

# **NPGFA**

**Board Meeting minutes 11/14/2018  
7:00PM Great River Energy Conference Room**

## **New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association Mission Statement**

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association is committed to teaching the fundamentals of competitive Fastpitch softball. We are here to promote leadership, cooperation, team skills, to deal with accomplishments and disappointments, to improve self-confidence and self-esteem and to have FUN! We do this as a feeder system to the New Prague Schools.

### **Board Members**

Present: Alex Perkinson, Pat Perkinson, Michelle Fischer, Jim Kaufman, Colleen Ambroz, Todd Pietsch, and Lisa Johnson

Not Present: Chad Kraml

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Joel Munson and Chris Kramer

### **Proceedings:**

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Pat Perkinson

### **President's Report:**

- Reading of mission statement by Pat Perkinson

### **Secretary's Report**

- Reading of last meetings minutes by Alex Perkinson
  - By the time January comes around, we should be about \$19,680 before we start taking in money again
  - Archery *agreed upon* 2 hours per week for *softball* to use the batting cages in the axillary gym at the high school

***Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to approve 10/3/2018 meeting minutes.***

***Seconded by Michelle Fischer.***

***Motion passed 6-0.***

## **Treasurer's Report:**

*Jim Kaufman*

- All checks have been written for the year
  - 1 volunteer check bounced
- 3 receivables from the summer season
  - Going to write off for this year, but will be keeping track of them for next registration
- Budget: \$20,525
  - Future outlook: about \$19,680 at Jan. 1, 2019
- 2019 Season Outlook:
  - Will be down about \$7,300 from \$19,680
  - Need to start looking at cutting expenses or increasing revenue over the next few years
- Need to get budget finalized by next meeting
  - Need input on game equipment, fundraising, jersey fees

## **Volunteer Coordinator's Report:**

*Lisa Johnson*

- 1 person showed interest
- Finalization of 2019 hours:
  - All teams will have 15 hours per family
  - During tryouts, \$300 will be collected from each family
    - Once 15 hours have been completed, the check will be returned
    - If you don't want to do the volunteer hours, you may buyout and your check will be cashed right away
    - Parents can hire an approved student worker, association has a list of names, to fulfill their 15 hours for \$10 per hour. Parent MUST pay the students
    - All volunteer hours will be organized, tracked and managed using DIBS Items through SportsEngine
    - If volunteer hours have not been completed by the end of the season, the check of \$300 will be cashed by NPGFA

***Motion made by Michelle Fischer to increase the volunteer hour payment to \$300, provide an option to opt out from doing volunteer hours and the NPGFA deposit checks right away, provide the option for parents to hire and pay an approved student worker for \$10 per hour, and to have the HPGFA cash the check provided at registration if volunteer hours are not completed by the end of the season. Seconded by Jim Kaufman.***

***Motion passed 6-0.***

**Webmaster Report:**

*Lisa Johnson*

- List of new SBDC has been given to Lisa and will be uploaded soon.
- Looking at finding a video and/or diagram on how to chalk the field

**Registration Coordinator's Report:**

*Todd Pietsch*

- Outlook on fees for the 2019 Summer Season:
  - \$25 discount for early registration
    - Until January 31st
  - 8U - \$150
  - 10U - \$250
  - 12U - \$275
  - 14U - \$300
  - \$50 family discount → more than one player in the program, you get \$50 off
- Registration for winter clinics will open on December 9th

**Umpire Coordinator's Report:**

*Pat Perkinson*

- Minnesota Elite Umpires is teaming up with Starters in Shakopee to put on a Cadet Training
  - Free clinic to train umpires
  - Purpose: to increase the quantity and quality of umpires
  - Teaming up with females/males to do softball/baseball
- Look at promoting to high school students to benefit our program and surrounding programs
  - NPGFA look at hosting a Cadet Training → about 2 hours
    - Promote to surrounding communities: Prior Lake, Belle Plaine, TCU, Jorgan, Waterville, Le Sueur, Henderson

**Tournament/League Coordinator:**

*Colleen Ambroz*

- Fall State - 3 teams no show at a 10U level
  - Looking at ramifications in upcoming years
- Caswell will have a \$5 million improvement
- MOA Nationals will be switching weekends - first weekend of August

- To correlate with USA softball
- Caps/visors don't have to match during league
- 10U umpires:
  - Looking at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses or zero tolerance to umpires:
    - 1st warning: verbal warning
    - 2nd warning: out will be assessed to the team (first batter)
    - 3rd warning: coach and their daughter will be ejected
- Surveys have been sent out and completed
  - SBDC reviewed

### **SBDC Report:**

*Joel Munson*

- All Association Meeting: January 7th or 8th
- Clinics start January 13th
  - NO clinic on Superbowl Sunday
  - Alternating the younger kids and older kids between the high school and middle school
  - Fees: \$75 for association players, \$100 for late sign up or not within association
  - No tryout simulation before tryouts
  - Tryouts: March 9th-10th
  - Anna Borwege is planning all clinics and hiring all the clinicians
- Pitching clinics will be done when the middle school gym is open
  - Emphasize these clinics are only open to individuals who sign up and pay for clinics
- Emphasize that players on club teams MUST pay the clinic price to use the gym while clinics are going on
- Possibly new chair of the SBDC committee: Daylan Johnson
  - Concern → wants the ability to still coach

### **Other Business:**

- Chris Kramer - booster club representative
  - \$2,500 donated by the booster club to help with field improvements
    - Priority purchases: posts for the JV field fence, windscreen for the varsity field outfield fence, and centralized flag pole
- Purchase suggestions:
  - Windscreen for outfield fence - \$2,400
    - Priority for booster club and association
  - Batting cages at the middle school:

- Connecting with the Youth Baseball Association
    - New cage is about \$20,000, but have no location
    - Both Youth Baseball and NPGFA are willing to donate
  - Flag pole → center location between the fields at the high school
  - Replace second batting cage net → roughly \$500
  - Signage for the batting cages
  - New posts (more heavy duty) for the JV fence
- Booster club: taking over youth night, but still offer volunteer hours for it
- NPGFA Board Calendar
  - December:
    - Week before school is out, put out fliers to the schools (Dec. 7th)
    - Signs: going in the Elko New Market and New Prague area when registration opens (Dec. 9th)
      - Price of using t-shirt signs to promote registration
    - Finalize registration pricing
  - January:
    - All Association meeting (Jan. 8th)
  - February/March:
    - Parent/Player meeting (Feb. 24th, 25th, or March 4th)
    - 8U Director League meeting

**Table Until Next Meeting:**

- 14U/16U program
- Review coach evaluations

***Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to adjourn the meeting.***

***Seconded by Alex Perkinson.***

***Motion passed 5-0.***

**Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM.**

**Next meeting 12/5/2018 at Great River Energy Conference Room at 7:00PM.**