

ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 5/17/2026

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President–Katrina Foxx

Officials Manager- Clay Foxx

Vice-President- Tom Besonen

Equipment & Facilities Manager- Tom Kalkbrenner

Secretary- Troy Smith

Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber

Treasurer- Ashley Lent

Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

Mgr of Coach & Player Develop- Scott Hedlund

❖ Call Meeting to Order – 7:08pm

❖ Review notes previous meeting - *vote*

Motion to approve: Tom B. 2nd: Drew. *motion carried by voice*

- [EFA Meeting Minutes 4/19/26](#)

❖ Member Reports –

- President - Katrina Foxx

- ‘Biffy’/’Porta-John’/portable toilet location and schedule was clarified and discussed.

- Vice-President- Tom Besonen

- Treasurer - Ashley Lent

- [2026 March - midApril Treasurer Report](#) (report was previously approved).
- 24K balance plus one check to deposit will bring new balance to just over 25K.

- Secretary - Troy Smith

- Grant Updates (We will discuss Twins youth coaches Grant Program during new business)
- Twins’ equipment grant was discussed and one of the new batting helmets was presented. Unanimous consent to add Esko ‘E’ stickers to the front of the helmet. Discussion on how to distribute the equipment was discussed, with no motions presented.

- Manager of Coach & Player Development - Scott Hedlund

- Background Checks/Concussion Training: Who is left?
- 3 coaches left to complete paperwork; all are in contact with the board and working through issues.

- Officials Manager – Clay Foxx

- Season Umpire Update
- Currently at 4-5 umpires in total for the season, but only one until the varsity season ends.

➤ Equipment & Facilities Manager - Tom Kalkbrenner

■ Equipment Updates

- Pitching nine-hole nets, sliding mats, bats for tourney team, and Powernets were discussed. For tourney team bats, discussion was on an Easton Firefly double wall composite (drop 12) retail for \$250 for both teams, going 32in. for 12U Ice and 30in. for 10U Ice. As a backup option, a Rawlings Mantra 3.0 (drop 11) double wall composite retail for \$189-\$225.
- Motion to approve 2 sliding mats and 2 bats as discussed.

Motion: Tom B. 2nd: Drew. *motion carried by voice vote*

➤ Jerseys/Fundraising Manager - Drew Scherber

■ BSN Online Store Updates

- Recurring store will open soon.

➤ Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

- Photographer email went out to all parents.
- We have been approached to see if ERA wanted to have a float in the Esko fun days parade. 10:15am lineup on day of event. Unanimous interest in the float and taking part in the event.

❖ **New business**

➤ Practice schedules - We can add lower field Mon-Fri now all day. Upper field is still off limits due to Varsity schedule.

- 26th and 28th both fields have games.

➤ Esko Tournament Update (July 18th-19th)

- 6 teams total, 3 each at 12U and 10U. Discussion was had regarding a June 1st final decision for event execution based upon number of teams.
- POST MEETING UPDATE: Tom B. updated the board members electronically that the number of teams has risen to 9 total, 5 at 10U and 4 at 12U. Board members Unanimously concluded that the event WILL be held, with a Tournament follow-up meeting set for June 14th at 7pm.

➤ Tournament Team Updates

- Despite massive issues, Tourney team jerseys will be here on time before the first tourney May 30-31.

➤ Association Scholarship

- The idea of an association scholarship was presented, with discussion held on the possible criteria for eligibility as well as benefits of creating a scholarship program and possible drawbacks. After lengthy discussion, the issue was determined to be best addressed in the Fall after the season concludes.

❖ Open Forum

➤ Twins youth coach mentoring scholarship Grant

- Discussion was held on which option will work best for the use of this grant. The two prevailing options discussed were creating youth coaching 'buddies' that would come from the 14U team and would be paired with the 8U teams to foster a relationship between older players in our program and younger players just entering the game. The second option discussed was to conduct pitching clinics to address the need to develop pitching on our overall program. This option was determined to be best resolved by youth coaches coming from the high school (varsity & JV level) pitchers from within Esko fastpitch and high school. Will this come through Thursday night clinics? Both options received positive feedback from the board and will move forward in planning. It was agreed that the \$1000 Grant will not cover the total cost of both options and investment from EFA will be required. Tom B. will reach out to the 14U players at their first practice.

➤ Field Maintenance Person

- Issue was brought forward that we will not have the option of a field maintenance position from the school district, and the high school player from last year did not work out as planned. Clay Foxx indicated he would be interested in carrying out the duties of the position for the summer. A lengthy discussion was held relative to what we have paid in the past and what the needs of the position needed to be for proper field maintenance and care. Discussion landed on \$2000 for the season for maintenance person.
- Drew motioned to approve Clay Foxx as 2026 maintenance person and \$2000 budget.

Motion to approve: Drew 2nd: Ashley *motion carried by voice vote*

❖ Next meeting:

- August 9th at 6pm

❖ ADJOURNMENT—

- Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm.

Motion: Clay, 2nd by Tom B. *Motion carried by voice vote*