

Farmington Girls Fastpitch Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 22nd, 6:30pm American Legion

Directors Present: Chris Silber, Lisa Silber, Pam Hadler, Tony Brown, Gene Wagner, Shawn McEwen, Marni Karnowski

Absent: Tracy Johnson, Steve Corrado, Billy Foley, Paul Novak

Guests attending: Jason Hall, Steve Berdan, Eric Meyer, Troy Hesse, Patty Ibinger, Jeff Ibinger, Rich Lukasezck, Brent DeCrook, Shannon Pals, Aimee Smith, Julie Hovee, Merle Selph, Eric Hazelbaker

Old Business:

1. Minutes from 7/27/11 were tabled.

New Business:

**There was open discussion: Patty Ibinger will be the new team manager/liaison for Synergy.

1. Fall Ball Update

-there are 8 teams (4-10U, 3-12U and 1-14U)

-concessions will be covered this weekend at FHS by Synergy with 10% profits going to Synergy

-Paul Novak will be resigning as Fall Ball and Offseason Director. He will finish out the fall season.

-Motion to accept Paul's resignation by Pam, 2nd by Gene. Motion passed unanimously.

-Off season clinics-Chris will talk to Rob Laden regarding the clinics he's having through Community Ed. Pam will follow up with coaches for the winter and get rates.

2. Twins Grant Project

-pre-construction is finalized and groundbreaking should be 8/25/11 on Fields C and D.

-In addition to this project, a separate project that will be funded by FGFA had a walk-thru. This involves Fields A and B at BMS and the batting cage. The bid came in at \$3300. Most of the money would go to the batting cage.

-Motion made by Gene to make the BMS improvements up to \$3000, 2nd by Tony. Motion passed unanimously.

-FES project—looking into recycling the fencing from the ARES tennis courts that are going away. New poles with scrap fencing by Midwest Fencing will be done, should be done this fall.

-The shed at BMS—there was a conversation with the school district about this, estimating it will cost about \$11,000. Once all the improvements are done, we can hopefully move on with the shed.

3. Summer 2010 Roster Conversation

-14U—one coach application in, 2 more at meeting said they will put application in to coach. Looks like 15 girls tried out and they will carry a roster of 12.

-There was discussion on having a 14U Synergy (club-type) team the next year (2013)

-There was discussion on having fall ball be the tryouts for the following spring/summer teams.

-We need help on laying out parameters for a 14U club team with subcommittee volunteers

-volunteers for this are: Julie Hovee, Eric Meyer, Steve Berdan, Chris Silber, Nikki, Jeff Ibinger. Jeff will head this up.

-12U—43 girls were at tryouts, current numbers are 41 girls. As of now there will be 3 teams of 11 and 1 team of 8. A suggestion was made to subsidize money for pitching and hitting coaches for these girls.

-There are currently 2 coaching applications in for 12U.

-The travel committee (travel director, President and VP) will meet to discuss coaches and then give recommendations to the board. A deadline of 9/2/11 has been set.

4. Board Election Needs

-discussion was done regarding wrapping program development into the VP position

-positions up for nominations/elections are VP, Secretary, In House Director, Fundraising, Communication, Off-season director and all coordinator positions (promotions, 16USynergy, volunteer coordinator, concessions, tournament director, 10U, 12U and 14U tournament managers)

-9/26/11—BOARD ELECTIONS at the American Legion 7-9pm

**deadline for nominations by 9/12/11-they can be found online

**in-house and 10U families—we need your involvement!!

5. Individual Reports

-Shawn—the pitching machine broke. Motion made by Chris to fix the machine with a budget of \$320, 2nd by Pam. Motion passed unanimously

*equipment return-suggested a deposit for coaches for the equipment

*the grill broke and got thrown away. Motion by Tony to spend up to \$200 on a grill, 2nd by Gene. Motion passed unanimously.

*he will look into buying game balls to get a deal

-Marni—suggested doing the Frenzy tournament next year as a committee

-Gene—Fall coaches-the team pages are up with access so they can put their rosters on. He will send out an e-mail blast about the nominations.

-Tony—MMFL-trying to get state here (Fall state). Coaches need to get their applications to Lisa by Thursday.

-Jeff Ibinger—concussion training-will have done for our coaches. Coaches will be required to get a certificate.

**There will be a closed board meeting 9/5/11 with the Board from 6-7 and the coaches from 7-8 at the American Legion.

Motion made by Marni to adjourn, 2nd by Tony. Motion passed unanimously.