**Rosemount Girls Traveling Fastpitch Softball Minutes**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: 05/07/2023**

**Time:** **6:00** PM

**Location:** Rosemount Community Center, Rm 212

* **Present:** Doug Kasper, Chad Kalstabakken, Shanna Guerink, Debbie Stovall, Heidi McDonald, Tricia Paulson, Shelby Nutting-Veliz, Janie Lambert, Jill Steenberg, Nicole Bradley, Shelby Pogatchnik, Mindy McBride

**Not Present:**  Amy Hall, Cory Samuelson, Danielle Waage,

**Guests:** Jennifer Chappuis - RAAA liaison

**Meeting Called to Order**: **6:03** PM

**Secretary's Report: (Janie Lambert)** GTFS Board approved meeting minutes from 4/16/2023 via email on 4/18/2023. Posted on website

**Treasurer’s Report: (Shanna Guerink)** $30,531.62 balance ending budget balance 4/30/2023

**Meeting Topics**

* **Shout Outs/Welcome Guests**
  + We still have an open board position for fields and umpires - please keep promoting
  + Debbie for helping Shelby NV with volunteer hours calculations
  + Purse Bingo was a success! Thanks to all who helped to make the day go smoothly!
* **Next Board Meeting: June 4 at 6 OR 7** (TBD closer to date due to tournament schedules).
  + July Meeting - current date is 7/9 (state tournament date) - consider changing date? Doug to look into location availability
* **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**

* **Review last month (Doug)**
  + Purse Bingo
  + $4,429.76 received from football booster
  + $575.00 from auction of leftover purses
  + Net total after subtracting cost of purses, etc: **$3,592.56**
* **Tournament Preparations (Debbie)**
  + All pool game times are set
    - Will release rosemount schedules soon
    - Each team will have 2 games on Sunday (except 8U)
    - (3) 10U games at Erickson on Saturday
    - (2) 12U games at Shannon on Sunday
  + Sub Committees
    - Volunteer sign up genius is created
    - All in favor assistant coaches/team managers get dibs/sign up prior to open sign up
    - Plan to send out 1 day email notice to all families w/ specific time that volunteer sign up link will be sent/go live
    - Signing up for grill and site coordinator roles will count as double shifts
      * Site coordinator - Need someone in charge at each site for volunteers, umpires, coordination in morning, etc. These will be longer shifts
    - Concessions - start meeting to discuss purchase inventory
      * Get Erickson keys
      * Check out hot spot device from library for credit card transactions
      * Grill - we still need a new grill
      * Consider price increase for concession items
    - Shanna - cash box start up (Mindy will help as Shanna won’t be present tourney weekend)
    - To-do: Umpires, tshirt vendor (awaiting response)
* **8U Gold Co-Head Coach Request** 
  + 8U Gold has requested to have 2 co-head coaches
  + Vote needed to approve
    - 11-0 approve
* **Volunteer Hours for Co-Head Coaches**
  + Vote needed to approve waiving co-head coaches’ volunteer hours for this 2023 summer season
    - 11-0 approve
  + Further discussion for future
    - Shared hours? Develop a process for splitting hours in the future?
    - Avoid allowing co-head coaches in future?
  + By-laws update process for co-head coach
* **Age Cut Off Date Change**
  + MN-Softball has changed the cut off date for aging up to 9/1 to be in line with schools (change occurs this fall season)
    - Board discussion around do we offer a choice to move up for those this year and then stick to the change?
    - Doug will discuss with RAAA board as we would need approval to provide a waiver to appeal to play up
* **Potential 16U Team** 
  + Do we try to develop a 16U team that would play in the high school league (separate from high school sanctioned softball)
    - Can recruit from outside communities/teams
    - Players do not have to track to RHS
  + Board in agreement to attempt
    - Advertise to make it happen, spread the word, recruiting, etc
* **Team/Coach Selection & Other Topics to Address in Future Meetings**
  + Tri-County is suggesting if you have 2 B teams that they are equally matched. Instead of a Higher level B, or Lower Level B, same with 2 C teams or if we had 2 A teams at some point. This would affect team selection & Coach selection.
  + Coach selection process
    - where should the player be within the pick zone
    - interview committee vs board - why is there such a gap?
    - should/could coach selection be after team selection?
    - Meeting prior to team selection to discuss head coach interviews
  + Players moving down - Do we just cut it? keep it etc.
    - pitchers & catchers
    - families with twins and/or siblings in same level?
  + Coaches requesting players to move up
  + Locking pitchers & catchers?
  + Including names in the selection process
    - have a team selection process that does not include any player names
  + Player registration date cut off (last available)
  + 8U try outs?
  + Coach evaluation as part of player assessment score (2nd day w/ coaches)
  + Timing of process in relation to signing up for tournaments

**5 Minute Updates**

**(**For sake of time we will not be doing updates for every group this month)

* **Treasurer (Shanna)**
  + Refunds have all been sent out for dome league
  + Purse BINGO not accounted for in April’s balance
  + Invoice pending for coach’s shirts and extra apparel
* **Secretary/Marketing (Janie)**
  + Will begin reaching out to businesses/media outlets to advertise for tournament
  + Prep local businesses/restaurants for influx of players coming for tournament
* **Communications (Heidi)**
  + Keep positive stories/spotlight stories coming to Heidi
  + Send tourney pictures for sharing on social media
  + New website is ready
* **Player Development (Amy & Danielle - not present)**
  + Suggestion of starting/providing guidance/instruction for basic pitching technique practice for 8U
* **Uniforms & Apparel (Tricia)**
  + Tricia has reached out to CA gear regarding see through white jerseys
  + Waiting on invoice coach’s shirts and extra apparel from CA gear
  + Refresh on fan gear through CA gear via the website (limited options at this time)
  + Coaches hats are in
  + Blanket wraps - many people in community asking about them. Can discuss again in future.
* **Fundraising & Concessions (Shelby P & NIcole)** 
  + Shelby looking into potential a community night at Jersey Mike’s or Las Tortillas
  + Other association tournaments had sponsor banners at each field - Shelby P to reach out to local businesses to sponsor our tournament?
* **Equipment (Cory - not present)**
  + Have purchased a 3rd pitching machine (new machine has a transport cart)
* **Community & Culture (Jill)**
  + St Kate’s family day had to be canceled, reschedule and then canceled again so unable to make work this season
  + RHS family fun/youth night - May 15
    - Information has been sent to coaches and team managers and will be communicated to all families with sign up genius link included
  + Promote the St Paul Saints sponsored game for 10U Blue on 5/19
* **Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 PM**
* **Next regularly meeting scheduled for June 4, 2023; 6 or 7 PM (TBD), Location RCC, Rm 212**
* **Meeting minutes prepared by: Janie Lambert, Secretary**