

Rosemount Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 03/05/2023

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Rosemount Community Center, Rm 212 & 215

Present: Doug Kasper, Chad Kalstabakken, Debbie Stovall, Heidi McDonald, Danielle Waage, Amy Hall, Chris Orr, Tricia Paulson, Shelby Nutting-Veliz, Mindy McBride, Janie Lambert, Jill Steenberg, Cory Samuelson, Mindy McBride, Nicole Bradley, Shelby Pogatchnik, Jennifer Chappuis (Liaison)

Not Present: Shanna Guerink

Guests: Mark Ryerson - RAAA football liaison, PCA coordinator

Meeting Called to Order: 5:05 PM

Secretary's Report: (Janie Lambert) GTFS Board approved meeting minutes from 2/5/2023 via email on 2/9/2023. Posted on website

Treasurer's Report: (Shanna Guerink) \$ 62,568.47 ending budget balance 2/28/2023 after registration

Meeting Topics

- **Shout Outs/Welcome Guests**

- Try-outs went great! Thanks to all who organized and assisted
- Player development - great job with winter dome training
- Shawn Hall (head coach of Forest Lake, Midwest Speed Club) - provided feedback that we ran a organized and well-executed try-out!
- Amy - the map of try outs was a huge help for visual learners!
- Mark Ryerson visiting - RAAA liaison and PCA coordinator

- **Next Board Meeting**

- April 16th, 2023 6pm RCC in room 212
 - Prior to next board meeting
 - Parent meeting 4/3
 - RAAA gave presentation on bonding (vote is in May); could they come in and give a short presentation on that? Should we divide up parts to make board more visible? Sponsorships - Dr. Ty Hall will come to present.
 - Playing time expectations review w/ families and coaches
 - Coaches able to meet with families after meeting
 - Updating coaches on teams/team selection
 - Contacting parents with teams
 - Organizing pitcher/catcher club (Sundays in April)
 - Spring dome league started
 - Coaching clinic at the Dome 4/5

- **Focus of meeting - Team Selection**

- 102 players registered
 - 5 10U teams
 - 2 12U teams
 - 2 8U teams
 - 1 14U team
- Keep in mind the mission - keep the focus on the kids; fun, memorable, create friends.
- By-laws - clarify injured players unable to fully try out/partial try out. Create a committee to review/update/modify the by-laws
- For transparency, spouses of head coaches/family members removed from room during discussion

- **Upcoming Timeline review (Doug)**

- Doug provided link to Public Google Calendar for upcoming important dates. Link to be shared with families for awareness of important dates (state tournaments in spring/fall, parent meeting, etc).
 - <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/3?cid=dHJhdmVsaW5nLXNvZnRiYWxsQHJvc2Vtb3VudC1hYWEub3Jn>
- Internal Board Softball Calendar of to-dos from last year
 - Doug provided link to individual board members to utilize for reminders for next year or reminders when passing on a board position to a new member

5 Minute Updates

- **Treasurer (Shanna - not present)**

- No new updates via email

- **Player Development (Amy & Danielle)**

- Try-outs completed; focus on team selection
- No new updates

- **Fundraising/Concessions (Shelby P & Nicole)**

- Purse BINGO update: Shelby P is meeting tomorrow with organizer
 - BINGO set for Sunday, April 23
 - Need 12-15 volunteers (9:30-2:30)
- Budget for concessions/fundraiser coming soon
- Brainstorm other fundraiser ideas
 - Water softener salt? Baseball currently does
 - Bagging groceries at Cub? Age minimum

- Heggie's pizza?
 - Should we look to sell items people need

- **Uniforms (Tricia)**
 - All items have been ordered (uniforms, helmets, stickers, etc)
 - ~5 weeks out for delivery
 - Pictures will be scheduled for 5+ weeks (need to ensure uniforms have arrived)
 - With extra helmets ordered, we qualified for a number of free pairs of cleats
 - Discussion surrounding what we do with them: fundraiser, donate? Tricia to get more info regarding cleats
 - Some helmets are currently backordered with unknown delivery date

- **Communications/Website (Heidi)**
 - Update to the website is almost completed
 - Please send a headshot to Heidi for the website
 - Providing more info on website regarding FAQs regarding volunteer hours

- **Volunteer Coordinator (Shelby N-V)**
 - Checks were collected during uniform try-ons
 - Will need to collect checks at parent meeting for people to who did not bring to try-ons
 - Outstanding balances can be paid via credit card (**for Uniform Purchases only**) per Debbie (volunteer checks need to be a physical check)

- **Secretary/Marketing (Janie)**
 - All signs have been collected (only missing 1-2)
 - Sponsorship
 - Dr. Ty Hall from East Valley Chiropractic agreeable to sponsor; will speak at our parent meeting (requesting toward end of meeting)
 - Discussion surrounding interest in sponsoring our program and what that should include/require?
 - Minimum donation? Send an email blast, have a place on our website if businesses/families would like to sponsor the program
 - Do we want to establish tiered level sponsorship? Gold, silver, bronze? What would that get the sponsor? Size of logo on website?
 - Supporter vs sponsor

