Vortex/A’s Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020/ 6:30 AM/ Google Meets - Virtual

# Attendees

Jen Arends, Steve Bartz, Rich Gross, Dan Maus, Mike Carter & Becky Smith

Excused absence: Jack Thibault

# Agenda

## October - Meeting Follow-up

1. Review last month’s meeting Meetings - approved with changes from Dan Maus (see below) — motion by Dan second was Steve
2. Update on A’s Name: No update. Move to December Agenda
3. MN Vortex/A’s Training Center Expenses: Discussed uses (pitching, one-off’s, practice, etc’s). Decided on Flat rate/lease agreement. Agreement will be retro back to August. Vote was taken. Mike Carter and Steve Bartz abstained from voting. Vote approved. Task completed. Motion by Dan, 2nd by Jen
4. Update on Laretto Partnership: No Update. Move to December Agenda

## November - New Business

1. Winter Training Email: Email was sent. At time of meeting, sign up was live and all spots were full. Board worked to open additional spots. Task completed.
2. Blast Motion Training:
   1. Becky Smith and Steve Bartz set up training for coaches on Monday, November 23rd
   2. Email to go out with instructions to all players the week of November 23rd
   3. Player meeting to be set up for Wednesday, November 25th
   4. Sensors to be handed out week of November 23rd
   5. Waiver to be signed. DIsclaimer Waiver: Charge $60 damage deposit. Must be returned in good working condition to receive damage deposit back
   6. Steve Bartz will create binder/folder with all Blast Training information and back up
3. Diamond Kinetics and Pitchtrackers): Becky set up a zoom call with the rep and pitching coaches. Our subscription allows for unlimited coaches accounts. Players do not have accounts. Becky checked into services and our subscription will show all metrics.
4. Create and Communicate Winter Dome ball Schedule: Two teams have dropped due to Covid concerns. The schedule was created and sent to coaches for planning purposes. Task Completed.
5. Fall Ball Coach payment: Checks are in the mail. Task Completed
6. COVID Update: The Organization will be moving forward as planned until Gov. Walz says differently.
7. Feed My Starving Children: Dan to send Email reminder
8. Financial DIscussion: Rich is working on a team view of accounting for parents. Also working on statement of Activity. Also creating a projected budget. Organization looks strong financially. December Agenda Item: Disbursement of dollars: # of teams or # of players on each team.
9. Winter Tournament travel: One (1) team (Hartung) would like to travel to LasVegas in February. They are paying on their own expenses. Organization has no liability due to a signed waiver. Revisit in January (?).
10. Board Member Folder/Conflict of Interest Policy: Members to sign annually. Add an acknowledgement page. Set up a Board folder with bi-laws, conflict of interest, contact policy/social media, conduct policy, behavior, etc. Dan Maus to take this action item.
11. Winter Training: Board discussed at length. Look into video for arm care. Discuss with troy performance training online. Finalize winter training at December’s meeting.
12. Program Director Fee:
    1. Mike removed himself from this discussion
    2. Main priorities include: coaching staff, team/parent relationship and issue resolution. Many other duties have been moved to other volunteers and board members.
    3. 2020-21 fiscal year salary discussed. Vote approved. Motion by Dan/2nd Steve
13. Fundraising/Donations
    1. Individual, team, organizational/program, corporate matching, scholarships
    2. Dan to write a fundraising/donation policy. Review at December meeting
    3. All donations to be sent to: MN Vortex Softball Club which is a 501(3)c

Steve Bartz motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Becky Smith Seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

# November Action Items

1. Update on A’s Name - send letter to request remaining action items be taken care of immediately or further legal steps will be taken. **(Mike Carter)**
2. Laretto Partnership - Mike to work with Loretto to finalize partnership **(Mike Carter)**
3. Blast Motion Training - Training to be completed. Folder/Binder to be created **(Becky Smith/Steve Bartz**)
4. Diamond Kinetics and Pitchtrackers - Meeting to be conducted (**Becky Smith**)
5. Feed My Starving Children - Email reminder to be sent out **(Dan Maus)**
6. Financials - Continue to work on budgets and forecasting (**Rich Gross**)
7. Board Member Folder - see #14 above (**Dan Maus**)
8. Winter Training - Finalize (**Mike, Steve, Becky**)
9. Fundraising/Donation Letter - to be created (**Dan Maus**)
10. From Oct: Scholarship Request - Does Elize Sutherland need a scholarship? (**Dan Maus/Rich Gross)**
11. Dan needs Quickbook Access **(Rich Gross)**

# Next Meeting Date/Agenda

December 15, 2020 @ 6:30 am via Google Meeting

The following elements were not completed or still in discussion at the end of the November Board meeting and will be the starting point for the December Meeting. Please let Jen Arends know of any additional items you would like added as new business to the December agenda.

* Update on A’s Name (Mike)
* Update on Loretto Partnership (Mike)
* Lexi Tournament: Registration, web content, dates: June 11 -13, 2021 (Board discussion)
* Blast Motion Training (Becky/Steve)
* Board Member Folder Updated: Members to sign annually. Add an acknowledgement page. Folder to include but not limited to: bi-laws, conflict of interest, contact policy/social media, conduct policy, behavior, etc. (Dan Maus).
* Las Vegas Tournament in January (Board discussion)
* Winter training - what does it look like with Covid? On line? Video? Yoga? (Becky, Steve, Mike)
* Job Description - Review and Update. Do we have a Player Development description for Becky’s new role?

Parking Lot - Reference annual Calendar