



Bismarck Youth Fastpitch Softball Association Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

Meeting Title	Board Meeting	Time	6:30 pm
Date	11/6/2023	Location	Bismarck Moose
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	N	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.	Approval of October Minutes	Jessica
	a. Scott motioned to approve. Jody second. Motion carried.	
3.	Board of Directors Election	Matt
	a. Nick Roemmich to serve as Fundraising Coordinator. Travel Team Coordinator position will need to be filled.	
	i. Jody motion for Carinna to move to Travel Team Coordinator. Jessica second. Motion carried.	
	ii. Beth Carlson was appointed Assistant Travel Team Coordinator.	
4.	Treasurer Report	Heath
	a. Heath presented financial report.	
5.	USA Softball Report	Thor
	a. Location of State	
	b. Tournament dates will be decided.	
6.	Old Business	Matt
	a. Travel Program	
	i. Director report	
	1. Pitching & Catching Clinics coaches have been contacted. Cassidy is available for all but 1 date, might see if Dre can fill in or coach in tandem. Em is available for all dates and will have help.	
	2. Feb 11 is the tryout 14-18u (9-12am) 10-12u(12-4pm). Feb 21 is the alternate date for 10-12u.	
	3. Pre-tryout practices need to be scheduled. 1/29 and 2/5 for an hour (3 age groups)	



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4. Hitting practices with Lane are on track. The rate would remain the same as last year. He would like all Sparks teams to go on one day. Check to see if Thursdays would work due to no league games that day. Would suggest for 10u to be done with hitting during the season and do a pre-season training with Lane to be ready for the season.
 5. Intro to Training – 2-day camp facilitated by Lane. Goal will be to introduce athletes to the training facility. For the 10u-12u age group. Get more information and ask if there is a fee. Sparks pre-season training to be ready for season.
 6. Travel coaches: Reese Haug, Emma Owens, and Ashlee Potter have expressed interest. Taylor and Grace will be contacted.
 7. Clothing store & logo: Talked with Chris for a 24/7 store. Product selection is given to GameOne but we can also request items.
- b. Summer League
- i. Equipment
 1. Inventory completed.
 2. Make sure it's communicated that the pitching machines are available for practices as well. Could replace the springs.
 - ii. Rules
 1. 8U - Ideas for electric pitching machines, spring replacement for pitching machines? Recommendation: coach pitch the whole time, circle drawn at maybe 30-35 ft., 5 pitches max – players can strike out. Each team have their own designated coach pitcher. More education at parent meeting & coaches meeting for pitching at the 8U level.
 2. Additional practice night is not optional
 - iii. Format
 1. Season length – 6u consider a 6 week program, 8 week for the remainder.
 2. Consider 8u Jamboree (3-game)
 3. Consider double-elimination year-end tournament.
 4. Mandan participation – Matt contact rep
- c. Clothing Store
- i. Approve by 11/10, email comments to Darby
- d. Division Representatives/Committee Recap-table until February
- e. Camps and Clinics
- i. Off-Season Training – 37 registrations
 - ii. Pitching & Catching Camp – 1/6-1/24, 2/10 (5 weeks) 1pm-3pm (1 hr. each age group)
 1. Determine participant cost, last year was \$100. Will stay with \$100 this year again.
 2. Determine pitching & catching coaches compensation. \$35 per player.
 3. Facility Rental = \$1500
 - iii. Spring Camp – 2/25-3/24 (5 weeks) 11am-2pm (1.5 hrs each age group)
 - iv. Intro Camp – 4/7-4/21 (3 weeks) 12pm-2pm (1 hr each age group)
- f. Fundraising/Sponsorship
- i. BisMan CVB grant-due November 15 – completed for Blast & State
 - ii. Old 10
 - iii. Sanford POWER
 - iv. Discount card
- g. Communications/Marketing/Community
- i. I Can Movie event
 1. Heritage Center: Weeknight \$450, Weekend (day) \$600, Weekend evening \$700
 2. Try for January



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7. New Business

All attendees

a. Website Renewal

- i. SportsEngine pricing structure changed. Now offering a \$799/year option which is in line with the services we currently have. However, processing fees increase. Jody will respond with the choice of \$799 level and make sure no functionality is affected.

8. Other Business

All attendees

9. Review Action Items

All attendees

Next Board Meeting: December 4, 2023

Action Items:

#	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date
1	Clothing store: set up 24/7 store with BYFSA logo	Darby	11/10/2023
2	Sparks Logo	Team	11/10/2023
3	Pitching & Catching Camps: create registration, promote	Jess/Jody	11/15/2023
4	Contact SportsEngine regarding subscription level choice and ensure no functionality is affected.	Jody	11/30/2023
5	Send spreadsheet with registrants for off-season training to Thor	Jody	11/30/2023
6	Sparks travel coaches: reach out to potential coaches	Darby/Jess	11/30/2023
7	Discuss with Lane regarding summer travel team training schedule. 10u during April/May	Darby	11/30/2023
8	Schedule pre-tryout practices. 1/29 for 14-18u (1hr); 2/5 for 10u-12u (2hrs)	Darby	11/30/2023
9	Gather information from Lane for Intro to Training Camp	Darby	11/30/2023
10	Reach out to movie theater and Heritage Center for <i>I Can</i> movie screening. Goal date in January	Melissa	11/30/2023
11	Contact Old 10 regarding sponsorship	Nick	11/30/2023
12	Contact Mandan regarding summer league	Matt	11/30/2023
13	Registration creation: Sparks Travel Tryouts, Summer League	Jody	12/31/2023
14	Contact Sanford Power regarding endowment fund sponsorship	Nick	12/31/2023
15	Update travel team handbook	Darby/Jess	12/31/2023
16	Update summer league rules	Jamie/Jess	12/31/2023
17	Secure evaluators for travel tryouts	Darby	1/31/2024
18	Create Blast Tournament Committee	Team	1/31/2024
19	Create State JO Tournament Committee	Team	1/31/2024