

Fusion Board Meeting

12/17/2023 at 6:30pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

Jamie, Nate, Jeanie, Mark, Lexi, Jennifer, Jeremy, Brandyn, Benji

Absent: Gary

Visitors: Ryan Franchuk, Keelie Aasand, Alex Sumner (Fargo Area Sports)

Fargo Area Fastpitch Update:

Alex shared with the group a PowerPoint about Fargo Area Sports – Softball

- Levels: Rec/ Competitive/Travel
- Committee: League Reps from all Associations that play in the League
- 10U Softball will start Mid-May
- Will be meeting with The Ballyard and United in the future
- Shane – Softball Director
- Looking for Feb 1, 2024 commitment date from all Associations
- Umpire training will include both Baseball and Softball

Administration Pillar (Continued):

- Travel Team Tryout(continued)
 - January 21, 2024
 - 10u – 9:00am – 11:00am
 - 12u – 11:15am – 1:15pm
 - 14u/16u – 1:30pm – 3:30pm
- United Update
 - Benji met with Pat & Tim
 - Pat has no plan of giving up summer program or field space
 - Fee: Rec - \$100 Travel - \$150

Board to table a decision on which league to join for Summer until meeting has been held between Fargo Area Softball & WF United

- Advertising
 - Decision to put an updated full-page Ad in Kid Ventures for January
 - Decision to put a Facebook Ad together for tryouts and spring registration
- Travel Team Tournament Proposal
 - League (Fargo Area Fastpitch) – End of Year Tournament
 - Travel (Blue Teams) – Bismarck, United, Watertown, Red River Rage, State, NAFA
 - Additional Tournament Option:
 - Prairie Pumpkin Classic (offer to teams by State)
 - Change Team Meal from Watertown to Bismarck

- Travel (Grey Teams) – United, Red River Rage, State
 - Additional Tournament Options:
 - 10u – Moorhead
 - 12u – Bismarck
 - 14u/16u – Bismarck and Watertown
- Advertising to include QR Code and Blue/Grey Team Options
- Registration – add option to what parents to choose Blue/Grey Team

Motion to approve Travel Team Tournament Proposal as given by Brandyn and seconded by Jeremy, passed unanimously.

Community Pillar:

- Jeremy spoke with Horace High and they have no plan to have a summer program.
 - They would look at getting a “District” Employee to help coach to help with connections with the schools
- Horace Parks – January Meeting – want to propose schedule for summer

Facilities Pillar:

- Horace Athletic Director has stated discussions are to be had about renting out facilities
- Uniforms – Discussion about maybe less uniforms for Travel Grey Teams – tabled

Motion to revote on new uniforms options by Mark and seconded by Jennifer, passed unanimously.

Motion to go ahead with all new uniforms by Mark and seconded by Jeremy, passed unanimously.

- DIBS – Basic discussion on the potential process and using it as a tool to get families to continue contributing to the program.

Fusion Pride Pilar:

- Fusion Apparel – Game One working on site and possibility of having a Travel team site
- Coach Handbook – updates to pay, etc.
 - Jennifer to take the lead on Handbook

Finance Pillar:

- Gaming – Jeremy tried to stop at Oasis again and no Manager available
 - Dive Bar – Gaming Spoken for, but looking at doing a Sponsorship
- Player Fee – Please let Jamie know what is needed to put Proposal together
- Sponsorship – Scheels to donation \$1,000 in 2024

- Fundraisers – Organization/Travel Team
 - Organization – Mark asked about doing a Raffle again – tabled
 - Travel Team – Discussion on doing a Hybrid to the Hit-A-Thon and taking away “pledge portion”
 - Tentative date – February 25, 2024

New Business:

- Scholarship – Review criteria
 - Currently – need to play (3) seasons with Fusion
- Tryout Tune-up – go through the components of the Tryout

Motion to have a Tryout Tune-Up session on January 18th at the cost of \$20/player for those who aren't signed up for Winter Skills by Mark and seconded by Jennifer, passed unanimously

- January Meetings – January 14 (Regular Monthly Meeting) & January 29 (Team & Coach Selections)

Motion to adjourn by Benji and seconded by Lexi, passed unanimously. Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Next Meeting will be January 14th at 6:30pm at Brewtus Clubhouse