

NPGFA Meeting Minutes

8-11-2021

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: Jim Kaughland, Becky Wilson, Michelle Fischer, Megan Tupy, Katie Galland, Amy Skluzacek, Amy Englin, Mark Cameron, Tina Steinhoff

Not Present:

Quorum present: Melissa Digatanno, Angie Tupy, Laurie Blaschao, Joel Munson

Others present: None

President Report:

- Meeting start time: 7:00pm

Review and approve minutes:

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Treasurer's report:

- \$31,890.00

Webmaster/Registration:

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Field and Gym:

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Fundraising Coordinator:

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Volunteer Coordinator:

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Equipment:

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Uniforms:

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Umpire:

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Tournaments/League:

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SBDC:

- Start a plan to improve the fields at the highschool, JV, and middle school fields.
- Will work in phases due to funding
- Phase 1:
 - Infield work (\$4,000)
 - Landscaping, access to water
 - Outfield needs to get rolled and aerated
- Phase 2:
 - Dugouts are too small, roof is rotting (10k per dugout)
 - Batting cages (\$2,500)
 - Move press box (\$300)
 - Warning track and backstop (\$25,000)
- Seating cost \$25,000
- Splitting cost 50/50 between NPGFA and SBDC
- 14U Team:
 - 18 girls originally
 - Not enough for two teams, not enough coaches
 - Reached out to Jordan and TCU.
 - 3-4 players have left the association for the Rockers travel team
 - Team proposal is a team of 13 girls
 - We will not be taking any Jordan or TCU girls
 - Four girls will be cut
 - The three players will be cut based on not playing in the summer and observations. One player will be cut based on ability observed and coach evaluation.
 - Cece Madsen will be head coach. She will be supported by Anna Borwege. Will reach out to a parent as a potential unpaid coach.
 - Mark made a motion to approve teams and Megan seconded the motion. Passes 8-0

Other Business:

- Joel meeting:
 - Previously started a 18U program in 2009 to keep girls playing

- Will treat his girls as his own
- Wants to develop an A team, no other surrounding areas have A teams
- In contact with MN Softball with the appropriate step
- Not here for the money, trying to make good softball players
- \$1,000-1,5000 per year to play
- Doing fall ball, winter training, and summer ball and charging by season
- Commit to program for 12 mo and commit to one season
- Close the gap on athleticism in girls
- Jordan is cheaper on gym/field time
- Targeting 4 communities (Jordan, New Prague, Montgomery, Belle Plaine)
- Next year 14U and 16U team with one team per age
- Will not be told how to run, train, or pick his teams
- 4 NP girls, 4 Jordan girls, 2-3 TCU players on the team

Meeting adjourned @ 9:30 pm

Next meeting @ Sept 8th, 2021