

Bemidji Girls Fastpitch Softball
11/12/2025
Buffalo Wild Wings

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

a) Board Members Present: Shannon Miller, Will Tysver, Caralee Nowak, Michelle Malkowski, Mike Gunkel, Ashley Gagola, Cory Wilson, Dan Seaberg missing: Bazil Zuehlke

2) **Agenda** distributed and August minutes approved motion Ashley, seconded by Cory

3) Officers Reports

a) Treasurer

*starting balance 8/15/2025: 24641.27, primary account

*ending balance 8/14/2025: \$37728.09 primary account

*starting balance 5/28/25: 7693.29 project account

*ending balance 11/12/25: 95428.48 project account

*approved Caralee, seconded Ashley

*Exec committee approved moving funds into project account totalig \$156,602 to pay for turf, Nielson Field

4) Board

a) Shannon, Bazil and Will terms are up, one other open spot

b) Board Elections November, begin in January

c) Board Positions are for 2 years, board appoints positions, Ashley 2026, Michelle 2026, Caralee 2026, Mike 2026, Cory 2026, Dan 2027

d) Board make up 5 At Large Members, 4 Exec Members

4) Committee Reports

a) Storm updates

*Insurance Secura beginning to issue monies based on damage, lost income from tournament

*Contractors are not available this fall so will need to wait until next spring for repairs

*Damage to Dugouts, Batting cage, bleachers, building

b) Tournament

*Discussion of more than one weekend with 12U, 16/18U one and 10U, 14U another however will keep with same format for 2026

*Tournament scheduled for Fathers Day weekend, go forward with date

*Discussion of Showcase for 16/18, invite JC scouts for more opportunity for exposure for our players to play post highschool-look into partnership with Grand Rapids

c) Coaching

i) Emily Jessen possible 16/18 coach, may have two teams

ii) Need age reps at each level to advocate, equipment needs, scheduling

c)Projects

i) Tear down is ongoing at Nielson Field, preparing for turf, painting beams, spraying walkway. Continued power location planning, ADA updates and sprinkler, cameras, keyless entry.

ii) Bemidji Indoor Sports Commission heading Nielson Field operation, nonprofit, 2-3

from each entity, ongoing sponsorship drive
iii) Replace batting cages at complex-need to tear down this fall and prepare for spring

d) Facilities

- i) 3rd field funding: on hold with indoor facility
- ii) Need to secure building, bring in equipment, remove food items
- iii) Equipment donation Deerwood, pitching machines delivered

5) New/Old Business

- a) Four wheeler/Gator still needed for dragging fields
- b) Plan to send membership a survey for feedback coaching direction, playtime
- c) Arrowhead-look into another league due to travel-possibly Big West (Alexandria, Sartell)
- d) Try Softball for free, fall or spring
- e) Space reserved at HS for Jan/Feb clinics however can decline if indoor facility up and running
- f) Taco Bingo, plan again for spring, Timberline Sports for guns, Armory for location, Ashley-Lead

6) Announcements/Discussion

- **still need a sponsorship coordinator
- ***Next meeting 12/10/2025 BWW

Meeting adjourned

Cory motioned, Mike seconded