- **Community & Culture (Jill)**
 - St Kate's/Rosemount collaboration youth day

- **Sunday, April 30**
 - St Kate's has limited seating and no concessions (bring chairs/blankets, etc)
 - Reaching out to HS program for home game schedule to set up youth nights
 - Communicating to assistant coaches to help out with purse BINGO when date determined

- **Equipment Manager (Cory)**
 - Shannon park shed - found 2019 trophies (agreed to recycle them as they can't be rebadged)
 - Dakota awards will recycle old trophies
 - Found a box of RAAA polo shirts - will bring to Jen C
 - Cooler update: 4 in shed (2 softball, 2 basement). Cory will repair the broken ones with metal hinges
 - Partnering with baseball regarding grills
 - 1 grill without a stand and 1 grill stand at Erickson shed
 - Did budget in 1 grill for 2023
 - Late March - plan to get all equipment to Shannon Park from the dome
 - Would like concessions assistance to organize Shannon shed

- **Field/Umpires (Chris)**
 - No new updates

- **Tournament Director (Debbie)**
 - This year is the 9th Annual Shamrock Showdown
 - Created new flyer
 - Already have 41 teams registered
 - 10U B/C nearly filled
 - 10U A (1 team registered - still needs to be advertised that A team division this year)
 - 12U A (2/8 slots filled/teams registered)
 - 12U B/C (4 slots filled/teams registered)
 - 8U (10/12 slots filled/teams registered)
 - Info posted on MN Softball website and NAFA website

- **Parent Liaison (Mindy)**
 - No new updates

- **RAAA Liaison (Jen)**
 - Opening 2 new fields at UMore Park Ballfields
 - Start of the design process for makeover/update at Erickson Park

Larger Topics for Discussion & Focus

- **Team Selection/Coach Selection**

- **10U Team formation process** (Doug/Chad/10U Evaluation Committee)
 - 10U – 59 players registered
 - There will be 5 teams; top rated coach will have choice to choose 11 or 12 players; all remaining teams will have 12
 - 19 pitchers were evaluated for 10U level
 - All 10U head coach candidates and spouses left the room during discussions
 - Clarification for future needed in the by-laws
 - Name all of coach candidates for board during discussion
 - Coach selection - need to clarify in bylaws (does coach follow kid or kid follow coach based on coach ranking). Future process?!?!)
 - Top rated pitcher not in “A” team pick zone, process?
 - **Team 10U # 1 (A) formation (Gold)**
 - Evaluation committee’s recommendation for head coach – Matt Chappius
 - Board vote to approve Matt
 - Matt selected team in private
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0
 - **Team 10U # 2 formation (Blue)**
 - Evaluation committee’s recommendation for head coach – Shelly Lundin
 - Board voted to approve Shelly
 - Shelly selected team in private
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0
 - **Team 10U # 3 formation (Green)**
 - Evaluation committee’s recommendation for head coach – No current head coach
 - 10U evaluation committee picked team
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0
 - **Team 10U # 4 formation (White)**
 - Evaluation committee’s recommendation for head coach – Amy Hall
 - Board voted to approve Amy
 - Amy selected team in private
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0
 - **Team 10U # 5 formation (Gray)**
 - Evaluation committee’s recommendation for head coach – No current head coach
 - 10U evaluation committee established team with remaining players
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0

- **12U Team formation process (12U Evaluation Committee)**

- 12U – 23 players registered
 - There will be 2 teams: 11 & 12 players each
 - Board voted
 - Doug (Gold)
 - Chad (Blue)
 - There was only 1 coaching candidate applicant(Doug). Following by-laws for non-tryout player being placed on lower level team, Chad determined to be other coaching candidate.
- **Team 12U # 1 formation (Gold) (resulting in 12U team #2 formation as well)**
 - Coach – Doug Kasper
 - Board voted to approve Doug
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - 3 Pitchers
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0
- **Team 12U # 2 formation (Blue)**
 - Coach – Chad Kalstabakken
 - Board voted to approve Chad
 - Team selection reviewed by board, discussion around # of pitchers, catchers, etc
 - 2 Pitchers
 - Board voted to approve team roster 14-0

- **8U Team formation process (8U Evaluation Committee)**

- 8U – 20 players registered
 - Only 1 head coach applicant – Danielle Waage (Blue)
 - Board voted to approve Danielle
 - Evaluation committee established teams based on age and experience
 - Board voted to approve team rosters
 - No current head coach for Gold team

- **All 12U, 10U & 8U players to be notified of team placements Wednesday, March 8 after 5 PM**

- **Meeting adjourned @ 10:10 PM**
- **Next regularly meeting scheduled for April 16, 2023 Time 6:00 PM, Location RCC, Rm 212**
- **Meeting minutes prepared by: Janie Lambert, Secretary/Treasurer**