

Fusion Special Board Meeting

11/08/2023 at 5:30 pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

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

Absent: Jason, Gary, Patrick

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda was made by Brandyn, seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously

League:

- Spring: (3-5th) Ballyard
(6-8th) Middle School Ball (Pat Schedules)
 - Language to be added that there is a possibility of camps instead of league depending on weather.
- Summer: (Travel) Ballyard – Red River Valley
 - Decision that no more than 50% of games to be out of town

(Non-Travel) West Fargo League (Pat) with a year-end tournament

 - Fargo Area Fastpitch is looking to take over for Pat – Jeremy to connect with them to see what the thoughts are for 2024

- Fall: Ballyard

Current Plan is to go with same leagues as previous years

- Coaches
 - Payment Schedule – previously paid halfway through season and then at the end of the season, with the exception that in 2023, there was only one payment at end of the season.
 - Meghan asked about their contract and no shows
 - Currently (3) absences are allowed before a reduction in pay
 - Pride Pillar to work on payment timeframe and verbiage for absences (needs to include excused absences with a cap on the number allowed)
 - Advertising needs to start for hiring coaches for spring/summer
 - Year-end Evaluations
 - Spring/Fall – as for volunteer coaches to save on costs
- Field Space
 - Meadowlark – no lights for later night practices and games
 - Lexi to check with Concordia for field space for the summer season
 - While at the meeting, Concordia verbally agreed to have space during summer season

- Advertising
 - Last year – Facebook & Fargo Moms
 - Fusion should have QR code to provide families
 - Kid Ventures – Plan to be in Decembers publication (Nov 22 Deadline)
 - Jennifer to work on Ad – include Winter Skills Camp & Travel Tryouts)

Winter Camp:

- Registration starting November 15th
- Jamie to send verbiage to Jennifer & Meghan to review
- January 15th – price to reduce to \$100.00

Travel Team Discussion:

- Team Sort Options
 - Verbiage to include Blue Team (full summer schedule) & Grey Team (10u & 12U – 4 tournaments max/14U & older – 5 tournaments max)
 - Pitcher Option: move to second team/Coaches have to develop a pitcher?
 - Registration Question: Priority of Position as a drop down option if state tryout for Pitcher/Catcher
- Assessor Selections
 - Jamie has reached out to previous coaches/board members/ softball connections in the area

Motion to make the Tryout Fee: \$40 made by Brandyn and seconded by Meghan, One opposed by passed by majority

Decision to move to (1) day for tryouts on January 21st and if needed to have makeup day on January 28th at Concordia

- Fundraising
 - Team Level – not to use Fusion Logo and not to name Fusion
 - Organization – state that player is not obligated to participate
 - Decision to use Dibs for events – Concession/ The Lights events, etc.

Sponsorship:

- Form
 - Discussion on the levels to be on the form & opening this up to families not just board looking for Sponsorships
 - Research on Jersey Sponsorship
 - Decision made that if a player brings in a sponsorship
 - 25% - Player
 - 75% - Organization
- Goal & Marked Expenses
 - Campaign & Future Needs
 - Field Space
 - Reducing Costs of Players

New Business:

- Additional Meetings/Month
- Patrick's resignation and role on Executive Board (Horace Parks)

Motion to adjourn by Brandyn and seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously. Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: Next Meeting will be November 19 at 5:30pm.