



# BLOOMINGTON FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

## Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- I. Call to order  
Karen Johnson called to order the monthly board meeting of the Bloomington Fastpitch Association (BFA) at 7:01PM on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- II. Attendance
  - a. The following persons were present.  
Board members: Karen Johnson, Kristie Ludden, Sarah Johnson, Tammy Tessier Kealy, Craig Johnson, Mark Pearson, Tony Acketz, Stacy Acketz, Grant Effertz, Gary Hanson, David Rau, Bob Lindberg  
  
Other Attendees: Mark Flugstad representing Clutch Hitters
- III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (December 2014)
  - a. Motion to approve the Minutes with corrections made by David Rau and Stacey Acketz was made by Karen Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristie Ludden
  - b. MOTION APPROVED
- IV. Andrew Pillsbury – Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)
  - a. A fifteen minute presentation was made by Andrew regarding the PCA
  - b. There was then a Q and A session with the board and Andrew
  - c. Andrew let the board know, that the Bloomington Lacrosse has invited the BFA to attend a leadership workshop March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Details to follow.
  - d. Motion was made for the board to sign a one (1) year contract with one (1) workshop now with the ability to extend the contract the contract at the current prices. Motion was made by Tony Acketz and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kristie Ludden.
  - e. MOTION APPROVED
- V. Old Business
  - a. Document Process to fill open roster positions when short players
    - i. When an extra player(s) are needed, the coach will send an email to all coaches plus cc Kristie Ludden and Tony Acketz. The coaches will then forward the email to all their families and the spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. The additional players will be added to bottom of the rotation and will be given equal play time. All communication must be done by email and Kristie and Tony must be copied on all replies.
- VI. Budget Approval (S. Johnson)
  - a. Motion to approve was made Sarah Johnson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Acketz
  - b. MOTION APPROVED
- VII. Registration (K. Johnson for C. Effertz)
  - a. Mentioned to add pitcher or catcher to form
  - b. Sarah would like to edit the payment options
  - c. Highlight the fact that fees were reduced this year, cross out last year prices with this year's prices
  - d. Corporate tables at registration and the BASH are now being added to the position of Fund Raising. David will contact both Tannel and Mizuno.



- VIII. 10U NAFA (T. Acketz)
- a. Board decided that the experience of NAFA was important to all players and is not going to have an All-Star BFA at NAFA, all teams will go
- IX. Pitching Clinics (T. Acketz)
- a. Tony is looking to add a third pitching coach as the demand is increasing
  - b. The policy for all BFA reimbursed clinics will be as follows
    - i. A blast email will go out from BFA announcing the clinics, dates, times, coaches and location. Then and only then, can registration begin.
    - ii. Registration will be on a first come first serve system for each session. Players will be allowed to request coach, time and location but no guarantees.
    - iii. Assigning the players for the clinics will be the responsibility of the Vice President and Player and Coach Development. Assignment preference will be given to 8U and 10U and then 12U
- X. MMFL 2015 Coaches Clinic & Mentoring Series –Dates conflict with BFA coach meetings and training scheduled by BFA already
- XI. Requests for February Agenda:
- a. Finalize registration layout
  - b. Parent handbook – changes and clarification
- XII. Director Reports
- e. Commissioner: (C. Johnson) - Most of the new equipment has arrived. Check in with city regarding the shed and everything is legal.
  - g. Player and Coach Development: (T. Acketz) - Gathering and identifying coaches for this year, applications are required by all interested, Grant will send a blast email.
  - h. Tournament Director: (S. Acketz) – BASH Elite, how should it be sanctioned –SA, USSSA or both? Clutch will provide the answer as it is their tournament.  
Game guarantees: BASH will be 4 and Elite will be 5
  - i. Communications Director: (G. Effertz) – Catchers clinic starting in January on Saturdays; getting carpet remnants to protect the gym floors
  - l. Fund Raising: (D. Rau) – We were published in the American Legion newsletter, and sent letters out to local dealerships
  - m. 8U Director: (B. Lindberg) – Will reach out to other associations regarding our 8U tournament
- XII. Open Comments
- XIV. Adjournment
- Karen Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:39pm and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Acketz

The next boarding meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00pm at the Bloomington Center for the Arts.