

# 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

August 15, 2023

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. This meeting was held virtually.

### II. Roll Call

Board members present: Mike Carter, Becky Smith, Rich Gross, Amy Kimbler, Morgan Garbrecht, Jon Volling, Reuben Singer, Jim Leicht, Scott Peterson

### III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

July minutes were sent to the board members to review.

- Rich made a motion to pass the July minutes.
- Reuben seconded.
- All board members in attendance approved the July minutes.
- Becky will publish the July minutes to the website.

### IV. Financial Update

Rich provided checking and savings account balances to the board. He reported that as of today 106 of 135 players have registered. 11 families paid in full and he has been notified that a few families will bring the full payment via check to the kick off meeting tomorrow night.

Rich provided tryout financials as well as anticipated coach payment expenses for the 2023/2024 season. There are a few open expenses that he is waiting for invoices: GoDaddy.com, tryout evaluators, and kick off meeting expenses.

Rich provided a statement of activity to the board for review sorted by overall club information as well as anticipated detailed information by team. He will continue to work with Elingson and Elingson and work with the State of MN for the organization's sales tax exemption.

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

### V. Old Business

- **2023/2024 Season Tryouts** (Multiple board members reporting) – Becky reported that tryouts went well. An email went out to ask feedback on the tryout process. Morgan will debrief with coaches and others to collect feedback on what went well and opportunities/areas for improvement. We had more help this year which helped a lot. The pre-communications and work done before tryouts helped to make the tryout

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process run smooth this year. Kudos to the tryout-team of board members and staff for making this year's tryout process successful!

- **Player Registrations** (Mike and Rich) – 106 out of 135 players have currently registered. Mostly new people and the incoming 12s who have not registered yet. Will work to talk with these families at the kick off meeting last night.
- **Team Formations** (Mike) – 11 teams: 2-12u, 2-13u, 1-14u, 2-15u, 2-16u, 2-18u
- **Gertens** (Amy and Rich) – Create a flyer to hand out tomorrow night at the kick off meeting. Amy will design a flyer. Last day to order is August 28 by 10 PM CST. Online orders only. Pick up date is September 12 at Loretto fields. Will need a crew to organize and help with pick up. Amy will look back to see who created the Sign-up Genius and update a new one for this year closer to the pick up date.
- **Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, August 16 at 6 PM** (Becky) – Board members should plan to arrive around 4:30/5 PM. Morgan said the food is taken care of and they came in under budget (<\$1,500). Morgan is working with Sadie Kolbe and Jessie Volling to organize the food, set-up, and distribution. Food will be ready at 5:45 PM. There are 3 coolers at the fields. Jessie is bringing another cooler. There are plenty of tables remaining there from tryouts. Becky said the plan is to start program presentation at 6:30 PM. Mike will grab the speaker and microphone from TCOS and bring to the fields. Nicole Clapp and Reuben Singer are going to work with players on the jersey try-on process.

## VI. New Business

- **USSSA Team Registrations** – Some teams have completed these registrations already. At least half of the teams have team managers who have stepped up to serve in this role. Reuben will work with the team managers on what their responsibilities will be as well as providing guidance to getting the team registered with USSSA.
- **Tournament Registrations** – Jon Volling will track the tournament registrations for each team. Some teams are requesting fall tournaments. Mike and Rich will connect with Jon to provide the steps to registering and tracking information for tournament registrations.
- **Uniforms/Player Apparel/Fan Apparel/Coach Apparel** – Nicole Clapp and Reuben Singer are working together this year. Coach website for apparel is open. Becky will send out the email with jersey numbers so players can quickly place orders after trying on the jerseys at the kick off meeting.
- **Operations Manager/Player Development (Becky Smith) Salary**  
The board discussed Becky's workload and her time commitment to the organization. Historical reference was discussed as well as the number of teams for this season.
  - Rich made the motion increase the Operations Manager/Player Development salary position for the 2023/2024 season.
  - Jon seconded.
  - All board members approved. No oppositions.

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- Motion passed. Mike will relay information to Becky regarding the amount to be provided.
- **Program Director (Mike Carter) Salary**

The board discussed Mike's workload and his time commitment to the organization. Historical reference was discussed as well as the number of teams for this season.

  - Rich made the motion to increase the Program Director salary for the 2023/2024 season.
  - Reuben seconded.
  - All board members approved. No oppositions.
  - Motion passed. Rich will relay information to Mike regarding the amount to be provided.

## VII. Next Meeting, Date/Time/Location

Sunday, September 17 at 7 PM in person at TCOS.

## V. Closing

- Rich made the motion to close the meeting.
- Becky seconded.
- All board members approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Amy Kimbler  
Secretary, MN Vortex/A's Board