

Fusion Board Meeting
11/19/2023 at 5:00 pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

Jamie, Jeanie, Jennifer, Jeremy, Nate, Benji, Mark, Jason, Meghan

Absent: Lexi, Gary

Visitors: Ryan Franchuk, Sean Ritchie

Agenda:

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

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve October Meeting minutes & November Special Meeting minutes with minor edits was made by Meghan, seconded by Jennifer, passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Current Balance:
 - \$4,498.99
- Profit & Loss Statement and Financial Summary
- Discussion about using the unpaid coaches payments to Jake L. to offset Adelyn's registrations.

Motion was by Benji, seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously

State J.O. Meeting:

- Some teams are adding a 6u season (Bismarck & Minot)
- Registration system – new platform
- Tournaments
 - May 18-19: Fargo Area Fastpitch (Jr High)
 - June 7-9: Bismarck, Grand Forks, Fargo Rec. League
 - June 14-16: Minot, United
 - June 21-23: Dickinson
 - June 28-30: Watertown
 - July 5-7: Red River Rage
 - July 12-14: State – Bismarck
 - July 18-21: NAFA (10u/12u)
 - July 25-28: NAFA (14u/16u)
 - Aug 2-4: Fargo Area Fastpitch (Rec. only)
- 12u All American Games
 - Date: TBD
 - Location: Oklahoma
 - 5 players from each state to form a regional team
 - Clinics & Tournament
- HPP
 - All Star – Region puts together a team

League Discussion:

- Fargo Area Fastpitch wants to take over the West Fargo Rec. League from Pat. If not: they plan to move forward on their own and invited United to participate in the League.
 - Would like to form a committee with a Rep. from both Fusion, United & Moorhead and Fargo Area Youth Fastpitch Staff.
 - League only teams – no travel teams
 - 10u league – 2 nights/week for games (Thursday/Sunday nights)
 - This will compete with Spring League
 - Fusion 8u currently plays on Sundays so possible conflict with 10u Families
 - Admin Pillar: Fusion wants people at the meeting to get more details, if interested please contact Jamie.
 - Fargo Levels:
 - Diamond Academy: Elite Team
 - All Stars Team
 - Rec. Team

Movie Opportunity:

- “I Can”
 - True Story about a girl with one arm who played softball in college.
 - Not going to be shown in theaters, would have to host the showing by December 6.
 - Cost: \$200 (Private link, unlimited showings, personalized message form the player, 9+ training videos, and team discussion guide
 - Moorhead would partner with us if interested
 - Marcus could do a showing on Dec 2 (\$100/Room Rental)
 - Could be used as a fundraiser
 - Mark said to pass due to short time frame and Jeremy said to find a church and sell food as a fundraiser

Board decision to hold off for now and see what the future options are

Sponsorship:

- Meghan updated the form and wording.
 - Meghan read the updated version to the board and everyone was ok with not sending out to further review.
 - Jamie to send out the sponsorship information to Fusion families asap

- SportsEngine: Make columns or pages showing sponsors for each year.

Pillar Updates:

All Pillars to provide list on how parents can help at the December Board Meeting

- Administration
 - Tournament List
 - Training on Insurance Entry
 - Plan to meet before December Board Meeting
- Community Connection
 - Horace Park Board Meeting – Next week (Jamie to attend)
 - Liaison: Brandyn?
- Facilities/Events
 - Concordia: Need to commit and provide a proposal asap
 - Discussion:
 - \$100/ Week (Horace for both facilities is \$125/week)
 - Ask for Wednesdays/Thursdays (5:00pm – 9:30pm for Travel Teams)

Motion to offer \$1000/summer for 3 nights/week from May 15th – August 1st by Jeremy, seconded by Mark, passed unanimously

- Meadowlark: June 1st (Full commitment?) Tuesdays-Thursdays
- Uniforms:
 - League Jersey – Discontinued
 - Travel – Blue Jersey (2025: Revamp)
 - Goal: Reduce number of jerseys & costs/per player
 - Idea to have (1) league jersey for all seasons

Board decision to stay with dark gray pants for 2024, sample runs of new jersey options and pant options for Tryouts

- Fusion Pride
 - Nothing new to report
- Finance:
 - New pillar to include: Jeremy, Jennifer, Brandyn, Mark, Nate

New Business:

- Discussion of using Microsoft Teams for Board
 - Further investigation into this will need to be done
- New Board Member binders handed out
 - Updates need to be made to contact page
- Motion to add a December 10th board meeting (9:00am) at Traditions and if needed a December 17 board meeting (6:30pm) at Brewtus Clubhouse by Mark, seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously.

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

Next Board Meeting: Next Meeting will be December 10th at 9:00am at Traditions.