

Fusion October Board Meeting

10/22/2023 at 5:00 pm @ Brewtus Clubhouse

Attendance:

Jamie, Jennifer, Jeremy, Meghan, Benji, Mark, Lexi, Brandyn, Patrick, Jeanie

Absent: Nate, Jason, Gary

Visitor: Sean Ritchie

Agenda:

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

Previous Minutes:

Motion to approve August Meeting minutes with minor typo edits was made by Mark, seconded by Jeremy, passed unanimously

Treasurer Report:

- Current Balance:
 - \$3,254.99
- Profit & Loss Statement and Financial Summary
- Venmo:
 - Discussion on when to use for payment and charging 3% up front to families
- Discussion to automate more items when it comes to accounting.
- Someone to be tasked with payments for Fusion Events
- Discussion about family members who have employer match donations sent to association – need to figure out better tracking.
- Discussion about having a Financial sub-pillar to Administrative Pillar
 - What is needed to be successful.

Motion was by Brandyn, seconded by Jennifer, passed unanimously

Gaming License Update:

- Board approved to move forward
 - Need gaming committee made up of 3-5 people (with at least (1) board member/gaming chairman), to work on internal controls and policies manual
 - Jennifer & Brandyn offered to help with manuals and decide where to start – electronic pull tabs?
 - Find site location in West Fargo/Horace
 - Board to work on pulling contacts to get to next step and get up guidelines – funnel through Jeremy.

Pillar Reports:

- Facilities – Tryouts January 21 & 28:
 - Rustad – No Sundays available until May and not many other dates available
 - \$65/1/3 Turf \$165/Full Turf
 - NDSU – Not available for Tryouts
 - Attic – Not Available for Tryouts
 - Concordia – Lexi to see if available
 - Board approves moving dates if Concordia is available
 - Tri – City – Brandyn to see if available
 - Loden Center – Jennifer to see if available
 - Fargo Parks New Facility – Not Open yet

Discussion on moving tryouts to fall, so can use outside facilities – this was tabled for now

- Open House:
 - Board agreed to not hold an open house
 - Promote through – Winter Open Gyms, Marketing on Social Media & Sports Engine, and Kid/Teen Ventures through the Schools
- Open Gym:
 - Discussion on how summer players have paid for open gym already
 - Insurance costs \$15.00/player per year and needed (Sept 1st is new season)
 - Communication needs to stop on stating concessions covers open gyms during the winter months.
 - Options to save money:
 - Start winter season January instead of December
 - Cut back on number of days a week open gym is offered
 - Once Travel Team is set – offer optional practices
 - Decision – Sports Engine Registration
 - Sign up for Sunday or Thursday or both with a set fee for (1) night or (2) nights
 - Ask for help from parents, those that help regularly need to complete US Softball Background Check
 - Pay for whole open gym season at once – no option for payment plan
 - Open Gym season to run December – Mid April
 - Liability Waiver to be signed by all un-insured players

Motion to charge \$250 for December – Mid April with Sunday at the Ballyard and Thursday at Metro Rec Center by Benji and seconded by Meghan, passed unanimously

Motioned made to meet for an additional special meeting on November 8, 2023
by Jennifer

Travel Team Discussion:

- 12 player max per team
- Continued discussion on how to rank players (pitchers/catchers)
- There is a need to have a layout planed from the beginning and not deciding on the fly
- What does travel teams look like by level
 - Blue Team – 4-6 Tournaments
 - Grey Team – 3 or more Tournaments
 - White Team – 3 or more Tournaments

Discussion tabled until Special Meeting

New Business:

- Diamond Academy is going under Fargo Fastpitch as a Travel only Team in 2024
- Jamie has (2) tickets to the Youth Summit in Fargo on November 16th if anyone wants to join her
- Patrick informed the board that his daughter is trying out for Ballyard Team

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

Next Special Board Meeting: Next Meeting will be November 8 at 5:30pm.