

ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION MINUTES - 10/27/2024

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President–Katrina Foxx

Officials Manager- Huff

Vice-President- Tom Besonen

Equipment & Facilities Manager- Clay Foxx

Secretary- Erin Lowinski

Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber

Treasurer- Ashley Lent

Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

~~Mgr of Coach & Player Develop– Jason & Krista Leach~~

~~Community Ed Coordinator (pd position)– Heidi Adkins~~

❖ **Call Meeting to Order** – Erin at 6:03. 2nd by Ashley

❖ **Review notes previous meeting** – Tom motions to approve, Drew 2nd

➤ [EFA Meeting Minutes 9/15/24](#)

❖ **Member Reports** –

➤ President- Katrina Foxx- n/a

➤ Vice-President- Tom Besonen-n/a

➤ Treasurer - Ashley Lent- Tom motions to approve, Alissa 2nd

■ [October Treasure Report](#)

➤ Secretary- Erin Lowinski-n/a

➤ Manager of Coach & Player Development - Jason & Krista Leach n/a

➤ Officials Manager – Huff n/a

➤ Equipment & Facilities Manager- Clay Foxx n/a

➤ Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber n/a

■ Website: <https://dspondemand.com/collections/esko-softball>

■ Lower price for a flash sale on chairs and umbrellas, have at basketball—at least break even? Mention upcoming holiday concert, etc.

- Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold n/a
- Community Ed Coordinator (pd position)- Heidi Adkins n/a

❖ New business

- Discussion/Vote: Program for Registration & Website
 - Review notes from Heidi about her discussion with Community Ed partnership and moving forward on our own.
 - **Heidi notes from email with Michelle:
 - Field use is most likely going to be \$1000 for the season. Every once in a while- the district will waive the fee when a youth group does a bunch to improve the facility.
 - Last year- baseball redid the back field & didn't have to pay for facility use as an example.
 - The cost can change in the future based on a new superintendent or community ed director- (for future planning purposes).
 - Concessions in the facility policy is \$125 per use and must have a district employee present.
 - We could figure a flat fee for that as well, but I would need to know what amount of time you are using it to come up with a price.
 - Alissa share information about options
 - Almost \$13,000 in last year with 111 kids. Katrina has the breakdown. Community Ed takes 15% plus \$625 as Heidi for liaison. Taxes, field maintenance, Arrowhead registration, supplies (equipment), uniforms, etc.
 - Apps/website-
 - ◆ Sports Engine- teams are going away from—too many issues, etc. Baseball leaving and going to Crossbar
 - ◆ Crossbar- seemed very easy, pictures, can add schedules \$1.99 processing fee, \$.99/swipe. 1 year contract, \$695/yr or \$995/yr (if have volunteers for concessions stands for example). \$500 cancellation fee if before the year. Put in birth year- automatically puts in correct team, breaks down for 1st timers, pitchers, catchers. Can add any questions, have tournament teams, etc.
 - ◆ Domain name- \$24 original year, \$35 each additional year (GoDaddy). \$11.99 for name and \$11.95 for protection
 - www.eskofastpitch.com

- Drew will get logos from DSP for us to use
- VOTE—All in favor- ALL. No opposed.
 - Alissa will lead- Erin, Ashley, Tom will assist. Will start with \$695 app
 - Heidi will work to get everything away from Community Ed.
 - Ashley will need to work with Heidi on what will need to be paid when
 - Will need to delegate all areas for transitioning
 - Registration will be mid Feb-mid Mar after softball camp
 - Katrina will figure out about Esko Corner with new issue times and going digital
- Update: Team Sponsorships
 - Who do we have so far?
 - Drew- Sponsor each level? 4 sponsors needed \$500 or \$750 per level (if we want to get full uniform)- Jersey (sublimated), belt & socks. No pants, too many issues. No hat.
 - Erin will do U12 or whole association
 - Banner sponsorships for future- able to put up and take down as needed
- Discussion/Vote: Program policies of EFA
 - [Esko Fastpitch Association Policies.docx](#)
 - Need to add tenure- 3 year terms- Officers and other members—Discuss in Jan meeting
- Discussion/Vote: Tournament team
 - Review document Tom shared - [Esko Softball Travel Team Proposal](#)
 - On registration, box to check that interested. Will need to pay extra fee and have tryouts if more than 1 team. 12 rostered, will need to cut if more interest per level. Will state what tournaments they will be so they know dates as well as potential eval date.
 - ◆ Camp will be first week of March (3-6).
 - Registration close March 7. \$50 late registration fee up through 3/14
 - March 15 will be evaluation day in gym (9am-12pm) 1.5 hrs for U10 and U12
 - ◆ 3 tournaments per level. Need to sign up for teams now, Board will have to front costs, if there are not tournament teams this year, rec team can fill in.
 - Try to keep within 2 hours for younger teams. 12 and up, Fargo tournament good choice.
 - ◆ Baseball can possibly help evaluate? Other local team coaches? Parents with softball knowledge that don't know kids in levels?
 - Need to figure out open gym times for practices- Sun afternoon/evening if possible?

- Tournaments will be out in January
 - ◆ Decide what cost will be, what tournaments we will register for. Try to get all age levels at same tournaments
- Need backpacks, uniform—jersey, (blue pants with more white shirt?), socks, belt, etc. tournament cost (\$100), minimum of \$250 registration fee for this year, depending on what we will include. Backpacks with tournament logo this year? Can we get a sponsor? They might be \$100 each
 - ◆ What will the team names be?
- Tom will revise and email out prior to Jan meeting
- Do recreational teams have to bring their full team to tournaments or can they select players from the other teams at their level that they feel can handle a tournament? (request from community member to discuss)
 - Cannot pick and choose kids, but if not have enough to fill 1 team at that level, it will be first come first serve to fill the team. Needs to be in writing for coaches meeting. Will be in Association policies.
 - Needs to be offered to your own team first then entire other team if need to fill slots.
- ❖ **Open Forum**
 - Bridge- sponsor, make wider
 - Build shed, with electrical for potential concessions? Bullpens area? Not too close to fields. Can't be too close to field (Huff has asked before). Needs to be at upper field
 - Need to move porta potty
 - Katrina will talk to Fischer about all of this
- ❖ **Next meeting:** Jan. 12, 2025 5:00 Katrina's room
- ❖ **ADJOURNMENT—** Tom at 7:41, Drew 2nd