**Vision:** Most admired girls fastpitch club in the upper Midwest.

**Mission:** We provide an uncompromising commitment to developing players on and off the field and knowing that the quality of our coaches and the satisfaction of our teams and families is paramount.

**MINUTES**

**February 27, 2022**

1. **Call to Order**

Amy Kimbler called to order the February meeting of the Minnesota Vortex/A’s Board at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 27. This meeting was held in person at TCOS.

1. **Roll Call**

Board members present: Mike Carter, Dan Maus, Rich Gross, Steve Bartz, Amy Kimbler, Jen Arends, Becky Smith;

Guest: Morgan Garbrecht

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1. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

January minutes were sent to the board members for review.

* Dan made a motion to pass the January minutes
* Rich seconded
* All board members in attendance approved the January minutes
* Amy will publish the January minutes to the website

1. **Financial Update**

10-99s were mailed out in January. Heggies pizza sales payments are starting to come in.

* Mike made the motion to approve the finances as provided and discussed at the meeting
* Jen seconded
* All board members approved
* Motion passed

1. **Old Business**

**Fundraising for the Organization**

* Grants (Becky) – We received the Hennepin County for equipment and field improvements. Becky will coordinate with Mike and Steve to have a list of equipment ready to purchase when the funds come in.
* Report on Nutrition and Positivity Education Session, Jan. 30 – Everything went well. 51 people attended in person. About 30 attended virtually.
* College night – 47 people attended in person and 10 virtually.
* Pitchers and catchers training – Went very well. About 30 people attended.
* Marriott Bonvoy Account
  + We have an account set up with Marriott (thank you Jen)
  + Our account information is saved in a google doc on our Google Drive
  + Send a message in March/April to let families know how they can support the organization by donating hotel points
  + Jen will look into creating an instruction sheet to send out to families.
* Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown Updates - June 10-13, 2022
  + 115 teams
  + Same fields as last year in Wayzata, Loretto, Brooklyn Park (Zane and Noble)
  + Planning for parent leads at each site location
  + Predators out of Pennsylvania are going to run a tournament in May in Lexi’s memory. Jen is going to fly out for the tournament. Think of ways that we can incorporate that team into our ceremony/tournament plan.
* Coach Manual Update (Dan) – Dan will continue to work on this
* Tournament Scheduling (Dan) – Doing well with teams getting their tournaments in. Dan does not register for the NAFA tournament. Teams have to register themselves as a NAFA sanctioned team.
* TCOS Expansion Grand Opening - March 5; Jen has a project plan; Morgan created a flyer
  + Whiffle ball game, corn hole
  + Competitions in tunnels
  + We will have food available
  + Need someone to take photos (Stan)
* League Athletics/Sport Sign up Play (Steve and Becky) – system seems to be working; may look at changing to a new system for next year
* Heggies – Will handle the distribution out of TCOS.

1. **New Business**

* Jaeger Bands for arm health (Becky)
  + Becky will survey the coaches to see which teams will commit to using them. Depending on feedback and number of teams, the organization will subsidize the cost.
* Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (Dan)
  + Do we have DEI in all aspects of our program? Dan will continue to look into this. We need to build inclusivity throughout the program from top to bottom; how we act, what we say, etc. Partner with associations, etc.
  + Diversity training at our kick off meeting

1. **Open Discussion Items**

* TC Fastpitch – offering 3 week (March and April) free pitching clinic out of TCOS

1. **Action Items** 
   * Jen – Create an instruction sheet for Marriot Bonvoy to send out to families to donate hotel points
   * Dan/Becky – Update coach manual
   * Becky – Receive feedback from coaches on who will use the bands; report back to board for approval to purchase
   * Dan – Continue to explore DEI within the organization
2. **Next Meeting** – April 3 at 7 PM, Location TBD
3. **Closing**

* Becky made the motion to close the meeting.
* Mike seconded.
* All board members approved.
* Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Submitted 3/11/22

Amy Kimbler

Secretary, MN Vortex/A’s Board

Future Meeting Topics: [Reference Annual Calendar](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1djWrj7zQbtcgxR--NFDiPyQwOjRG8EvwANVNb8gdB4Q/edit)