



Stillwater Fastpitch
Board Meeting Minutes
9/14/2011

Attendees: Leslie Germandson, Stephanie Murphy, Garilyn Ehde, Evan Anderson, Melissa Fischer, Lee Eisenberg, David Jordan, Duane Livingood, Dan McKay, Jeff Byle, Gary Lindahl, Scott Ranley, Rich Hihuwew, Joe McQuillan, Betty Lindahl, Steve Carter, Kara Bell, Danny Chang, Nel Kurzejeski, Tom Clark, Roger Stippel, Michael Meyer, Tom Houle, Bob Beedle, Renee McCarthy, Jane Hafner, Patti Rhode, Tim White, Dan Hafner

1. Call To Order

2. **Review and approval of April Minutes** – April Minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurers Report** - Glenda -Balance of Accounts are \$35K. She highlighted that summer profit was \$12k, and Pancake Fundraiser profits were \$1,736. Payments will be going out to Fall/ Winter Dome ball with 2 session for 16u in Rosemount.

4. **Summer Report-Review of Coaches Meeting** – Summary

***16U** was solid, they had 2 of their pitchers playing for a club team.

***14U** had 51 with 3 pitchers possibly 2 A teams next year was brought up. It was also mentioned that TriCounty might eliminate the Elite League next year.

***12U** had 5 teams with 6 kids cut, numbers were good for 12U The feedback from coaches for 12U is continued off season clinics working on the basics of throwing, hitting, and base running. Catching was lacked in many of the teams, and we are looking to provide more catching clinics.

***10U** also fielded 5 teams and discussion on how to handle the numbers next year. 10U team placement this year they learned that B and C placement was too easy of levels for the girls and we will possibly move up levels in divisions we place teams.

Evaluations for summer – positive feedback for most of the survey's received back. FP President has the evaluations. We would like to see more surveys come back. Form needs to be tweaked as the fields were hard to make applicable to the choices they are looking for. Also a request was made for updating it to make it online.

5. Lumberjack Days Fundraising Report – Fundrasier was a success, and we learned many tips to make more successful next year. \$8,290 was paid on the Sunday of Lumberjack days. We are still due \$1,778 for a total of \$10,068 made from the event. We do have \$200 expense to pay yet. Ideas which were discussed for next year are:

- a. Tip jars bigger/move to make more visible.
- b. Supplement revenue by getting sponsors to provide huggers to sell.
- c. Have each team sign up together at sessions to work.

*Proposed to Earmark the \$ separately and use it for a major purchase. Start by setting up a committee to decide what to use it for. Ideas provided: Varsity field work for drainage and then we lock it up and not have use other than softball. Also brought up were a shed, or batting cages, signs/banners for girls to publicize.

Action for next meeting to develop a plan to start decision on where the money should go, by forming a committee.

6. Approved \$100 gift cards for non-parent coaches motioned by Leslie, and seconded by Tom. Gift cards will be purchased for:

Megan Wollak
Mike Meyer
Ron Cardinal
Joe Mcquillan
Kelsey Mcquillan
John Shultz and Anna

7. Batting Cage Teardown-SAHS – To take place Oct 1st at Noon. Outfield fence also needs to be moved into shed. Currently 2 pitching machines and 1 tire continues to go flat. Requested following up action of getting 2 new tires, one to replace and one a spare for pitching machines. Jodi has the list of names and will contact them to gather volunteers.

8. Fall Clinic and Fall ball Update –

Fall Ball:

- *10U- 40 girls (down 31%)
- *12U- 52 girls
- *14U-41 girls
- *16U-17 girls

Fall Clinic- Numbers were way down. We needed to advertise more. It was planned at a time when some teams were playing, and look to have it sooner possibly during the season, and during the day instead of evening. Follow up discussion is needed to decide on timeframes for next year's clinic. Bob will also work with Megan next year to provide the feedback. \$1,500 or all of the collected fees were distributed to Megan Wollack and distributed out to those that worked.

- *10U-13 (last year 33)
- *12U-12 (last year 22)
- *14U/16U 22 (last year 22)

9. Fall Catching Clinic – Looking to have one in fall and one in spring with Lisa Bernstein. Action to be taken to add online fees to sign up into the fee of the clinic.

Other Clinic options- Information provided there is a new place opening in Stillwater to rent space for \$60 / hour which will have batting cages and other softball clinics run by coaches renting it out. Open house for the space is October 14th. Dylan will look into other softball options being provided there. Also looking to Julie to see can provide some varsity clinics. 9th-12th grades there is an opportunity 2:30-4:30 after school at SAHS for strength and conditioning which can be set up specific for softball. (free to SAHS students)

10. Winter Hitting Clinic- Tom and Dylan coordinating. Hitting clinic will start 1/10 thru 3/8 on Tues or Thurs and will be 20 per session, and more than 1 hour for each level. Coaches will be there to help and learn hitting techniques to promote to the girls during season. Lisa and her staf will be there to oversee and coordinate drills.

*Winter Clinics- Tom Houle coordinating. Website will be updated with all options and open registration mid Nov. Levels will be beginning, intermediate, and advanced. 6-9 times to reserve at dome.

11. 10U/12U Pitching Clinic – Bob Beedle will develop ideas for 10u – 12u- discuss next meeting. Bob will next time bring gym times and specifics for ideas. Also an idea to open the gym Sat and Sunday for open time, and hitting and bunting for 14u and under for 4-5 kids /time.

12. Dome ball Update –

16U -5 teams have registered in Stillwater Dome league with a 6th team asking to hold the spot.

14U-4 teams have registered in Stillwater Dome league with 6th team asking to hold the spot.

12u- 2 teams have registered in Stillwater Dome league with 3 asking to hold a spot.

Dome ball team selection discussion

* **12U Domeball:** One Team selected to be coached by Julie Standering and how process was decided, along with whose equipment and insurance will be used. The team was discussed prior to contacting families with Bob Beedle, Tom Houle, and Dylan Bell and moved forward with 15 girls. The families will pay for the coaching fee separately for Julie to coach. Julie will provide shirts/uniforms. Criteria used to select the team was, tryout results last spring, and coaches feedback from season. During the meeting it was passed to allow the team to use Stillwater FP equipment to play Dome league.

Second 12U team is being opened up online to play in the league also and Joe McQuillian has volunteered to coach. Online registration to be opened up. \$2,100 per team.

14U Domeball registration to be opened up online by Betty for first come first serve 30 spots opened up. Bob Beedle said he will look at his schedule and possibly coach one of the 14U teams.

Action moving forward- Committee /Task force to be formed to discuss how to handle moving forward how we handle team selection, with a neutral coordinator. We can then see if bylaws need to be adjusted moving forward.

13. Open Forum

14. Next meeting will be October 5th / Wednesday

15. Adjourn