

Big Lake Fastpitch Association
Open Board Meeting
February 7, 2024

OPEN

The BLFPA open board meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm at The Buff restaurant in Big Lake on Wednesday, February 7 by Matt B, Board President.

PRESENT

Board Members:	Matt Baufield, President Brian Deitz, Vice President Dirk Martinez, Treasurer Aaron Mevissen, Travel Coordinator	BJ Schwartz, In-House Coordinator Kim Bowen, Varsity Coach Kathy Mason, Secretary
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REPORTS

Meeting Minutes:

- A. The minutes from January 2024 meeting were read.
- B. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kim B. and seconded by BJ S.
- C. All members approved the minutes.

Treasurer Report

- A. Dirk M reminded the board that taxes will soon be due.
 - a) Dirk M. made a motion to check with Nate M. to do the 2024 taxes.
 - b) This motion was seconded by Matt B. and all members voted in favor.
 - c) Dirk M. will ask Nate M. how much he will charge to do taxes and if he will do them.
- B. Registrations have brought in about \$4,000 to date.

TRAVEL

- A. There is a travel coordinator meeting on February 19 in Medina.
 - a) Aaron M. will attend.
 - b) There are several topics to be discussed at this meeting.
- B. Evaluators will be using Skillshark to put scores in during team evaluations on Saturday, March 2.
 - a) Using this application should allow players to see their scores.
 - b) It will be an easier process to see scores for team placements.
- C. Evaluations will be on March 2.
 - a) A schedule will be posted on the Big Lake Fastpitch website, Facebook page and sent via email.
 - b) Some changes will be made to accommodate volleyball conflict.
- D. Equipment needs/wants:
 - a) Bownets; replacement parts can be purchased to repair what we have and maybe a cheaper option than buying new. Kim B. will go through what there is now to see what is needed.
 - b) Tees are needed due to several being broken.
 - c) Balls will need to be purchased.
- E. To date there are 4 people interested in being head coaches and there are several people that would like to help with coaching.

IN-HOUSE

- A. BJ S. is working with Community Ed to use facilities for clinics for 6U and 8U in house teams.
 - a) Clinics to be held in April and May.
 - b) BJ S. is also working on getting t-shirts and softies as give aways for those attending the in-house clinics.

OLD

- A. A new logo was presented prior to the meeting by Brian D.
 - a) This logo was approved via email vote prior to the meeting.
 - b) Approved prior to the meeting to get apparel and merchandise in the team store before or at the time of evaluations and to get coaches apparel ordered.
- B. Prior to the meeting Aaron M. sent an email with the cost of purchasing catchers' equipment.
 - a) At the meeting this was reviewed.
 - b) A motion was made by Dirk M. and seconded by Brian D. to purchase the catchers' equipment.
 - c) All present approved of this purchase.
- C. There will be an open gym on February 18. Attendance has been low for open gyms.
- D. Clinics have been going well, this includes hitting and pitching.
 - a) Fielding clinics will be held at the high school on February 11 and 18 from 12:00-3:00 pm.

NEW

- A. Brian D. is working with BSN on the team store.
 - b) The association will receive \$1 back on every item purchased.
- B. The new website is going well and is easier to use than the previous website.
 - c) Game Changer will be linked to the website.
 - d) Team schedules will also be linked to the website.
- C. A new jersey proposal was presented to give an option of a white jersey with short sleeves.
 - a) A survey will go out to the 10U and 12U players about getting the new jerseys.
 - b) Brian D. said he would send out the survey.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- A. Kim B. stated that when the school ball store was open, she would share that link so the others could buy apparel from that store.
- B. Some discussion was held about doing a cookie dough fundraiser to help with the cost of those teams that go to nationals. There was discussion about having a tiered incentive for selling.
- C. Dates were discussed about having an adult moonlight bowling at McPete's. The dates could be March 23 or 30.
- D. Board members talked about volunteer hours and how to get members to fill volunteer hours. Due to changes in the league, Big Lake may not get tournaments to host like last season so there is some concern about how to fill volunteer hours.
- E. A question was asked about having concessions at league games. This was tabled until the March meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Matt B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.
- B. This motion was seconded and approved by all board members.

NEXT MEETING:

The next open board meeting is Wednesday, March 6 at 6pm, location TBD.