



St. Croix Valley Girls Fast Pitch Association

Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes- 7:00 pm Wednesday, 3/2/2011

Individuals attended: Leslie Germundson, Stephanie Murphy, Dylan and Kara Bell, Jodi and Duane Livingood, Deb LeRoux, Tom Houle, Kari Bartingale, Joe McQuillan, Mike Meyer, Betty and Gary Lindahl, John Schultz, Tom Clark, Dan McKay, Lee Eisenberg, Melissa Fischer, and Bob Beedle.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Review and approval of February Minutes

Minutes Approved.

3. Treasurers Report

Dylan reviewed financials provided by Glenda with no questions.

4. Winter Clinic Report

Gary reviewed the hitting clinics are now done. Julie Standering with Minnesota Fastpitch Academy, (MFA) has suggested to have a coaches clinic once teams are set and practicing outside, to review techniques taught by MFA what was taught in the hitting clinics to have coaches able to reinforce same techniques. Tom Houle did mention to the MFA that she should present to the board at an upcoming meeting all the options she provides for clinics to gain approval for winter clinics above and beyond the hitting clinics.

Julie mentioned she would like to do something complimentary for SFP for providing her the opportunity with the winter hitting clinics. Tom Houle mentioned that MFA having 10 evaluators at the tryouts would be a welcomed gesture for appreciation, and would follow up with Julie/MFA.

5. Catching Clinics

Betty provided the feedback from MFA on catching clinics for this spring. The clinic suggested would run for a minimum of 4 sessions with 6-12 participants. This would be offered for 10U, 12U, and 14U with 75 minute sessions at \$25 per session, and would be 4 sessions total or \$100 per catcher. The concepts would be based on the experience/age group. Betty is going to try to get dates at the end of April on Monday and Thurs at the Stillwater Jr. High.

6. Scholarships

Dylan reviewed we have 1 scholarship applicant which has come to him which did not meet the Youth Advantage qualifications. The association asked Dylan to recommend the best possible scholarship option for approval. It was discussed to talk thru a payment plan with them.

7. Softball Academy

Bob Beedle discussed there is nothing to be provided this year. He suggested this age group of girls go to as many clinics as possible to provide the skills.

8. Field Coordinator Report

Kara reviewed the open fields which we will try using to schedule this year. There are 23 fields per week including the 4 at high school, and 4 Tartan park (3M) fields which we are going to try booking for the first time this year. We can start reserving them as of April 1st. Connie and Chris are the contacts and they would like to meet with our organization to review upgrades that are needed to house our games/practices. The Tartan fields are cheaper than the SAHS fields.

Dylan and Kara reviewed a sample of the field report they will be using this year. It was decided it was best the age level coordinators would be funneling their teams field requests to Kara directly and not the individual coaches to streamline.

9. Equipment Update

Gary discussed that a 10x10 storage facility opened up and he has put it on hold. There is no shelving it was motioned and approved that shelving can be purchased if the donated shelving does not work.

Inventory of equipment will take place Sat at Beedle's gym. The coordinators are asked to be there and all equipment will be inventoried against how many teams are projected and the needs of the age level coordinators. The equipment coordinators will then determine the order needed and get multiple quotes. The quotes and order will be forwarded out to board when determined and an email vote will take place as the equip needs to be ordered prior to the next board meeting.

They are also going to institute equipment checklists when coaches check out equipment

First Aid Kits- Jodi currently has 8 of them. Fall Ball coaches are going to be asked if they have first aid kits still. There was also an idea to look into first aid kits being donated by a local clinic/hospital.

10. Registration

Current registration is at:

- 10U- 50 (18 new to summer ball)
- 12U- 56 (10 new to summer ball)
- 14U- 41 (8 new to summer ball)

16U- 7

Age Level coordinators discussed how many teams are going to be fielded per age level. This will be sent to the Tri-County League for our registration.

10U Tom Clark discussed 4 teams at this time but possibly will go to 5 teams.

12U Tom Houle stated there would be 5 teams – A1, B1, B2, B3, and C.

14U Betty Lindahl listed proposing 3 teams – A, B, and B.

16U John Shultz coordinator listed 1 Elite A team.

Total of 14 teams to brought into March 7th meeting for Tri-County sign up.

11. Tryout Procedures and Team Selection

March 21st- 12U tryouts for pitchers- 6-9:30 for the 11 pitchers. (At StwJR)

March 28th- 14U tryouts for pitchers 6-9 for the 7 pitchers. (At StwJR)

*Speed gun will be used this year in the pitching tryouts as a variable for close scores.

Team tryouts- there will be a running station added this year with a stop watch for H to 1st, and 2nd to Home. This will also be used as a variable for close scores.

*Batting cages from LE cages will be brought into the dome and we are renting for \$300.

The age coordinators confirmed their data collectors for the tryout at each age level.

14U (April 4th)- Dylan Bell, Mike Meyers, Joe McQuillan, and John Schultz.

12U (March 28th)- (Data collection will be done at dome this year for 12U) –Betty and Kara will be entering data for 12U tryouts at the dome with two others to be determined before tryouts.

*Parents will assign pennies to the girls at the tryouts in the hallway of the dome.

12. Open Forum

Spirit wear round one made \$211.60 (Heritage only 10% given back to organization)

We will have another round of ordering at the Pancake Breakfast- May 1st.

*Heritage has issues with their website and was not real responsive. There was feedback to review other options next year.

Pancake Breakfast- May 1st

It will be \$7 a ticket for both adults and kids. It will be held on that Sunday a.m. and we will sell tickets online. The kids will be put to work.

New Uniform Coordinator- Kerry Bartingale

Spring Clinics- Coordinators will sketch out the layout of stations for 10/12/14U's. Also will work with equip coordinator to ensure we have enough equip brought up to the

dome. There are 15 volunteers to coordinators to assist in the clinics. *Tom will talk to Doug at the dome about storage for our organization onsite.

Dome reservation Spring 2012- It has been noted to contact dome end of May to early June to reserve dome for next spring 2012 clinics.

16. Next Meeting –April 6th at 7:00pm.

On the agenda for meeting is approving coaches for teams.