

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday , October 9th, 6:00pm American Legion

Directors Present: Chris Silber, Lisa Silber, Pam Hadler, Tony Brown, Marni Karnowski, Jason Hall, Dion Anderson, Tracy Johnson, Eric Meyer, Shawn McEwen, Julie Hoeve, Aimee Smith and Tammy Buchert

Old Business:

8/22/11 Minutes were tabled

New Business:

1. Board member introductions

*A reminder to keep focused on what's best for the kids of the organization!

2. Off Season training update

*there will be 2 Minnesota Fastpitch Academy clinics: each for 4 weeks with one beginning 10/28 and one beginning 2/3 . Cost is \$80 per session

-Jason will e-mail locations

-all age levels will be included

-we're encouraging coaches to be there and shadow

*Pitching lessons- will be Monday nights from 6-9pm (3 one hour sessions) 11/7-12/19 and another beginning 1/9. There will be 6-7 girls per session. Cost is \$80/6 weeks and instruction is by Powerline pitching.

-discussion of contacting Julie Westbrook-Healy with Strike 3 Pitching and possibly other people for another available session. Pam will contact Julie and report back to Jason.

6:44 Gene Wagner arrived

*Catching clinics: Pam will give catcher clinic info to Jason from Strike 3 Pitching

*Open gym vs. team practice: Discussion was made on this, open times will be posted on website.

-Motion made by Pam to waive the \$25 family fee for the 2011-2012 season. Second by Eric. Motion passed unanimously.

7:30 Steve Corrado arrived

3. Board Position Responsibility

*Pres, VP, Travel Director-meet and interview coaches

*Check on the link online to look up roles defined by the by-laws. The by-laws need to be updated. We will have a working session to do this together: 10/25 6:30pm at Blondie's.

4. Synergy Conversation

*Question has been raised as far as what to do with the 'extra' money back from Synergy. Synergy wants the money to carry over, however all other FGFA money rolls into the general fund and the programs start the year at zero.

*Motion made by Steve that the Synergy funds at the end of the year roll into the general fund and start with a zero balance. Motion seconded by Tony. Motion passed unanimously.

Individual Reports:

Lisa- Our 501C3 paperwork is final. We are waiting for the certificate from the state. By hosting games and having concession stands, we were able to pay for field improvements.

Pam- We have a fundraiser opportunity to have a concession stand at Ramble Jam 2012 in conjunction with the Farmington Rotary Club.

Eric- meeting with Gene to work on the website

Tracy- would be nice to see a 10U and under night for the gyms. Will be encouraging 8U girls to sign up for pitching clinics. Goal of getting 24 girls to MFA clinics.

Marni- They have a tournament committee. They will start meeting in January and need to make sure all tourneys are into com. Ed for field reservations. Frenzy tourney will be June 1-3 at BMS, DMS and FHS

Fundraiser-They're looking at what to do for fundraising options...looking for new ideas. This is the last year of the fundraising cards. We will continue with the ink cartridges having a drop off site at Pam's office and Silber's garage. Tony will check on having a beer bash/hog roast Nov. 19th at Gossips.

Jason- Should we have a 10U night for open gym? Discussion...suggested one day a week.

Tony- MMFL will be eliminating the elite teams and bringing them back to communities. They want an 8U travel with pitching machines. Coach's clinic: Oct 21-22 defense at DCTC, price is \$250. MMFL said they were happy with FGFA concessions. Next MMFL meeting is 10.24. Any team that had a 1st or 2nd Fall state win gets an automatic NAFA bid for 2012.

Shawn- Has been researching a building for BMS for storage. Would be 28x32 and be at the end of the batting cage going west. It would have space for concessions in it. Cost would be about \$12,000 without labor.

Chris- DMS storage update. FGFA will no longer participate in the Tiger clubhouse. To move forward with BMS building we would need city plan approval and talk to the district for approval.

**Chris and Shawn will move forward with this.

A motion was made by Marni to approve \$200 for Shawn to purchase a second grill. Tracy seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting – November 6th 6:00pm at Blondie's (by-law working meeting on 10/24 at Blondie's)

Motion to adjourn: made by Steve, 2nd by Tony; motion passed unanimously.