

FLAFA General Board Meeting Agenda
April 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jessica Paschke, Scott Schneider, Melissa Kohoutek, Jason Hult, Matt Rivard, Nick Rohne, Bobbie-jo Mosser, Paul Stenglein, Dauph Waataja, Kacie Allen, Lea Genosky, Dawn Hustvedt

Board Members Absent:

Guests: Cindy Pearson(10u Gold), Jenny Welk(10U Elite)

Call meeting to order- by Melissa at 6:05 p.m.

1. Read Mission Statement: Working together to support and participate in the positive development of youth.-Read by Jason
2. Secretary’s Report: Approve March Minutes-clarification on Fenway fields for Fast and Furious tournament-question about if we can have vendors there during our tournament. Melissa is going to check in with Kyle with the City. UPDATE: Kyle stated that we are able to have vendors at Fenway for our tournament. We just need to make sure if they have tents that they do not put stakes into the grass. They will need to use weights.

-motion approved by Nick, seconded by Jason, all in favor

3. Treasurer’s Report: Nick-

FLAFA Financial Report 3/23/26 to 4/19/26

Expenses	Deposits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,465 (Team Tournaments) • \$72 (Parent Meeting) • \$170.94 (USA Softball Background Checks) • \$6,700 (MN Softball Summer Team Fees) • \$8,160 (Pitching Mats for Fenway) • \$775 (Fundraising Rewards) • \$1,320 (HS Boosters 12/14U Clinic) • \$1,802 (Gym Space) • \$1,075 (Columbus FNFT) • \$20,261 (Uniforms/Coaches Shirts/Pants/Belts/Socks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$300 (14U Gold Summer 2025) • \$680 (Summer Player Fees) • \$10 (Interest) • \$105 (Pants) • \$110 (Decals)

Questions: 3 Scholarships—\$500 each: Isabella Dowdall, Karianne Drury, Morgan Schneider.
 Motion by Nick, seconded by Jason, all in favor

Upcoming Expenses: Fast and Furious, Umpires

Upcoming Deposits: Fast and Furious Teams, Gerten's Fundraiser (\$59,500 total sales, profit over \$17,000, 78 sellers, more people this year did not meet the goal), 8u players moving up to 10u

Notes: FLAAA Donating Fenway dragger to baseball (I believe we split some of the cost with FLAAA and baseball back in 2018) 5/18/2018 there is a FLAAA Donation for \$5000. Can we request access to the dragger for our tournament? Ran this by FLAAA and they agreed, need to talk to baseball about making this happen.

4. FLAAA Report: Dawn—We need to send over rosters to Luke.
5. Youth Night—Friday, May 15th at the High School-Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m. against Champlin Park
 - ISmile-Lea will get donations for the prize wheel(using from John's fishing club): T-shirts, koozies, chip clips, jar openers, stickers, sunglasses. Should we get additional prizes from amazon? Order squishy softballs.
 - Food: Who will be getting? How much? Pop, candy, chips, buns, etc: Matt will be cooking 6 pork butts-cooked and ready to go in roaster pans, hot dogs, buns, pop, water, condiments, paper boats, napkins, chips, pickles—Nick will pick up at Costco. High school will contribute candy, Melissa will get the ice
 - Tables—Paul will get tables from Hallberg
 - Set-up? What time for arrival? Usually set up around 3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.(Jason, Dauph, Matt, Melissa)
6. Fenway Fields:
 - **4 new pitching mats** were purchased-2 clay and 2 brown(need to ask FLAAA for lawful purpose money.) Rules:
 - i. No metal cleats on the mats. It will void the 2 year warranty.
 - ii. The rubbers can be replaced when they need to be without replacing the mat. Melissa will talk to the City about putting the mats out as part of "prep" of fields, and will they put them away at the end of the night? Will other teams use our pitching mats for tournaments? 2 of the mats will be stored at the High School, possibly used on the turf.
 - iii. Portolite recommends shaking them off after use, possibly even spray them down with a hose.
 - iv. Rake the area prior to putting the mat down to better contact with the under mat spikes
 - v. Storage—mats can be rolled up but need time to flatten out prior to game time. They are about 60 lbs.
 - vi. **ONLY 10u and 12u** (molded cleats)games need pitching mats, not for 14u (metal cleats) pitching rubber is still in fields.
 - vii. Need to get the **information out to coaches** about the new pitching mats...
 - viii. **Storage:** Where are we storing the pitching mats? 2 of the mats will be stored at the High School, possibly used on the turf. Put the other two mats in the little shed at Fenway.
 - **Fenway Gator/Ranger and Dragger**-the Ranger is located at Hallberg, FLAAA donated the dragger to baseball, we will need the dragger for our Fast and Furious tournament, if we are unable to use it at Fenway we could possibly use it at Columbus fields.
 - **Field cost increase:** Getting the presentation together about field prices around the Metro and working with baseball to get information put together. Then meet with ?

