



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Board Meeting	Time	6:00 pm
Date	3/3/2024	Location	ACME
Facilitator	Matt Liudahl, President		

Invitees/Attendees:

Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name	Required/Optional	Attended (Y/N)	Name
R	Y	Matt Liudahl	R	Y	Scott Owens
R	Y	Jessica Simpson	R	Y	Heath Lessard
R	Y	Jody Simpson	R	Y	Nick Roemmich
R	Y	Carinna Hendrickson	R	Y	Darby Krivoruckha
R	Y	Jamie Turner	R	Y	Melissa Artlip
R	Y	Janelle Moos	R	Y	Jesse Klaudt
R	Y	Fred Schauer	R	N	Beth Carlson

Agenda/Minutes:

Item	Topic	Owner
1.	Call To Order	Matt
	a. President Matt called the meeting to order with 12 members present.	
2.	Guest Attendees	
	a. Kate Herzog	
	i. Discussed what it's like for our organization to work with BisParksRec and identify areas of improvement.	
	ii. Indoor space	
	iii. Long-range plan	
	b. Chad Lindeman	
	i. Review of last 3 years.	
	ii. \$25 cards again this year. Team coordinators are definitely needed and works well. Minimum of 5 cards per family. 6U minimum of 3. Proposed to move up to 5 for all age level.	
	iii. Send an overall file of summer league registration to Chad to identify families – go by parent first name and last name to determine.	
3.	Approval of February Minutes	Jessica
	a. Scott motioned to approve. Heath seconded. Motion carried.	
4.	Treasurer Report	Heath
	a. Monthly report was presented and reviewed.	
	b. Taxes in May	
	c. Purchase Adobe Cloud apps for 1 user for 2-3 months.	
5.	USA Softball Report	Matt/Thor
	a. Discussed with Thor the State Softball format	
6.	Committee Reports	
	a. Fundraising/Sponsorship	Nick
	i. Larks Night – July 20 – Honeybees vs. MN team	



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1. Double-header, start at 2:30. Pre-game with BYFSA players. First game would be concentrated for BYFSA families. Donation would be made back to BYFSA. We are able to sell 50/50 raffle if we want to.
- ii. Find sponsor for game ball purchase
- b. Blast Tournament
 - i. Message through app to each travel team asking for 2-3 parent volunteers with GroupMe link
 - ii. Each age group be responsible for an area
 - iii. Meeting in March to be scheduled by Matt
 - iv. 10 teams registered currently
- c. State JO Tournament
 - i. Message through app to each travel team asking for 2-3 parent volunteers with GroupMe link

7. Old Business

Matt

- a. Travel Program
 - i. Director report
 1. Created list of changes for tryouts next year. Over-communicate especially schedule. How Blue/White teams are going to be split and what it means for the players. Have all questions directed to Darby and 1 board member. Expectation will be 24-48 hours for responses. Removing run-times for next year and will use as a tie breaker.
 2. Schedule next year tryout dates in the fall – October. Go by last name and split in half. Overlap of pitching/catching worked well. Extra volunteers to steer players where they need to go.
 3. Consider hiring coaches for 12U division next year.
 4. Register for tournaments next week.
 5. Hitting with Sanford POWER schedule has been determined. 10U coaches need to be present.
 6. Intro camp moved to the fall.
 7. Fall tournament – could BYFSA organize communication for Prairie Pumpkin Tournament
 8. Raffle tickets – March 11 due April 19. Distribution on March 10 during open gyms. Send out email, social, GroupMe with the times of open gyms. Contact Carinna to request additional tickets. Tuesday April 23 at 4:00pm can turn in raffle tickets at Sanford Sports Complex announcer booth.
 - ii. Summer League
 - i. Equipment
 1. Pitching machines - replace the springs. Done
 2. State tournament game balls will need to be ordered.
 3. Equipment bags – purchase 4-5 hockey bags
 4. First Aid Kit refresh – band aids, cold packs - Heath
 - ii. Format
 1. Season length – 6u will be 6 week program, 8 week for the remainder.
 2. 8u Jamboree (3-game & no tees), 10u & 11Up double-elimination year-end tournament.
 - iii. Mandan participation
 1. \$100/team was accepted.



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- 2. Mandan registration deadline – ask Mandan to end registration deadline 1 week before BYFSA to aid in planning.
 - 3. 1-10U team and 1-12U team is anticipated.
 - 4. Touch base with Mandan in April on team numbers
 - c. Pre-Season Meetings
 - i. May 5 –BHS auditorium
 - ii. May 19 Coaches clinic with Lane
 - d. Technology
 - e. Division Representatives
 - i. Ask for volunteers at parent meeting.
 - f. Camps and Clinics
 - g. Communications/Marketing/Community
 - h. Scholarships
- 8. New Business** **All attendees**
- 9. Other Business** **All attendees**
- a. Team Snap
- 10. Review Action Items** **All attendees**

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, April 7, 2024

Action Items:

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Purchase equipment bags	Jamie/Jesse	3/31/2024
2	Update BYFSA handbook and publish to website	Jess	3/31/2024
3	Create State JO Tournament Committee	Team	3/31/2024
4	Register Sparks Teams for Blast Tournament	Heath	4/30/2024
5	Create Blast Tournament Committee	Team	4/30/2024
6	Pre-Season Meetings: Create documentation, slide deck, news article, calendar item, social media post/graphics	Jess	4/30/2024
7	Remove 8U softie balls from equipment bags	Jamie	4/30/2024
8	Contact CVB for hotel rate sheets-State Tournament	Matt	4/30/2024
9	Confirm team numbers for Mandan	Matt	4/30/2024
10	Schedule coach clinic with Lane for 5/19 from 1-2pm	Darby	4/30/2024
11	Reschedule Intro to Softball Camp for fall	Darby	4/30/2024
12	Send spreadsheet with BYFSA registrants to Thor	Jody	5/15/2024
13	Gather information on registration platform for State Tournament. Communicate findings with Jody	Matt	5/31/2024
	Plan, coordinate, and assist with executing raffle drawing for travel teams	Fundraising Committee	COMPLETED
	Order springs for pitching machines	Scott	COMPLETED
	Contact Mandan regarding summer league	Matt	COMPLETED
	First Aid kit refresh. Contact potential sponsor.	Melissa	CANCELLED