

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

May 1, 2022

I. Call to Order

Amy Kimbler called to order the May meeting of the Minnesota Vortex/A's Board at 7:17 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. This meeting was held in person at Warren's restaurant in Loretto.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

April minutes were sent to the board members for review.

- Dan Maus made a motion to pass the April minutes.
- Rich Gross seconded.
- All board members in attendance approved the April minutes.
- Amy will publish the April minutes to the website.

IV. Financial Update

The board is following up with a few player families who have yet to pay their fees.

The board will be acknowledging our pitching instructor with a \$500 payment.

- Rich Gross made the motion to provide this clinician with a \$500 payment.
- Dan Maus seconded.
- All board members present approved.
- Motion passed.

Additional financial updates for the organization were discussed.

- Amy Kimbler made the motion to approve the finances as provided and discussed at the meeting.
- Becky Smith seconded.
- All board members present approved.
- Motion passed.

V. Old Business

- Lexi Kretsch Summer Showdown Updates - June 10-13, 2022
 - Next planning meeting is 5/2/22. We have 115 teams registered. Dan reported that as of today, the schedule outline is built and we will be able to avoid using the Zane complex on Sunday. Grounds crews are set for all locations. Mike reported that we are in good shape with umpires for all locations as well.
- Coach Manual Update (Dan)

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- The board continues to discuss the revisions being made. This topic will remain on the agenda.
- DEI Discussion (Dan)
 - The board will plan to incorporate this topic into the kick off meeting in August.
- Bloomington Fields
 - Morgan reached out to Bloomington Parks & Rec. to communicate about practice fields, game fields and tryout fields.
 - Jim added input on how fields can be secured. He will follow up and let us know what field nights are available for practices and games.
- Tryouts – Monday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 2. Make-ups on Wednesday, August 3.
 - Sunday, May 22nd (time and location TBD) - Meeting scheduled to discuss the specifics of tryouts, times, staggered sessions, capping numbers, etc.
- Website (Mike and Becky)
 - 3 website options were trialed by board members. League Apps seems to be the best fit with the most functionality for our organization.
 - The website will get a whole new look, be creative and modern. Will take 6-8 weeks with a design team to re-style the site.
 - Mike Carter made a motion to agree to a contract with League Apps to build a new website and use them for all of our backend system communication. The A's would officially switch from League Athletics to League Apps.
 - Amy seconded.
 - All board members present approved.
 - Motion passed.
- Loretto Fields and Equipment (Mike and Becky)
 - Becky and Mike reported that our grants have been received. On May 10 the city council of Loretto will vote to approve and receive the funds. If they approve it, we will begin purchasing our equipment on May 11.
- Grad Years on Jerseys (Becky)
 - Nicole Clapp has a contact who is working to get a proof of what this may look like on the jerseys. She will connect with Becky.

VI. New Business

- Fundraisers
 - Corn Hole/Bags Tournament – Hold this fundraiser between fall tournaments and winter training
 - Organic Coffee – Possibly hold this fundraiser in the winter
- Summer Equipment Distribution
 - Steve and Becky will organize the equipment for distribution this week.

VII. Open Discussion Items

- May is Mental Health Awareness month. The organization will put out an email that includes resources not only for players but for parents too. Keep on the agenda for June meeting.

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VIII. Next Meeting

Sunday, June 5th at 7 PM (location TBD)

IX. Closing

Amy Kimbler made the motion to close the meeting.

Becky Smith seconded.

All board members approved.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

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