

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

December 17, 2023

I. **Call to Order** at 7:31 p.m.

II. **Roll Call**

Board members present: Mike Carter, Becky Sande, Rich Gross, Amy Kimbler, Steve Bartz, Jim Leicht, Scott Peterson, Reuben Singer, Jonathan Volling

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

November minutes were sent to board members to review.

- Mike made a motion to pass the December minutes.
- Steve seconded.
- All board members in attendance approved the January minutes.
- Becky will publish the November minutes to the website.

IV. **Financial Update (Rich)**

Rich provided an update of expenses for the organization. A document was shared showing the comparison of line items and expenses from last year to this year. Rich and Jon have been working together to coordinate the scheduling of tournaments. In addition to keeping track of all finances, Rich is keeping an eye on out of town travel expenses for each team.

Mike would like all teams to know their summer tournament schedule soon so parents/teams can plan if additional fundraising will be needed.

- Amy 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**

- **Feed My Starving Children (Mike/Becky)**

All 160 spots were filled by the organization. Very well attended. The 15U Gold ended with most kids and coaches in attendance received a Cold Stone Creamery gift card. We packed more boxes than last year.

- **Heggies**

We will be able to run the Heggie's orders through LeagueApps this year. This will take away from the team managers and our organizers having to collect orders and money.

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The idea is to have players sell pizzas, cash/venmo/check directly to that player, at end of sales families enter in total pizzas they sold in each pizza type and pay for it there themselves. Will be ideal if families submit 1 order at end rather than multiple as they go.

Timeline:

Email to TMs & Coaches: Jan 3

Email to players/families: Jan 5

Sales start: Jan 5

Final numbers to us from families: Feb 2

Final numbers to Heggies from us: Feb 6 at 5pm

Delivery: Tues Feb. 20 at 3:30pm. Pick up can start at 5pm for families

VI. New Business

- **Report from Director of Coach Development (Jim)**

Coach Fall Survey – 15 people answered the survey

Jim, Becky, and Mike will meet to go over the survey responses Monday, 12/18.

Jim is planning to do some check-in meetings with the coaches throughout the winter training months.

- **Report from Youth Outreach Coordinator (Scott)**

Week 4 of dome ball. The players are positive and things are going well. 61 players have signed up for Train and Play. These are great numbers and the largest size we have had to date. Last year there were about 40 players signed up.

- **Lexi Tournament – Dates June 14-16, 2024**

The tournament is already filled. 143 teams are registered (there are openings for a few more 12U teams). We will look at needing to use some additional fields.

- Sand Creek (6 fields in Coon Rapids) – They will maintain fields and run concessions. We make a cut of the concessions.
- Mike has been trying to reach the Brooklyn Park new POC. Amy will follow up.
- Wayzata fields are locked in. We will also use Loretto fields.
- First meetings will be held in January.
- Need more key volunteers to join the committee to help with overall planning, concessions, volunteer needs, etc.

- **Winter Store – Apparel (Reuben)**

All items arrived, with the exception of a few items that will be sent directly to the players/families. Please let Reuben know if you hear any feedback about the apparel.

- **Winter Training Update (Becky)**

Three weeks in and things are going well. January dates have gone out for players to sign-up for slots. College players home on break will be able to come in and take reps during winter training.

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With the number of people coming through TCOS, the board will be looking to pull together a first aid kit, ice in the freezer, baggies, etc. for placement at TCOS in areas that are visible. They will also be looking for an AED device.

- **Speakers/Education – Sunday, January 28**
 - Leslie Huntington (Softball Coach at Eau Claire) Topic: softball is a game failing, mental health, habits, routines
 - Jordan Davies – taking care of body, sleep, nutrition, etc.

VII. Next Meeting, Date/Time/Location

Sunday, January 21 at 7:30 PM in person at TCOS.

V. Closing

- Becky made the motion to close the meeting.
- Rich seconded.
- All board members approved.
- Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Amy Kimbler
Secretary, MN Vortex/A's Board