**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, 2023**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m. This meeting was held in person at TCOS.
2. **Roll Call**

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

Guests: Jim Leicht, Scott Peterson, Reuben Singer

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

June minutes were sent to the board members for review.

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

1. **Financial Update**

Rich provided updates regarding the overall organization balance. Lexi financials are almost complete. There are a few outstanding bills yet to receive and pay. The board will wait until year end to determine the amount the organization will move to the scholarship fund. The board reviewed the statement of activity as a whole and by each team. Rich indicated that he needs some help before this next season with budget prep, team bookings, etc. He will create a bulleted list of items he needs help with and share with the board.

* Steve made a motion to approve the financial update as presented during the meeting.
* Becky seconded.
* All board members in attendance approved the financials presented.
* July financial update passed.

1. **Old Business**

The board will consider providing recognition of some type to players who have been in the organization as first year 14s through to second year 18s.

1. **New Business**

**2023-2024 Fees:**  Important for families to know that the organization did not raise prices last year. The organization has felt the pinch in the last few years with outside costs increasing (tournaments cost more, hotels cost more, travel overall is more expensive, national teams traveling more). The board voted to increases prices for the 2023-2024 season for all teams with the 14U and 16U national teams having a higher cost.

12U = $3,400

14U = $3,400

16U = $3,400

18U = $3,400

14U National = $3,600

16U National = $3,600

* + - Dan made the motion to approve the increases as indicated above for the 2023-2024 season.
    - Becky second.
    - All board members present approved.
    - Registration fee increases for the 2023-2024 season passed.

**2023-2024 Season Tryouts:** Tryout registration is posted. Weekly email and marketing are going out. As of today, 100 girls are registered. Last year we had 346 at tryouts last year. Discussion occurred to develop a tryout committee and assign jobs to help tryouts run smoothly.

**Fall Kick Off Meeting**: The fall kick off meeting will be held August 16, 2023 at Loretto fields.

**Fall Fundraiser:** Amy will reach out to set dates with Gertens for delivery in early to mid-September. *(Update: Gertens pick up will be Tuesday, September 12 in the late afternoon/evening at Loretto fields. All parents/players must pick up their orders before 7 PM. Cut-off date for ordering is Monday, August 28 at 10 PM. All sales will be online.)*

**Board Elections:** Discussion occurred to the following individuals being invited to join the MN Vortex/A’s board.

* **Jon Volling – Board Member**
  + - Mike made the motion to invite Jon to join the MN Vortex/A’s board.
    - Morgan seconded.
    - All board members approved of adding Jon to the MN Vortex/A’s board.
    - Jon will be notified of his addition to the board.
* **Reuben Singer – Board Member**
  + - Amy made the motion to invite Reuben to join the MN Vortex/A’s board.
    - Becky seconded.
    - All board members approved of adding Reuben to the MN Vortex/A’s board.
    - Reuben was notified of his addition to joining the board.
  + **Jim Leicht - Director of Coach Development & Mentorship**
    - Steve made the motion to approve the addition of this position to the board and invite Jim Leicht to fill this role.
    - Reuben seconded.
    - All board members approved of adding Jim to the position of Director of Coach Development & Mentorship on the MN Vortex/A’s Board.
    - Jim was notified of his addition to joining the board.
  + **Scott Peterson – Youth Outreach Coordinator**
    - Dan made the motion to approve the addition of this position to the board and invite Scott Peterson to fill this role.
    - Morgan seconded.
    - All board members approved of adding Scott to the position of Youth Outreach Coordinator on the MN Vortex/A’s Board.
    - Scott was notified of his invitation to join the board.

**Dan Maus’ last meeting as a board member:** Dan shared his plan for those taking on his responsibilities. He will email his plan to the Secretary for documentation purposes and workload capture.

Thank you, Dan Maus for your experience, leadership, guidance, friendship, and passion, not just for the softball but for player development and this organization as a whole. You will be missed.

1. **Next Meeting, Date/Time/Location:** Tuesday, August 15 at 8 PM virtually
2. **Closing:** Morgan made the motion to close the meeting. Becky seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Amy Kimbler

Secretary, MN Vortex/A’s Board