

Fusion Board Meeting

02/18/2024 at 6:30pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

Jamie, Jennifer, Brandyn, Benji, Nate, and Jeanie

Absent: Mark, Jeremy, & Sean

Visitors: Ryan Franchuk and Keelie Aasand

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Jeanie, seconded by Benji, passed unanimously

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve both December Meeting Minutes was made by Brandyn, seconded by Benji, passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Current Balance:
 - \$18,271.08
- Profit & Loss Statement and Financial Summary
- Discussion about the backend accounting for Players that turn in Sponsorship

Motion was made by Jennifer, seconded by Lexi, passed unanimously

Handbook:

- Provided overview of the changes for review.
 - Jeanie will email out the pdf of the Coaches & Player/Parents handbooks and the details
 - Please send any comments, changes, & questions to: info@westfargosoftball.com
 - Plan to finalize Handbooks at March meeting and get put on SportsEngine and sent to players for electronic review & signature

Travel Team Fundraiser:

- Planned for Sunday September 25th at The Ballyard from 4-6pm
- Jeremy will provide a video and instruction sheet for the event to Jamie to send to players.

Travel Team Request:

- 10u player is requesting to be part of the team, but only some of the tournaments due to family conflicts.
 - Jamie indicated since the player would be the 12th player, she is ok with allowing less tournaments for the player but would not be promised any playing time due to non-full commitment.
 - The Board is ok with working with the family on the matter, but requesting details on which dates work and which don't, requesting that 4 out of 6 tournaments must be attended, with one being State Tournament

Tournament Update:

- Bismarck – Team Meal will be June 8 at Quality Inn
- Watertown Tournament (12U) – Full and on Wait List
 - Options: Dickinson (may be same teams as Bismarck Tournament)
 - Sioux Falls
 - Bemidji
 - Do have the option to sign up for one of these and then wait to see if we get into Watertown
 - Vote of the Board : Move 12U June 21-23 Tournament to Sioux Falls
 - Jamie will contact SF to see when registration opens

Player Age Request:

- There are a number of 8U players asking to be moved to 10u, due to birthday date and wanting to play with friends
 - New Age ruling was done to keep grade levels together
 - Jamie check with the following association on their rules:
 - Fargo Area Fastpitch – don't move players up
 - Bismarck – don't move players up
 - Dickinson – have a process in place, that includes: formal request/evaluation/commitment to League & Travel Teams
 - Decision to send email for all requests that come in: Players to register for current age group and will provide individual updates to the families once the numbers per age level are in

Luncheon Meeting:

- February 29th – Jennifer planning to attend
 - If anyone else is interested please let Jamie know asap

Administration Pillar:

- Advertising – Facebook (Running now until March 1 & again the month of April)
 - Kid Ventures/Teen Ventures

Motion to advertise in Kid Ventures & Teen Ventures by Mark, seconded by Brandyn, passed unanimously

- League Update – Informed United that our registration isn't closed yet and will bet information to them as soon as available
 - Spring League (3rd – 5th) – no update
 - Winter Skills – ends March 17
 - Spring League (6th – 8th) – starts March 18
 - Look at option for skills camp for 3rd – 5th starting April 1 – Fee Schedule to be brought to March meeting

Community/Connection Pillar:

- Horace Parks – Jamie to attend February 26 meeting and present Meadowlark Field Schedule
 - Jamie reached out to Horace High to see what their plan is for Meadowlark this Spring, will provide update once she has one
- Fargo Parks Sports Center – Walk through set for March 15 for the Board
 - Potential to get more for the money spent compared to The Ballyard & Metro Rec Center
- Concordia – Lexi to check if Agreement has been signed and will provide us an update
- Future Proposals – Fusion Night (Horace/Sheyenne)
Trading Pins (Jeanie to work on options with Year/No Year & present in March)
Team Photos (Date/Location)

Facilities/Events Pillar:

- Uniforms – will not have full size run for 2/25 event
 - Board ok with selling extra softball pants and socks at a discounted price
- Dibs – Decision to hold off on changing the SportsEngine fee to include this
 - Jeanie to work on alternative option to manage Dibs
- Equipment – Game One proposal

Motion to accept Game One Proposal for equipment by Lexi and seconded by Benji, passed unanimously

- Future Proposals – Concessions

Fusion Pride Pillar:

- Fan Apparel – 365 Store: requests for changes has been submitted
 - Keelie to look at options for sublimated sweatshirts for players
- Spring Ball Store: was to go live 2/15, but should be open this week

Finance Pillar:

- Gaming – Jeremy to talk to The Grove again to see if any interest
 - Website link to be provided that shows Gaming Locations

Motion to add Fargo to the Gaming License by Mark and seconded by Brandyn, passed unanimously

- Sponsorship – Jerseys: Requirement of (3 years - \$5,000/year) (Deadline: March 15, 2024)

New Business:

- Lexi was (1) batter away from a no hitter in Mankato this weekend!
- Fundraiser results will not be in before March 1 payments due from families, decision made to hold March 1 payments.

Motion to adjourn by Jennifer and seconded by Jeanie, passed unanimously. Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Next Meeting will be March 17th at 6:30pm at Brewtus Clubhouse