**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**

**July 10, 2022**

1. **Call to Order**

Amy Kimbler called to order the July meeting of the Minnesota Vortex/A’s Board at 8:04 p.m. on Sunday, July 10. This meeting was held virtually.

1. **Roll Call**

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

Guest present: Morgan Garbrecht

Not present: Jen Arends

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

May minutes were sent to the board members for review.

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

1. **Financial Update**

The committee reviewed the 2022 Lexi Financial report and other financial reports for the organization. July 31 – End of FY – Checks for coaches will be cut in July so it’s reflective in this fiscal year.

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

1. **Old Business**

* Coach Manual Update (Dan) and Coaches Payment Schedule Document (Becky) – Dan and Becky will communicate and report to the group to approve content.
* DEI Discussion (Dan) – Will build information in to the kick off meeting in August.
* Tryouts (Becky) – Meeting will occur this coming week to figure out details of tryouts. Registrations are going well. Becky is doing a social media post weekly. League Apps needs to be tested with Team Genius to see if they are syncing up correctly. Morgan will communicate with Rich regarding the Bloomington field rental costs.
* Website – The overall structure of the website is up. Remaining information is in the process of being fine-tuned. Board is asked to review the site and look for any items that need to be updated/changed in the next few weeks. Plan is for the site to be up and running by tryouts, August 1.
* Loretto Fields and Equipment (Mike and Becky) – May 10th approval was provided for the facilities grant but it was too late to get started on improvements. We are looking to start improvements in the fall. Still waiting on the equipment grant.

1. **New Business**

* Order jerseys for fall – Amy will touch base with Nicole Clapp to determine fall ordering process. Get the store apparel on the website as soon as possible. Also think about putting the grad years on the sleeves of the shirts for the older teams.
* Coach recruiting – Discussions will occur this week.
* Costs for 2022-2023; $3,000 per player ($650 down and 10 monthly payments of $235)
  + Dan made the motion to keep player fees consistent with the 21-22 season.
  + Rich seconded the motion.
  + All board members approved.
  + Motion passed.
* Player/parent surveys – Becky will work with Dan to develop questions on a survey. The survey will go out before the NAFA tournament.

1. **Open Discussion Items**

* Mike would like the board to think strategically about our evolution and how we can continue to be a strong and competitive program and meet the needs of the players where they are.
* Kick off meeting with players and parents on Monday, August 15 from 6-8 PM at Loretto. The board will also consider doing meetings with each team (players and parents) before the spring to re-share information and remind them of the items that were discussed in the fall.

1. **Next Meeting**

* Kick off planning meeting/board meeting on Sunday, August 7th (time TBD).

1. **Closing**

* Becky made the motion to close the meeting.
* Rich seconded.
* All board members approved.
* Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 PM.