

NPGFA

**Board Meeting minutes 9/4/2019
7:00PM City Hall - Chamber Room**

New Prague Girls Fastpitch Association Mission Statement

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: Pat Perkinson, Colleen Ambroz, Alex Plonski, Todd Pietsch, Michelle Fischer, Chad Kraml, and Jim Kaufman

Not Present:

Quorum present: Yes

Others Present: Daylan Johnson and Eric Steinhoff

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Pat Perkinson

President's Report:

- Reading of mission statement by Pat Perkinson

Secretary's Report

- Reading of last meetings minutes by Alex Plonski

Motion made by Michelle Fischer to approve 8/7/2019 meeting minutes.

Seconded by Todd Pietsch.

Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Kaufman

- Cash balance: \$24,252
 - We are about \$10,000 we have on hand from fundraisers
 - Money will be used for field upgrades

- End of year → about \$15,000 cash balance
- Still waiting for the 14U fall ball team refund from Big West League
 - All refunds to these players from NPGFA have been given back to the families
- Major expenses: Dozinky - \$500, State Fall Ball State gate fees

Web Master's Report:

Lisa Johnson/Todd Pietsch

- Lisa has resigned → Todd Pietsch is currently filling in short-term

Volunteer Coordinator's Report:

Nikki Hauck/Todd Pietsch

- Nikki has resigned → Todd Pietsch is currently filling in short-term
- Coaches for fall ball have been given 5 hours
- 8 checks will be cashed due to not fulfilling volunteer hours
- Board oversight will occur next year with this position
 - Coordinator will send out monthly/bi-weekly reminders where hours are
- We still need a Dozinky Parade coordinator - #31
- DIBS items have been posted for windscreen and batting cage takedowns
 - Batting cages: Sept. 26th from 6-7pm
 - Windscreen: Sept. 29th from 4-6pm

Registration Coordinator's Report:

Todd Pietsch

- No 14U team was put together for fall ball
 - All 6 found a club team to play on for fall and summer seasons
- Fees will need to be raised for the 2020 Summer season
 - Need to breakdown what it cost to put a player through the NPGFA program

Equipment Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- 10 bow nets have been ordered

Field/Gym Coordinator's Report:

Michelle Fischer

- Try-outs: March 7th, 2020
- Winter practices will be on Saturday and Sunday again

Uniform Coordinator's Report:

Chad Kraml

- 14U t-shirts have been given to the athletes
- Extra shirts for the board have been ordered to reach a price break

Tournament/League Coordinator's Report:

Colleen Ambroz

- State tournament: \$100 gate fee paid to the site
 - 2 game guarantee
 - Any teams not planning on playing, we must let Big West know ASAP
- Limit coaches on the bench to 3 for summer
- New batting cages going up in the Northdale Mall run by Gopher softball players
- Be cautious of bringing in Starters to train in your association → they are scouting players

SBDC Coordinator's Report:

Daylan Johnson

- Start pilot program now even though we don't have 14U players in NPGFA
 - Bring in experienced coaches and players to train with HS players helping
- Winter practices
 - NPGFA taking back the practices vs. NP Varsity head coach
- Fall ball teams:
 - Andrea Dubanoski has been brought in to help the 10U and 12U Red teams for pitching
 - 6 sessions total: 3 for 10U, 3 for 12U
- Training budget for pilot program?
 - Starting Oct. 25, 2019 - Friday nights, minus holidays
 - Stay with in-house current/past players and coaches to volunteer time
 - Try to find someone to do pitching clinics

Other Business:

- *Spend down options:* dugouts with press box above 1, moving the batting cages behind right field, warning track, backstops, netting between the baseball and softball field
 - Whatever is decided, the school must purchase and NPGFA will make a donation → this will put it under the school's insurance
 - Best option: warning track (10 ft. wide) and moving batting cages (55 ft. long, 10-12 ft. wide) side by side (north to south) behind right field with fencing

- Bring other options to the school for the future budget planning
 - Dugouts, press box above 1 dugout, backstops + knee wall, and netting between baseball and softball fields
 - NPGFA will begin putting money aside for these future projects
- Look at creating a presentation to use while asking for donations from New Prague/New Market Fire Departments, Twins Community Fund
- Fall Ball team check-in: Daylan gave SBDC committee members a team to check-in with and report back to him
- Board Members/Positions Opening:
 - President, Vice President, Treasurer (going into 2020) and Web Master
 - Jim Kaufman will still be around to help with the Treasurer position

Tabled for next meeting:

- Field improvement update

Motion made by Colleen Ambroz to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Chad Kraml.

Motion passed 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24PM.

Next meeting 9/18/2019 at Czech'ers Sports Bar at 5:30PM.