

Open Meeting Min

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

October 22nd, 2023 - Celts – Farmington MN – 6:00pm

Board Members in Attendance:	Board Members not in Attendance:
Eric McAbee-Vice President	Sarah Fenske-Off season coordinator
Meredith Peine -Frenzy Tournament Director	Kelsey Bohlig-In-House Director/Frenzy Assistant
Gretchen Lilja-Secretary	Jen Asleson-Equipment Director
Tamara Barum-Concessions	
Sara Perkinson-Volunteer coordinator	
Alexandra Hanley- Fundraising Coordinator	
Jeff Buck- President	
Chad Redman – Travel Director	
Rob Grissom-Field/Facilities	
Haley Wargin- Communications director	
Katelyn Genzler – Assistant Concessions	
Lindsey Schepers- Treasurer	
Tara Lemke – Apparel	

Call to Order: 6:04pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting(s): September 24, 2023

Sara made a motion to approve both open and closed minutes from September, Tamara seconded motion- board voted with no opposition, minutes approved.

Open items

- Field Improvements
 - Summary of field improvement approvals from August meeting.
 - Approved 4 infield renovations in August for \$40,000.
 - New proposal (option 2) on the table
 - renovating two fields
 - New drag equipment
 - Side by side to pull drag ~\$36,074
 - Would plan to trial a year of not having schools drag the fields at BMS- potential for long term savings.
 - Coaches would drag fields at BMS daily
 - Would plan to get all fields on a rotating schedule for maintenance.
 - Would need to make plans for a future shed next to existing shed to make sure there is enough room for all equipment and vehicles.
 - Would plan to use the new equipment to help upgrade FES a well.
 - Discussion surrounding which fields are the priority for this year.
 - A & D will be used the most
 - Jeff made a motion to approve option 2, fields A&D. Rob seconded motion, board voted with no opposition- motion approved.

- Halloween Walk
 - Friday 10/27 at Dodge Middle School. Will plan to hand out candy and business cards to increase awareness and get parents on our email blasts. Tamara requests \$350 for candy and decorations. Eric made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded motion- board voted without opposition, motion approved.
- Open Gym/Offseason
 - Sign-up is out for board members to fill in open slots- plan to each fill 3 nights.
 - Board members are not required to stay the entire night.
 - Gym dates may change
 - Nov 6th is first open date
 - Open gym will be tuesdays only until jan.
 - Clinics will be mondays and tuesdays (we have both set of gyms)
 - Jan we have thursday gyms
- Frenzy Update
 - 8U 5/18-5/19 @BMS
 - 10U+ 5/31-6/2 @Empire and BMS
- Off Season Clinics- 11/6
 - 2 sessions, one prior to Christmas, and one afterwards
 - 7-8pm will be younger girls, 8-9pm will be older girls
 - 10 slots for each session
 - Discussion surrounding creating a 8U only clinic after Jan

New Items

- Empire Meeting
 - Empire would like fields to not open until 5/20
 - Will plan to have 8U Frenzy 5/18-19 at BMS and switch to Empire if needed.
 - Will have to make a plan for practice/games without Empire
 - Kwik Trip to break ground June 2024
- Chad/ Travel Director Update
 - Need heavy duty cart for open gym at BMS.
 - Rob is making motion for \$1500 to purchase new cart and wagon, Sara seconded motion. Board voted with no opposition; money approved.
 - Will plan to have volunteer option for putting up fences
 - ACTION: Chad to buy dirt auger
- Treasurer Report- \$96,638 in total
- Fundraising-
 - Garage sale/donations- discussion surrounding how to help newer families with getting gear and getting into softball
- VP
 - Scholarships information has been posted, due by April 1st 2024 so we can get it to the HS to be announced at senior awards night
 - Sponsorships- state farm willing to donate money to community events
 - Discussion surrounding business sponsorships on jerseys
- Presidents Notes
 - No state tournament, will plan to do a 2 site 12U A&B qualifier June 29th and 30th
 - 8U-12U State, July 13-14, won't be hosting
 - Call to Close 7:41pm
- Team Approval
 - Tryouts went great
 - \$2990 for the day

- 16U- 12 girls, hoping to accept more if needed
 - Had to pull up 3 top 14U players
- 14U- 16 girls tried out, 3 players went to 16 and 13 girls at 14U
 - 3 pitchers, some catchers
 - One identified head coach, some perspective assistant coaches
- 12U- 4 teams at 10 players each
 - Zero coaches picks, all teams made based on tryout scores
 - Will plan to do an A, B and 2 C teams at this time
 - One pitcher who made black team, moved down a team as there were multiple pitchers ahead. 3rd team may be a B or C
- One additional request was honored, parent made a request to move their player from Orange to Black.
- Will plan Orange, Black, White and Grey
- Rob made a motion to approve teams, Gretchen seconded the motion- board voted with no opposition, teams approved. Teams to be sent out 10/23.
- 8 and 10U tryouts, March 16th at noon.

Eric made a motion to close meeting, Jeff seconded the motion- board voted with no opposition. Meeting adjourned.

Future discussion- Sponsorships

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

- November 19, 2023
- December 10, 2023
- January 21, 2023