



BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 3rd, 2013 7:00 PM
Bloomington Center for the Arts- Dakota Room

- I. Call to order
Karen Johnson called to order the regular meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association Board of Directors at 7:18PM on Monday, February 3rd, 2014 at the Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN.

- II. Attendance
The following persons were present:

Board Members: Karen Johnson, Cathy Currier, Stacy Acketz, Tony Acketz, Sarah Johnson, Craig Johnson, , Carol Effertz, Grant Effertz, Mark Pearson, Gary Hanson, and Mike Kopischke.

Others in Attendance: Amy Christiansen, Ashley Saaranen

- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (January 2014)
Minutes were distributed to Board prior to the meeting.
Karen Johnson asked if there were any questions, comments or changes to the minutes.
Motion by Stacey Acketz to approve January Minutes as submitted; 2nd Carol Effertz.
MOTION APPROVED

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Budget Update
Final Approved budget distributed to Board by Sarah prior to meeting.
Current cash on hand is \$25,700
Sarah asked what expenditures should be expected in near future.
Gary noted minor advertising costs (Sun Current and Flyers)
Discussion regarding equipment purchases
Craig & Grant will inventory Catcher's equipment & purchase as necessary.
Tony & Craig will inventory bats and purchase as necessary. In particular make sure sufficient bats small enough for 8U
Stacey will check with Dicks regarding donations/discounts for Equipment bags.

 - b. Clinic Attendance
No clinics 2/2 (Superbowl Sunday)
Numbers for 1/26 clinics: 44 at 8/10U and 34 at 12/14U
We are near over capacity. Next year we should look at breaking out the 8's into their own session.
Parents of players and players who are also part of the Hockey program at the younger age levels is drawing more players as good off season sport.
2nd round of flyers went out to schools last week (week of 1/27) and this week (week of 2/3).

C. Registration Update

Pre-registration numbers: 59 total (55 online and 4 by mail)
Breakdown: 16's = 2; 14's = 5; 12's = 24; 10's = 20; 8's = 8

Carol is putting together a spreadsheet of players that will include a note regarding anyone signing up to volunteer.

There is a new set-up for registration that should better distribute and improve registration flow (map distributed). We will utilize the bathrooms for uniform sizing.

Assignments made for manning tables: Information (Cathy), Payment (Karen & Sarah with Mark as back-up if busy), Spirit Wear (Gran), Sizing (Diana, Stacey, Carol).

We need scholarship forms at the information table (Karen) as well as additional registration forms (Carol).

Food & Pop is handled (Mark).

Discussion around the \$50 BASH check collection: Decided to collect at the parent meeting not at registration, but be prepared to handle payment with registration by those familiar with process.

d. Parent Handbook revisions

Continuation from where Board left off in January meeting.

Discussion focused heavily on Batting/Playing/Pitching time. Approved with revisions (adding "league play" as a distinguishing factor, removed "novice" as a factor for pitching and position has a slight change regarding being "safe and successful").

More details regarding the philosophy and what we expect of the coaches will be part of the agenda at the Coaches' Meeting.

Player Expectations updated to take out the % and just use the word even or same. Rationale: too easy to manipulate time to manage to a % and intent is to make sure all players are getting as close to the same amount of playing time as possible.

Standards section was approved as revised.

Based on overall changes made it was suggested and agreed we revisit Goals and Objectives. Made changes to remove "order of importance"; Discussed taking Fun...out of the top spot, agreed to leave in order listed but remove numbering and simply bullet items. Also noted that "competitive is not the same as "winning" and should be listed as it's own objective.

Karen will make changes and send out via email for final approval.

V. New Business

a. Spirit Wear

Grant brought forth a recommendation for a new Spirit Wear vendor/clothing options and a way of offering spirit wear that is different from the past (handout provided).

There will be limited time for shopping (2 weeks) which will be "open" 2-3 times per year. Must have a minimum of \$1,000 per "open" session so need to space/plan the events while also considering when people generally want to purchase/get merchandise.

Stacey Acketz made motion to approve new vendor BIG as proposed, 2nd Tony Acketz. MOTION APPROVED

Grant will have samples of some items at Registration. We will take pre-orders at Registration but will not open the 2 week window until Parent Meeting. We will be able to cancel (not place) orders for anyone who is cut (if any).

b. Update Coaching Handbook

Tony provided an update and sample of the new Coaching Handbook (skills & drills). This is near completion. They are at the point where they are adding pictures, video links, etc. Thanks to Amy for use of the facility to meet and work on this project.

Amy will make sure both high school coaches receive this information. (As well as the dynamic warm-up exercise program put into place last year).

Cathy will coordinate with Tony to have the coaching binder that was given to the coaches in the past completed for the coaches meeting (perhaps integrate into Coaching Handbook?).

VI. Director Reports

a. President: Karen Johnson - None

b. Vice President: Cathy Currier

Will we provide batting helmets for the newbies? Not they are expected to have a helmet, glove and face mask to play. We have some helmets and gloves at the clinics for use.

Cathy requested permission for a 1st year/young 10U to play 8U. Approved.

BFA teams tournament registration. Can't wait for coaches to pick their own due to timing of trouts, team selection and the need to get teams registered. Cathy will work with Tony to determine a "best guess" as to number of teams and levels. Cathy will start getting teams registered: try to spread out teams so not all are playing same weekends & give a variety coaches can choose from.

Try to get the 12U A team into the Down & Dirty and/or the Eastview Lightening. Avoid the Mayfly. Lakeville also had a good early tournament.

Try to get the 10's into the Ringneck tournament (will be an "all star" team the weekend of July 4th). We'll work out the details later, but register now.

c. Treasurer: Sarah Johnson - None

d. Secretary: Melissa Walter

e. Commissioner: Craig Johnson - None

f. Facilities Coordinator: Mark Pearson - None

g. Communications Director: Grant Effertz

Catching clinic updates. Tony would like to see it expanded for more/new/younger girls. Will work with Grant. Space is an issue.

h. Member Services & Membership: Carol Effertz - None

i. Marketing: Gary Hanson - None

j. Fund Raising: Stacy Acketz - None

k. Player Development: Tony Acketz - None

VII. Open Comments

VIII. Adjourned at 10:03 PM

The next board meeting will be **Monday, April 3rd** 7:00pm at the Bloomington Center for the Arts