# Meeting Information

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| **Meeting:** | MN Vortex/A’s Board Meeting |
| **Date | Time:** | September 15, 2020 | 6:30am-8:00am |
| **Location:** |  |
| **Virtual Options:** | Google Meets Video/Conference Line Provided |
| **Invitees:** | Mike Carter, Rich Baker, Dan Maus, Jack Thibault, Steve Bartz, Rich Gross, Becky Smith, Jen Arends |
| **Attendees:** | Mike Carter, Rich Baker, Dan Maus, Jack Thibault, Steve Bartz, Rich Gross, Becky Smith |
| **Facilitator/Minutes:** | Rich Gross |

# Meeting Objectives

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| **Objective(s)** | **Debrief: Objective Met?** |
| 1. Approve last meeting minutes – Aug 11 2020 | Yes |
| 1. Align on actions to finalize 2019/2020 financials & review 2020/2021 budget | Yes |
| 1. Discuss COVID-19 current impacts | Yes |
| 1. Final decision on Player Development role hiring | Yes |
| 1. Board Membership – new members & assignments | Yes |
| 1. Evaluate and update list of tasks for team preparation | Yes |
| 1. Post Lexi Tournament debrief positives & opportunities | Deferred to Oct |
| 1. Post Tryouts debrief; positives & opportunities | Deferred to Oct |
| 1. Discuss Virtual Training Tools (Blast Motion & Diamond Kinetics) | Yes |
| 1. Post fall season/Kick Off Meeting discussion; positives & improvements | Deferred to Oct. |

# Agenda

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| **Time** | **Person** | **Item** | **Desired Outcome**  ***(Inform, Decision, Discuss)*** |
| 6:30 | Rich G | Call to order, Review Objectives/Agenda |  |
| 6:35 | Rich G | Review of last month’s Meeting Minutes - edit as needed | Approval to post |
| 6:40 | Rich G | Review existing list of Action items | Accountability for actions |
| 6:55 | Rich B | Discuss financials for 2019-2020 & 2020/2021 budget | Appropriate decisions made |
| 7:10 | Mike/Dan | Player Development role decision | Appropriate decisions made |
| 7:20 | Mike/Dan | Board membership & board roles discussion | Appropriate decisions made |
| 7:30 | Dan | Evaluate & update list of tasks for team preparation | Preliminary Planning |
| 7:40 | Dan | Lexi Tournament debrief | Determine follow-ups |
| 7:45 | Dan | 2020 Tryout debrief | Determine follow-ups |
| 7:50 | Mike/ Becky | Review virtual training solutions from Diamond Kinetics & Blast Motion – pricing, timing, implementation, etc. | Determine Follow-ups |
| 8:00 | Rich G | Adjourn |  |

# Decisions

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|  |  | Motion - Who | Second - Who | Vote (favor/ opposed) |
|  | Approve August 11, 2020 meeting minutes | Dan | Mike | Passed |
|  | Approval of Player Development Role & Salary for Becky Smith | Dan | Jack | Passed |
|  | Nomination/election of Rich Gross as Treasurer | Dan | Mike | Passed |
|  | Nomination/election of Jen Arends to Board of Directors as Secretary | Mike | Dan | Passed |
|  | Nomination/election of Becky Smith to Board of Directors as at large member | Dan | Steve | Passed |
|  | Adjourn | Dan | Mike | Passed |

# Assigned Action Items

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| **Task** | **Accountability** | **Due**  **Date** | **Date Completed** |
| Schedule next Board Meeting – 10/20 | Rich G | 09/15/20 | Complete |
| Investigate possible pitching coaches for our Program | Mike | Ongoing | Complete |
| Discuss “A’s” name for MN Vortex to maintain the trademark; calls scheduled. | Mike | Ongoing | In Progress |
| MN Vortex/A’s Training Center Expenses | Mike/Steve/Dan | Ongoing | In Progress |
| Discuss details around virtual team training platforms for winter training (Blast Motion / Diamond Kinetics | Becky/Mike | May | In Progress |
| Develop Team Manager Registration Policy for next season | Dan | Aug | Complete |
| Discuss Player Development Role with potential candidate | Mike | Aug | In Progress |
| Discussion regarding the need for a player fee to cover training facility expenses? | Dan | Sep | In Progress |

# Meeting Minutes

**COVID-19 - Impacts**

* Discussed preparations needed for increased use of training center for fall/winter training
  + Sanitizing solutions
  + Masks
  + Updated rules & postings

**Financial Discussions**

* Reviewed 2019/2020 financials
* Discussed field usage fees – donation to Chanhassen boosters for fence rental; Dugout Club
* Reviewed Lexi Summer Showdown financials
* Update on taxes; accountants have access to Quick Books to process the 990
* Reviewed 2020/2021 financials
* Reviewed past due player payments and potential scholarships
* 1 player not registered – Dan following up
* Discussed Treasurer transition; documents created to help with transition
* Setting up appointment at US Bank to transition account signers

**Board Membership & Assignments**

* As part of the Annual Kick Off Meeting, participants were asked if there were any interested candidates wanting to join the Board of Directors
* Treasurer Role
  + Rich Baker announced retirement from the Board of Directors and the Treasurer role with a transition date by 10/1
  + Nomination from Dan Maus and second from Mike Carter to elect Rich Gross to replace Rich Baker as Treasurer. Motion passed by individual vote from each board member.
* Secretary Role
  + With Rich Gross taking on the Treasurer Role, the Secretary role needed to be replaced
  + Nomination from Mike Carter and Second from Dan Maus to elect Jen Arends as the Secretary. Motion passed by individual vote from each board member
* At Large Member
  + Nomination by Dan Maus and Second from Steve Bartz to elect Becky Smith to the Board of Directors as an at large member.

**Lexi Summer Showdown Debrief (8/7 – 8/9)**

* Deferred to October board meeting

**2020 Tryouts Debrief (8/17 & 8/18)**

* Deferred to October board meeting

**Virtual Team Training Platforms (Blast Motion/Diamond Kinetics)**

* Discussed that an action plan is under development
* Impromptu Blast Motion demo at TCOS with a few coaches taking place 9/16

**MN Vortex/A’s Training Center Expenses**

* Delaying decision on payment until a better understanding of expenses related to Loretto field improvements
* Discussed setting up a fee schedule for additional use of the Training site outside of normal usage

**Loretto Partnership**

* Discussed partnering with the city of Loretto to enhance the facility for a proposed long term partnership

**18U Decision Debrief**

* Discussed latest updates
* Domain name still in use
* Picture of A’s players still on website

**2020/2021 Season Planning / Kick Off Meeting Debrief**

* Deferred to October board meeting

**Player Development Role**

* Decision to offer Player Development role to Becky Smith
* Role to include winter training scheduling
* Passed proposed salary for Player Development role; Mike to discuss with Becky

**OTHER**

* Tournament Scheduling ([Tournament Status Sheet](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12_9KyDByWpDbtn4dAwP28pTKtOpRsDUeRWvTKK2JvMc/edit#gid=521904944)): Dan
* Uniforms & Equipment
  + New vendor/distributor for uniforms; Dan to send links from Beth
  + Discussed and decided to subsidize $50 per new player for uniform packages
  + Discussed and decided to discontinue the Racerback jersey for the 14U teams
  + Fan apparel to transition from Identity Store to new uniform supplier; Nicole Clapp is the Fan Apparel Coordinator
* Social Media -

**General Discussion items**

* Pitching trainers for winter training
  + Stan W
  + Hannah B
  + Mike
  + Jenna – decision pending

# Parking Lot

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