

MN Vortex/A's Board Meeting



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

April 3, 2022

I. Call to Order

Amy Kimbler called to order the February meeting of the Minnesota Vortex/A's Board at 7:01 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. This meeting was held virtually.

II. Roll Call

Board members present: Mike Carter, Dan Maus, Rich Gross, Steve Bartz, Amy Kimbler, Becky Smith
Guest present: Morgan Garbrecht
Not present: Jen Arends

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

February minutes were sent to the board members for review.

- Mike Carter made a motion to pass the December minutes.
- Dan Maus seconded.
- All board members in attendance approved the January minutes.
- Amy will publish the February minutes to the website.

IV. Financial Update

Most teams have been registered for all tournaments. Heggies pizza money has been deposited. Additional financial updates for the organization were discussed.

- Dan Maus made the motion to approve the finances as provided and discussed at the meeting.
- Mike Carter seconded.
- All board members approved.
- Motion passed.

V. Old Business

- **Open House Recap**, Saturday, March 5 – A great event. We will plan to do this event again next year.
- **Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown** Updates - June 10-13, 2022 – Amy will schedule a meeting mid-April with the committee. We are currently at 115 teams.
- **Coach Manual Update** – Dan shared some updated verbiage regarding coach payments. Board members will continue to discuss.

VI. New Business

- **DEI Discussion** – Dan mentioned the importance of incorporating about DEI throughout all areas of the organization. We can also mention DEI at our kick off meeting. Consider having virtual education trainings throughout the year. Dan will continue to research and explore options.

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- **2022/2023 Tryouts** – Dates are set: Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2 for all ages. Possibly make ups on Wednesday. Jim and Morgan will reach out to Bloomington Fastpitch to reserve fields. Will plan to post registration on social media mid to late June.
- **Website** – Mike mentioned that League Athletic support is going away. There are new sites that Mike and Becky are researching to test and see how they would work for our organization. More testing and demo will be done in the near future with board members participating to test various functions. Goal is to have a decision made by May 20 on a new website platform for the organization.
- **Loretto Fields Update** – Mike reported that the fields are not in playable condition as of today. We are on hold with purchasing equipment but have equipment lists ready to go when we do receive the green light.
- **Putting Grad Years on Jerseys** – Becky mentioned that players and parents have mentioned putting graduation years on player jerseys. The board agreed that we will start with the 16s this year. Becky will research options to see if this is something that we can do ourselves or work with McAllister. Becky will follow up.

VII. Open Discussion Items

- The J Bands have come in.
- Discuss fundraisers for organization and to replace damaged/used winter equipment at our May meeting. (Corn Hole/Bags Tournament, Coffee Fundraiser, etc.)

VIII. Action Items

- Coach payment verbiage (Dan)
- Website exploration/replacement (Mike and Becky)
- Years on jerseys (Becky)

IX. Next Meeting – Sunday, May 1, 7 PM at Loretto fields

X. Closing

- Dan Maus made the motion to close the meeting.
- Becky seconded.
- All board members approved.
- Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Future Meeting Topics: [Reference Annual Calendar](#)