



Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday
11/12/2025
6:00 pm
Acapulco Restaurant

Purpose

The Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association (commonly referred to as Stillwater Fastpitch) was established in 1984 to promote the development of a quality, competitive level of girls fastpitch softball in the St. Croix Valley Area. This program is committed to the development of potential Stillwater Area High School (SAHS) softball players

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Time – 6:00 P.M.

Attendance:

- Justin Boesplug
- Sabrina Buivid
- Kyle Kraemer
- Jill Jaconson
- Tom Sebo

- 2) Review and Approval of August Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve – Carly
 - b) Second – Mike M.

- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Checking: \$22,539
 - b) Paid Sophia for tryout evals: \$475
 - c) Dome fee: \$1409.63 (\$360/hour)

- 4) 12U Updates
 - a) Evals completed
 - i) Outside evaluators- Sophia
 - ii) 36 girls tried out
 - iii) Ended 15 mins early
 - iv) Started 15 mins late- (power outage delayed the start)
 - v) Scores are all tallied and calculated
 - vi) Top team was posted with 12 players, one head coach, 2 assistant coaches
 - (1) A/B level has not been decided yet
 - vii) Need head coaches and assistant coaches for the other two teams before posting them
 - viii) These two teams will be equal
 - b) Jill Jacobson spoke up:
 - i) Asked about what the process was to coach and get the other two teams posted
 - ii) She has volunteered to coach
 - iii) Says other parents are willing to help

- iv) Board asked her to have willing volunteers reach out to the board/coordinator/fill out coaching interest form on website
- c) More parents volunteered to be coaches but their daughters placed in the top 12
- d) Feedback on tryouts:
 - i) Standing around due to one single station at a time
 - ii) Nice having outside evaluators as they know what they are looking for
 - iii) Structured "like club tryouts"
- e) A/B/C levels have not been decided for any 12u team yet
 - i) Will talk through it and decide when we submit teams to MN softball early new year (jan/feb)

5) Winter Training

- a) Small gym is only reserved from 12-12:45
- b) Coordinators need to get volunteers to help with equipment
- c) Time ends at 3:15 NOT 3:00
- d) Parents interested in coaching are encouraged to attend sessions/help
 - i) Help with stations as indicated by trainers
 - ii) Observe coaching from the trainers
 - iii) Help keep girls organized
 - iv) All parents/volunteers need background checks
- e) Need a check in for each level ensuring girls are in the right age group
- f) Looking to see if equipment can be stored at the school
- g) Drills are the same at all levels/focusing on individual skills
- h) Sabrina B spoke up
 - i) Hesitant to call this "free training" – it is being paid by families somewhere
 - ii) Reports lack of planning/communication
 - iii) Concern that daughter had to throw with a younger player who could not catch and that they did not initially know they could not do pitching as 8u eligible player
 - iv) Suggests if we have too many players at 10u level, make an 8u advanced/first year 10u group
 - v) Stated the training isn't for everyone
 - vi) She is happy to help at all levels
 - vii) 8u group felt more like "little ponies"
 - viii) She stated that the board encourages players to move up to 10u after one year at 8u and is not sure why this does not apply to winter training
 - ix) Board explained that winter training is for individual training/skills, not to eval to move up levels
 - x) Feels there is a bigger difference between ages at 8u level vs. the older levels
 - xi) Main concern is to right size the groups to make it effective
- i) Andy: Sophia is there to lead and instruct, coaches/parent helpers should be there to help pair girls up, give insight on who should be grouped together in each level
- j) Justin B: girls are frustrated, they can't be at pitching. We shouldn't take this away from those girls who are interested
- k) Damen: we are still looking at the option of having open gym space later this winter for 8u girls who are interested in pitching as pitching session is limited by numbers and one instructor
- l) Kyle K: wasn't aware help was needed
- m) Action item: Carly to send out excel spread sheet to all registrants' parents to volunteer if interested/able- DONE
- n) Sophia wants 3-5 volunteers per session
- o) Pitchers must bring their own catcher to every session

6) Board position updates

- a) 3 parents have filled out the interest form online
- b) Board members need to submit their interest to return

- c) Jen is done this year, everybody else is still deciding
- d) Voting process
 - i) Board will vote on members in January
 - ii) Applications will be reviewed ahead of time
 - iii) Applications need to be submitted before January
 - iv) Public will be able to listen to discussion and watch vote
 - v) Feedback from last year's uniforms:
 - (1) Front and back of jersey did not match. Looks like lacrosse or old track uniform tops
 - (2) Black on black gets hot (especially during 5 back-to-back Sunday tournament games)
 - (3) Numbers on pants- makes replacing pants midseason hard when they get torn up from sliding. Propose new uniforms. Not all black. Keep sleeveless top.
 - (4) NEW design/style
 - (a) Connect with high school coach/booster club. Design jersey that models high school uniform. Shows alignment with SAFA and HS team.

7) Bylaws and/or P&P

- a) Board to begin discussion/emails about changes for upcoming year
- b) Board members to start emailing each other ideas/suggestions
 - i) Can only be changed once a year
- c) P&P can be changed anytime

8) 2026 season

- a) Open 8u and 10u registration
- b) Crossbar has DIBS date for evals for 8u/10u- this is NOT actual date
 - i) Had to enter date to enter task- Jeff will make a note indicating this on the DIBS page
 - ii) Parents have already signed up-
 - (1) **ACTION ITEM: Carly to reach out to the parents who have signed up to give them a heads up that date is still TBD**
 - iii) Set date for 8u/10u evals by next meeting
 - iv) Prefer same day/weekend
- c) Need 8u equipment from one more coach from the fall
- d) Need to start looking at tournaments
- e) Add one more to 8u per coach/parent feedback
 - i) 2 tournaments in addition to state- knowing this WILL increase fee
- f) Need levels (a/b/c before signing up for tournaments)

9) Open forum

- a) Damen- stated typically, public attendees wait to talk until open forum
- b) DIBS
 - i) If we go with paid evaluators, we need more volunteer tasks
 - ii) Tasks are supposed to help keep costs down- (not tasks like scorebook/game changer)
 - iii) Fundraising coordinator was an idea brought up, along with field prep
 - iv)

10) Next Meeting

- a) Dec 10th @ Acapulco
- b) January 15th @ Acapulco
- c) Meetings to be advertised in the gazette

11) Adjourn – ? P.M.

- a) Motion – Mike M.
- b) Second – Jeff