

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

October 24, 2023

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order in person at TCOS at 7:01pm

II. Roll Call

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

Board members not present: Amy Kimbler, Steve Bartz

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

September minutes were sent to board members to review.

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

IV. Financial Update (Rich)

Rich provided checking and savings account balances to the board. 990 form was filed and mailed. Coach Payments are finalized. Checks will go out this week or next week as well as the Coaches Payment Document. Received the check from Gerten's. Rich will deposit proceeds into the player accounts this week or next. Rich will get team budgets together to send to coaches and team managers. Rich provided a statement of activity to the board for review sorted by overall club information as well as anticipated detailed information by team. There are no missed player payments as of now. There will be some more tournament coaches travel expenses expected from this fall yet.

Becky made the motion to approve the finances as provided and discussed at the meeting.

Jon seconded.

All board members approved.

Motion passed.

V. Old Business

● Fall Season Update (Mike)

- Very pleased with our Fall Season as a program from a performance standpoint as well as team bonding.
- **Fall State and Other Tournaments**
 - Our program was 2nd among all clubs with (6) top 4 finishes.
 - Many top 4 finishes in our out of town tournaments

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- **Scholarship update**
 - Added 2 more that are finalized, probably need to be done for the year. 6 total for the year.
- **Lexi K Tournament Update - Dates June 14-16**
 - Mike finalized the fields today. Already getting lots of inquiries about it. It's a weekend later since there are 5 weekends in June this year, so it won't conflict with the MSHSL State Tournament this year.
 - Considering ideas about a Mankato location or altering different levels as another tournament will be added as a lower level tournament.
 - Reuben made a motion to approve increasing the gate fee to \$100 this year from \$30 last year.
 - This will go towards the scholarship fund, smile awards, bag tags, Home Run balls, tattoos, etc.
 - Jim seconded the motion
 - All board members approved.

VI. New Business

- **Report from Director of Coach Development (Jim)**
 - Survey will be sent to coaches after all teams finish their Fall Season after the 2 teams finish their season this weekend.
 - Jim will meet with every coach this winter about their team and coaching
- **Report from Youth Outreach Coordinator (Scott)**
 - 12U Development Team has kicked off practices. 10U Development team will be starting in November.
 - Chaska reached out to Scott for pitching help during the winter. Will work on providing instructors.
- **Report on St. Louis Park Youth Agreement (Morgan)**
 - Morgan is still negotiating with them on TCOS training, TCOS space, and fields.
- **Report on Winter Training Plan (Becky)**
 - Getting availability and skill preferences from coaches along with Facility availability then will determine schedule and slots. We will have a to do list to work on at TCOS to get it ready for a busy winter season. Becky also started planning the Winter Events for Mental Health, Mental Performance, Nutrition, etc. Will keep spreading word about all attending FMSC. We have 95/160 slots filled. Will move Recruitment Night earlier to educate players before winter camps instead of waiting until February.
- **Uniforms and Apparel Update (Reuben)**
 - Uniforms and Apparel mostly distributed. Will open another holiday apparel store in November.
 - Brainstorming ideas for improvements next year.

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VII. Next Meeting, Date/Time/Location
Monday, November 20, 7:30pm at TCOS

V. Closing
Jon made the motion to close the meeting.
Reuben seconded.
All board members approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.