city officials, mayor? Paul received numbers-the only association that pays locally is Mounds View. Stillwater, Centennial, White Bear do not pay for use of fields. If we ran practices and full use at Fenway-it would be approximately \$18,000. Currently we are paying \$9,000 for two fields; previously we are paying \$6,000. We pay approximately \$8,000 for Columbus fields for 4 fields unlimited use.

7. Tournaments-coaches picking for their teams, should there be limits, guidelines for teams? Dawn will ask FLAAA if insurance will cover teams for out of state tournaments, etc. (5 state area) table discussion until next meeting. Options-board needs to be informed, board needs to know and approve of it, board doesn't need to know about it-but there are expectations, or know the tournaments ahead of team formation-so parents know which tournaments are going to be played.
8. Pictures-Todd Proulx at FLHS-Jessica emailed Hennen for space/entryway for pictures. Tracy will be in contact about reservations. We will have 15 minute timeframes for team pictures.
 - Monday, May 4th 5:00-8:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 7th 5:00-8:30 p.m.
9. Game Schedules-10u-14u teams, they are live on the MNSoftball website
10. Game Schedules for 8u-
 - Matt Olson-offering some fields for Centennial league
 - City Park fields in Lino-east field is getting removed. NLA high school is no longer having a team, so it is only for us to use. We can possibly use them for practices, they are ready all of the time. 8u games currently reserved at Lino. There will be a charge for prepping the fields-\$25.00 for dragging, \$50 for chalking, dragging and prepping-for games. They will bill FLAFA at the end of the season.
11. Pitching and Catching Clinic Update-6 sessions, June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24: Mondays and Wednesday(2 sessions each day-starting at 3:00 and then 4:00) Avery will be doing pitching-bring their own catcher. Karianne-catching clinic-breaking down to a beginner and advanced, will be paid through venmo-\$95 right to Avery and Karianne for 6 sessions. Location will be determined-possibly at the high school fields.
12. All High School Practice-option for coaches to watch/get ideas? Invite coaches to watch a high school practice, on Varsity field/turf field. Melissa will send an email to coaches to determine interest. Possibly a later practice (5:30-7:30-later evening)
13. Bunting rule at the back of the scorebooks-a rule that is incorrect, Dan P. is trying to get it removed.
14. Fundraising: Gerten's Fundraiser (\$59,500 total sales, profit over \$17,000, 78 sellers, more people this year did not meet the goal)
 - Nick has Dibs sessions lined up for volunteers, Dibs will be live on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.-Lea will put it on Facebook and send an email out to the association
 - Tuesday, May 5th pick up time-5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
15. Fast and Furious Tournament--
 - Dibs-Nick will bring what we had last year to the next meeting, then post volunteer sessions on Monday, May 18th
 - Updated coaching packet-Melissa has it on her list to send out to coaches
 - **Friday, May 29th**-8:00 a.m. set up??—will know more about Columbus fields by next meeting, Fenway should be taken care of by the City, High School-fence put up on turf field,
 - **Signs**-middle school parking lot to guide teams to field
 - **Directors:**

- i. **High School**—Scott and Jason
- ii. **Fenway**—Bobbie-jo(Friday), Nick (Saturday and Sunday) Matt, Jessica
- iii. **Columbus**—Melissa and Paul
- Schedules-will review what we had from last year

Next Meeting Date: **Sunday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

Location: **VFW**

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Dawn, seconded by Jason, all in favor