**Rosemount Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball Minutes**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: 08/16/2023**

**Time:** **8:00** PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Present:** Doug Kasper, Debbie Stovall, Tricia Paulson, Shelby Nutting-Veliz, Janie Lambert, Jill Steenberg, Nicole Bradley, Shelby Pogatchnik, Cory Samuelson, Danielle Waage, Shanna Guerink, Amy Hall, Mindy McBride

**Not Present:**  Chad Kalstabakken, Heidi McDonald

**Guests:** N/A

**Meeting Called to Order**: **8:03** PM

**Secretary's Report: (Janie Lambert)** GTFS Board approved meeting minutes from 7/10/2023 via email 8/4/2023.

**Treasurer’s Report: (Shanna Guerink)** $36,302.86 balance ending budget balance 7/31/2023

**Meeting Topics**

* **Shout Outs/Welcome Guests**
  + Shelby N-V, Shanna & Mindy for helping with uniform handouts! Also should out to Shelby N-V for picking up equipment!
  + Shelby N-V for her hard work in getting the Sign-up Genius up and running with volunteer hours
  + Jill, Shanna, Tricia - awesome job organizing our group for the Leprechaun Days parade!
  + Tricia & Debbie for helping with parade details!
  + Chad for holding an awesome hands-on coaches clinic on Sunday!
* **Next Board Meeting: September 10th, 7pm RCC room 212**
* **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

**Larger Topics for Discussion & Focus**

* **Fall Ball** 
  + **Equipment & Grill (Cory)**
    - All fall equipment has been handed out to teams as well as game ball and score books
    - Plan to order more balls this fall
    - Need to do clean up/organization in Erickson sheds
      * Have new chalker and base diggers in sheds in prep for weekend
      * Cory looking for volunteers to help organize Erickson and Shannon Park sheds when fall ball is done
    - Current grill at Erickson in the shed has the broken wheel
      * Concern brought forward if we have enough utensils/long utensils for grill use
    - 3 fields being used on Saturday for 10U; All 5 fields being used Sunday
  + **Concessions (Shelby P & Nicole)**
    - All items are loaded at Erickson
    - Need to purchase minimal concession items due to carryover stock from summer
    - Keeping prices the same as Shamrock Showdown
      * Considering meal deal options
        + Could promote more sales
    - Doug has 3rd key
  + **Volunteer Staffing (Shelby N-V)**
    - Link just went live to everyone a few hours ago
      * Still a few open slots for this weekend
  + **Other topics for discussion**
    - Jill is still waiting on hotspot from library
      * Cory may have one, but we need a backup plan
      * Shelby P may have table with cellular service or could use cell phone with hot spot
    - Jill is drafting an email to be sent to fall team managers regarding their role and her role on how she can help, etc
    - Sports Engine - concerns with some people not receiving emails; some only added as fan, etc.
* **Winter Dome League**
  + We budgeted for a winter 12U dome team and requested to hold a spot for Rosemount
    - League details: 8 weeks
      * Oct 14 14&15, 28&29,
      * Nov. 4&5, 11&12, 18&19
      * Dec. 2&3, 9&10, 16&17
    - Consensus to move ahead
      * Will need to get registration open; similar to spring that we may need to rotate players if have a large registration
* **Winter Dome Training**
  + Registration is currently set to open October 2nd
    - Discussion around opening registration when fall ball is still in progress for improved communication and promotion
  + Training begins in November
* **8U Blue Coach Approval**
  + Courtney Polkowski - played for Eagan HS
    - Board voted to approve
  + 8U Blue is down to 8 players - do we ask players to recruit friends at this point?
* **14U & HS Team Review**
  + 16U team did not materialize
    - Players have been able to join other associations (Eagan, Apple Valley, club, etc)
    - Most local 16U programs don’t have full year program (separate fall & summer seasons)
  + 14U team is down to 1 pitcher again
    - Will keep looking for additional pitcher; may need to allow a player to join mid-season
* **By-Law Group**
  + Doug is looking to have a small group review and align by-laws with RAAA
    - Bring them up to date as many are not relevant to current practice
    - Heidi, Cory, Tricia? Volunteers?
* **Player Development Restructure**
  + We currently still don’t have a “Fields & Umpires” board member
    - Doug was able to manage this role and it only takes a little bit of time
      * Proposing the idea to change that position to a 3rd “Player Development” role and include the fields/umpire role into those duties
      * We would need to define the 3 roles better if adding a 3rd person
        + Currently player development coordinates trainings, sets up tryout process, review coach application, organizes/runs winter dome training, etc
* **Doug’s Reflection on One Year As Director/President**
  + Many open board positions and board was scrambling to keep things going
  + Many positives since last year as well as learning opportunities
  + Improvements: Higher participation numbers, encouraging team manager roles, increased tournament size and revenue, two hands-on coaches training, improved reception/establishment for new fall families, zoom calls, active participation in the local parade, fundraising/marketing efforts, relationship with main RAAA board improving, etc

**5 Minute Updates**

* **Treasurer (Shanna)**
  + Money box for the weekend w/ seed money is ready and with Tricia
* **Secretary/Marketing (Janie)**
  + We lost 3-4 signs during the recent storm; many of the current signs need new metal posts
    - Debbie has extra metal posts
* **Player Development (Amy & Danielle)**
  + Danielle proposing an 8U assessment and/or clinic (not a formal tryout, but an option to assess skills to place on proper teams)
* **Tournament Director (Debbie)**
  + Would like to help with the coordination/planning for the fall state tournament if we are hosting
* **Volunteer Coordinator (Shelby N-V)**
  + Extended the time slot/closing the concession stand until 6:30
  + Proposed having the closing shift help with the cashbox
* Equipment (Cory)
  + Inquiring when budgets are due to RAAA
    - Typically present the 1st finance meeting of December but begin working on budget in October to have done by ~Thanksgiving
    - Propose bigger purchases to board next month as well as poll coaches on equipment they would like to see the program have
    - Consider the donation from Jessa when check received
  + Cory’s team recently scrimmaged a team in Bloomington and they were training umpires during the scrimmage
    - Something for Rosemount to consider?
    - Current umps have to buy their own equipment which makes it tough to recruit
    - Can we donate old catchers equipment?
* **Community & Culture (Jill)**
  + Will phase out of her role after fall ball due to daughter moving to a club team
  + Will continue to grow this position
* **Meeting adjourned @ 9:18 PM**
* **Next regularly meeting scheduled for September 10th, 2023; 7PM @ RCC, room 212**
* **Meeting minutes prepared by: Janie Lambert, Secretary**