

BIG LAKE FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

BLFPA Open Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2023

Opening

The Open Board Meeting of the BLFPA was called to order by Board President, Matt Baufield, at 6:03pm at McPete's.

Present

Matt Baufield, President
BJ Schwartz, In-House Coordinator
Kim Bowen, Varsity Coach
Kathy Mason, Secretary

Aaron Mevissen, Travel Coordinator
Brian Dietz, Vice President
Dire Martinez, Treasurer

Others Present

Beth Baufield

Meeting Minutes

- A. The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed.
- B. Kim B. made the motion to approve the minutes, and this was seconded by BJ S. All were in favor.

Reports

Treasurer Report:

- A. Dirk M. reported that there is \$38,218.98 to date in the account.
 - a) The amount brought into date is \$19,010.05.
 - b) Spent to date approximately \$12,000.000.
- B. Dirk M. asked about the transfer of Venmo in the future could move with the treasurer as it needs to link to a personal account.
 - a) Venmo charges a fee for each transaction.
 - b) There was also discussion about having fees paid through the website.
- C. Discussion was held about having a deposit put down to attend clinics as players are signing up and then not showing up.
- D. Nathan Marcks will do the associations taxes this year.
 - a) A motion was made by BJ S. and seconded by Aaron M.
 - b) All were in favor.
- E. Matt B. attended a meeting with Community Education.
 - a) Community Education fess will be staying the same this year.
 - b) A breakdown of the cost of Community Education for the past 3 years was given with the average cost being \$3,700.
 - c) The association pays \$37.72/hour to use the facilities.
- F. Aaron M stated that he would contact Community Education to get the schedule locked down in order to reduce confusion when the association uses facilities.
- G. Community Education has asked that a map/aerial map be provided for events so that people will know where to park.

Travel Coordinator:

- A. Aaron M. attended the directors' meeting on February 19.
 - a) Brainerd, Alexandria, and Hanover were added to the Big West league, and they will travel to the other league members for games.
 - b) The competition committee had a discussion on the state tournament and new ways to seed teams better for the tournament.
 - c) Teams need to be registered by April 8.
 - d) The Umpire in charge is having a meeting in Medina on April 8 at 6pm for coaches.

- B. Aaron M. shared that uniforms will be ordered from Game 1 as the association will get money back for each order placed.
- C. Skillshark worked well for evaluations. Coaches can use skillshark for their team as an evaluation tool.

In House Coordinator:

- A. BJ S. has a list he is working on to get done.
- B. The gym time is scheduled for clinics in April/May.
- C. He mentioned that Liberty fields are open for practice.

Old Business

- A. After Kim B. did inventory of nets and tees, it was decided that new nets and tees did not need to be purchased at this time. There were no broken nets, they were not put away correctly, the net bads are all in good shape and there are 5 good tees.
- B. Aaron M. had the new catcher's gear.
- C. The lock on the equipment shed has been changed and has a new combination.
- D. Discussion was held to purchase new tees and nets for 8U, 3 of each. A motion was made by Matt B and Brian D. seconded the motion. All in favor of the purchase for in-house use.
- E. The team store on the website is open until March 11.
- F. The coaches' shirts have been ordered and they are a better price than last year.
- G. Some discussion was held about jerseys. A google form is going out to allow the teams to decide to purchase new jerseys. The HS team will need to purchase at least one new jersey and the 14U team will also need to purchase a new jersey.
- H. The board talked about the cookie dough fundraiser. Aaron M. has been in contact with the vendor. The association will set up a tiered incentive system for the players to promote selling cookie dough. A motion was made by Brian D. to sell cookie dough as a fundraiser for teams to use for nationals, this was seconded by Matt B. All were in favor.

New Business

Open Discussion

- A. Discussion was held on what to do with money left over after paying for a tournament.
 - a) Not all tournaments require the set amount set by the association and at times there is a leftover amount.
 - b) This will be further discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56pm by Matt B.

Next Meeting

The next BLFPA Open Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3 at 6pm. Location TBD.