Genius will come out Wednesday for all fall ball dates and he will get that sent out to the membership as well. He also has planned an email reminder about elections including nomination forms. Matt will create the summer registration and include the increase in prices. Mika asked to be added to the email list.

**Robin L – Volunteer** – Robin will follow up with the coaches at the end of the week to collect the volunteer checks. She will also put together the Signup Genius for the fall volunteer hours.

**Corey S – Off Season/Program Development** - It was a struggle to put Fall teams together this year due to strange numbers plus the additional players that snuck in when we opened up the registration again. Corey already let Sarah Moulton know that Neena most likely be taking over the off season responsibilities. Neena already talked to Sarah and they are willing to help with the clinics again this year. Corey will chat with Neena but told Neena to work with Sarah and get something officially set up. Justice Perry might be another option as a someone who would do a clinic if we need more options. Chris asked Neena to work on putting together coaches clinics. We should hold a couple in the winter and the one in the spring.

**Chad R – Travel Director** - There were multiple people involved with fall ball teams this year and Chad is very thankful for all the help. In the future we really need to get the fall registration over by August 1 to have plenty of time to set up teams. Chad will check with Dundas and Rosemount for Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>, keeping in mind that the dome could cost \$550 per hour.

**Jeff B – Equipment** – Nothing to add for this meeting.

**Kim B – Secretary** – Nothing to add for this meeting.

**Chris S – President** - Chris got a call asking why a 12U eligible player is playing 14U. The family registered at the higher level and we left her based on the numbers. For Spring/summer they need to

petition the board to play up at a different level. Matt will work on registration to try to restrict to the specific age based on the birthday. Neena will cross check with a spreadsheet to match up birthdays with level of play.

### **1. Upcoming FGFA Meetings**

#### **Dates for Open Board meetings –**

September 19, 2020 – 5-6pm Voting then 6pm Meeting at Celts

October 17, 2020 – 6pm at Celts (not confirmed)

### **2. Adjourn Meeting**

**Jeff B made a motion to adjourn meeting, Eric M seconded the motion, the board voted, none opposed, meeting adjourned.**