

# 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

September 24, 2023

### I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:03 PM

### II. Roll Call

Board members present: Mike Carter, Becky Smith, Jonathan Volling, Amy Kimbler, Rich Gross, Steve Bartz, Morgan Garbrecht

### III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

August minutes were sent to board members to review.

- Mike made a motion to approve the August minutes.
- Jon seconded.
- All board members in attendance approved the August minutes.
- August minutes will be published to the website.

### IV. Financial Update (Rich)

Rich provided an update on the organization's finances. 2023-2024 coach payments – communication will go out to the coaches soon. There are a few open fall expenses yet to be paid for P3 and the city of Loretto. Gertens – Did well this year! \$4,900 for the organization. About \$2,400 will go out to players. This year we got the word out earlier to the organization (early August). We will do this again next year (try to start selling on the first days and get the orders delivered to the organization on the first delivery date).

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

### V. Old Business

- Gertens (Amy)
  - Started Selling – Monday, August 7
  - Cut-off date for selling – Monday, August 28 at 10 PM CST
  - Delivery date – Tuesday, September 12 (12-5 PM)
  - We had 12 people unloading the trucks. 2 were sorting paperwork. The Sign-up genius asked for 10 people 12-5 PM and 6 people from 4-7 PM. The truck came at 1:30 PM. Need to plan for 3 hours to unload trucks and sort items. Over 400 items were sold this year. Tell families that pick up starts at 5 PM and ends at 7 PM.

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- **Uniforms/Apparel** (Reuben)
  - Joal, has been out of town so no news on Jerseys
  - Coaches apparel has been handed out
  - Fan Apparel: All but 5 orders have been received by Nicole Clapp. Will figure out how to distribute to teams this week.
  - Will create a pop-up store for the Holiday-time frame.
- **Tournament Registrations** (Jon, Rich, Mike)
  - Jon commented that we are good to go with the fall tournament registrations. After fall registration concludes he anticipates hearing from coaches on the tournaments they are looking for next summer.
  - Rich and Jon are working well communicating payments and savings for the organization if paying by check vs. card.
- **End of Year Survey** (Becky)
  - Becky shared the 2022-2023 summer season survey results with the board.

## VI. New Business

- **Report from Director of Coach Development** (Jim)
  - Coaches survey is completed. 30+ questions ranging from tryouts, team formation, the program overall. Working on a way to send that out to everyone.
- **Report from Youth Outreach Coordinator** (Becky)
  - 10U/12U Developmental Team Update – both teams are formed and are full. They will be doing some practices as well as dome league. Nicole ordered jerseys, sweatshirts, etc. Scott is heading up both teams. Winter train and play – waiting for Wayzata to get us the times available so that information can get out to the public. Scott asked if he could have some business cards to help promote these programs.
- **Jack Thibault Tournament Update** (Mike)
  - 13u National helped at Loretto and ran concessions as a fundraiser. Mike hired a few others to help with field prep. Mike thanked Becky for sending out information about Jack. Jack's wife and brother came to the tournament to watch a few games. Overall, \$2,000 were given away to charities by the top winning teams.
- **Fall Season Update**
  - We are off and running with teams, practices and tournaments.
  - Looking forward to more development over the winter months.
  - Pitching schedule opened in the fall on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- **Scholarships** (Mike)
  - 6 families have asked for help. Mike is working with each family and communicating to Rich. A player's family member made a donation to the organization to help with scholarships.
- **Winter Training Plan** (Becky and Mike)

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- Work has begun to plan for winter training. P3 (performance training location) is in place for another year for 2 nights. They have improved their space. CMS in Wayzata is in place for another year. We also have our space in TCOS for this winter.
- **Feed My Starving Children – December 1, 7-8:45 PM** (Becky)
  - 160 slots to fill this year; also invited the 10u/12u development teams
  - Consider having an incentive for players/families to attend.
- **Dugout Tops at Loretto** (Mike)
  - Mike has someone to frame up one of them so we have a pattern and will lead us in ordering materials, leading the volunteers to create the other dugout tops, and putting them up.
- **Winter Training Option** (Morgan)
  - Contract created with St. Louis Park to share softball training in exchange for some field usage next summer and fall. Trainings will take place on Sundays.
- **Coach/Tournament Planning for Next Year** (Jon)
  - Consider having all teams go to the same tournament so potential next season coaches can go and watch other teams in the organization play games. Nice to have all of the organization together to bond together at a cook-out. The board will continue to discuss this at future meetings before final tournament decisions are made for next summer.

**VII. Next Meeting, Date/Time/Location**  
Tuesday, October 24 at 7 PM at TCOS

**V. Closing**

- Becky made the motion to close the meeting.
- Rich seconded.
- All board members approved.
- Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Amy Kimbler  
Secretary, MN Vortex/A's Board