

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 12th, 6:30pm B&B Pizza

Directors Present: Chris Silber, Lisa Silber, Billy Foley, Pam Hadler, Tony Brown, Gene Wagner, Marni Karnowski, Paul Novak, Steve Corrado, Josh Green, Tracy Johnson

Guests attending: Rich Lukasezck, Jason Hall, Jason Hand, Steve Berdan, Chris Blandin, Brent DeCrook, Shelly Wagner, Julie Hovey, Chris Kaufhold, Eric Hazelbaker, Dani Hesse, Pam Frost, Merle Selve, Shawn McEwen, Stacey Kaufhold

Minutes from 5/28/11 were tabled.

Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2011. Motion made by Tony to accept, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed, 2 abstained

Treasurer's Reports: savings balance of \$30, 130.33; register balance of \$10, 070.79 as of 6/30/11. Motion to accept report by Steve, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Follow up from 14U Tri-County Farmington. Billy updated the Board on the tournament and thanked the Board members and volunteers for their help. Special thanks to the following people: Sandy and Jason Hand, Makenna Hand, Diane Berdan, Pam Hadler, Julie Foley, Shawn and Kelly McEwen, Shawn's friend Kent, Chris and Lisa Silber, Chris Kaufhold and Steve Corrado. Tom Bye was pleased with the tournament. Feedback was given to improve future tournaments including raising the prices in the concession stands and having everything be \$1 and up, better to have 3 people for field maintenance and need volunteers scheduled until 8 or 9 pm. We are all working together for the same end result. Thank you Billy!
2. Nationals-fundraiser update. All teams but the 10U Grey took part in selling extra cards and money still needs to be turned in by some teams. There will be a car wash on July 17th at Savers Choice. There needs to be further discussion in the future in a team were to win state and their National fees would be paid then what would happen to that money. There was also discussion on making card sales mandatory. Discussion on pins for the girls and the wording in the operations manual as to where the extra fundraising money goes. After a discussion on fundraising money a motion was made by Steve and 2nd by Gene to 'Stick to the by-laws verbatim for fundraising for Nationals.' Motion passed, 1 no, 1 abstain.
3. Coaches and Player Evaluations: Player evaluations are due to Tony by July 14th. There needs to be evaluations done by each coach. FHS coach Rob would like a copy of the player evaluations of the 14U girls and up. It is the coach's responsibility to get the evaluation to the player. This is a requirement and if it is not completed the coaches will be unable to coach next year.

Gene will e-mail out the coach evaluations to the parents using Survey Monkey this week.

New Business

1. Twins grant update by Steve Berdan. FGFA was awarded the Twins Community Fund matching grant this Friday. The goal of this grant is to make Boeckman our four-plex. There is more work to be done including meeting with Community Ed, getting bids from fencing companies and such but this is a \$5682 grant for renovation.
Motion made by Paul, 2nd by Billy to accept the Minnesota Twins community Funds Field Grant.
Motion passed unanimously
Discussion was done for the in-house program concerning the safety and quality of dugout fencing at FES. Bids need to be done for the fencing.
Motion made by Paul, 2nd by Tony to go get bids for dugout fencing at FES. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion was made by Steve Corrado, 2nd by Tony to make Steve Berdan the point person on the Twins Grant project. Motion passed unanimously.
Thanks Steve!
2. 14U State Tournament-We need volunteers. There will be one site at FHS with 3 fields and there will be 18 teams here. Gate fees received are \$1700 Volunteers who work 6 hours will receive a \$50 discount on their Fall Ball fees.
3. Tryouts for 12U and 14U-Evaluators are not slotted yet but Rob can help. A concern was brought up regarding the dates and girls moving up to 12U not having a chance to practice with a bigger ball and increased pitching distance. There are 30+ girls moving up to 12U.
Tryout dates will be: 12U August 1st and 9th and 14U July 28th and August 3rd. Pitchers and Catchers will be August 10th and 2nd. Billy, Gene and Tony need to be available for try-outs.
4. Permits for 2011/2012: Permits needed for DMS, BMS, FES, and FHS. Steve Corrado will take care of this. For Fall Ball we will try to get FHS fields 7 days a week.
5. Discussion about 10U and 12U playing up: Olivia Hazelbaker has petitioned to play up to 12U next year. Her father Eric Hazelbaker discussed the family's decision to do this and there was discussion among members.
Motion made by Billy, 2nd by Josh to allow Olivia to try out for 12U with the exception that she cannot force a 12U girl to be cut. If she forces a 12U girl to be cut then she will go to 10U. The 12U roster will be a maximum of 12 players. Motion passed, 1 no.
Motion made by Billy to allow 12U players to fall in line with the 14U MMFL guidelines for try-outs. Motion tabled.
6. In House Update-Tracy: This Thursday is 6U Skills night where trophies will be awarded at FES. July 23rd is the 8U tournament at FHS. They need 3 umpires-Synergy will do. The girls are not ready to pitch so it will be using the pitching machines. The machines are working well. Concessions are needed for the tournament. Tracy will talk with Marni about using leftover items from the Frenzy tournament for a raffle with tickets being \$1.
7. Individual Updates:

* Synergy Update-fall try-outs will be August 16th and August 20th and will be posted on FastSports.

Motion made by Billy, 2nd by Steve to keep Nikki as the Synergy coach. Motion passed unanimously.

*Tiger Club House Update: We have hours this week 5:30-8:30 and need volunteers for Wed and Thursday.

*Lisa- Needs volunteers for this weekend's tournament.

*Josh- Thank you to Billy and Shawn for helping with the equipment. He will be leaving this for 1 year so the equipment manager position will be available.

*Billy- Although we work in different ways, we all have the same goal in mind.

*Steve Corrado- He needs field requests from Paul for the fall, Tony for the summer and Paul for the gym.

*Tony-We are hosting 14U State Tier 2; Synergy will be Tier 1 in Elk River. 12U Orange is the 6th seed in Bloomington, 10U Orange is the 2nd seed in Mankato, 10U Black went 3-2, 10U White went 3-2, 10U Rec 1 went 3-2 and 10U Rec 2 went 0-2. Thank you to Brian Mickelson for putting up the money for the program books.

*Gene- He will do an e-mail blast about tryout dates changes and the coach's evaluations.

*Paul- Fall ball registration is open.

8. End of year picnic-Chris will check with the pool on dates available to do a picnic.

9. Next meeting is Wednesday July 27th at the American Legion at 6:30pm.

Motion by Tracy to adjourn, 2nd by Gene. Motion passed unanimously.