

ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION AGENDA - 1/19/2025

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** – Meeting called to order at 5:01pm

❖ **Review notes previous meeting -**

➤ [EFA Meeting Minutes 10/27/24](#) - Motion to approve by Ashley, second by Alissa

❖ **Member Reports –**

➤ President- Katrina Foxx

- [Esko Youth Softball Agreement](#) (Esko Public Schools) - Katrina will sign and return to the district
- Update on storage building at upper field and bridge redo/add - Katina discussed both of these ideas with Mr. Fischer. He directed her to talk with Mr. Compo. Mr. Compo said there is no bridge project in the works. He said that we need to reach out to the baseball board about the storage container under the bleacher. We are suppose to have access to this. Katrina reached out to the baseball board and they responded that there is not room in the container for our items and that they want minimal people having access due to the value of the items in the container. **Katrina will go back to the district to discuss a bridge project and building a storage shed.**

➤ Vice-President- Tom Besonen

- Update on tournament team - [Esko Softball Travel Team Proposal](#)
 - Results of tournament team survey - There were 31 responses. Most of these responses came from 12U. Based on the results, there was interest from the community in tournament teams. After much discussion, the decision was made to move forward with a 10U and 12U tournament team. The older teams often have just 1 team and most likely would not have enough players for a tournament team. A motion was made by Tom, second by Ashley to move forward with tournament teams at these levels with a max of 13 players per team. A question will be added to registration about interest in

joining the tournament team. After registration closes, players will be contacted with further information about the tournament team. If there are more than 13 players at either level, try outs will be held using neutral evaluators. Tom is going to get input about soccer tournament dates and then pick 3 tournaments for each team to attend.

Each member needs to read the proposal Tom prepared and be ready to vote on it at the next meeting.

- Process for getting coaches/their inclusion in preparing for the season - For this season, we will talk to current coaches of the regular teams and ask if any of these people are willing to coach.
- There was a discussion about the cost to charge for the travel team. A motion was made by Tom, second by Clay to charge \$300.
- Evaluations date - We were unable to get March 15th. Therefore, Katrina will request time on Mar 8/9th.

➤ Treasurer - Ashley Lent

■ [Treasure Report](#)

➤ Secretary- Erin Lowinski - This is tabled until next meeting so Erin can share her thoughts. We will need to vote and accept these at our annual meeting in September.

■ Discussion: Constitution and bylaws of EFA

- [Esko Fastpitch Association Constitution and Bylaws](#)

■ Discussion: Articles of Incorporation of EFA

- [Esko Fastpitch Association Articles of Incorporation](#)

➤ Manager of Coach & Player Development - Jason & Krista Leach - No new information

➤ Officials Manager – Huff - No new information

- At the next meeting, we need to discuss how umpires sign up and how they will submit to be paid.

➤ Equipment & Facilities Manager- Clay Foxx

- Coaches shared that they need catching gear, more softballs, and whiffle balls/skillz balls for equipment this year.
- Clay will make a list of what each girl needs at each level and send this to Alissa to add to registration.

➤ Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber

- Website: <https://dspondemand.com/collections/eskod-softball>
- Discussion: Uniforms for this year (logo, what to include) - Drew would like us to consider using a sublimated shirt this year. The uniform will include a shirt and socks. Drew will get quotes and size options. **He will get information to us this week.** We will pick design later. Here are the possible design options.



DESIGN 01



DESIGN 02



DESIGN 03



DESIGN 04



DESIGN 05

➤ Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

- Open gym Sundays - The board has decided it is not our role to communicate information about this.
- Update on website (<https://www.eskofastpitch.com.app.crossbar.org/>) - The website is almost finished. **Please look through all the tabs and information on the website so that we can approve and make the link live for the next meeting.** The goal is for the website to be lived on February 1st.
 - Do we want a link to apparel order added to registration? - A link was added to the registration confirmation email.
 - A motion to change 14U, 16U, 18U to \$150 was made by Ashley, second by Alissa. This occurred because Arrowhead changed their prices.
- Photographer for pictures - A decision was made to go with Shari Ghann as photographer this year.

➤ Community Ed Coordinator (pd position)- Heidi Adkins

- Updates from Community Ed (balance, concession stand, Esko Corner, etc.) - Heidi email information to the board about these items. Community Ed cannot write a check to our organization for the balance. Instead, we will need to submit receipts until the money is spent. The concession stand will cost \$250 per use and a district employee must be present each time. Community Ed is will to advertise for our organization. **Heidi will ask Michelle to renew the advertisement about registration that we did last time. She will also clarify with**

Michele about what we can spend the balance on. Katrina will ask Harker if we can send flyers home about registration.

❖ **New business**

- Update: Team Sponsorships
 - Do we have enough for this year? - Drew says we will have enough sponsors for each level (8U, 10U, 12U, 14U/16U/18U)
- Discussion/Vote: Program policies of EFA
 - [Esko Fastpitch Association Policies.docx](#)
 - Information about the late policy and refund policy was changed. Board members will need to read through this document and be ready to vote on it for the next meeting.
- Grant options
 - [Grant Options](#): Which grants should we consider? - This item was tabled until next meeting.
- App for board members to communicate - An idea was brought up to have an app for board members to communicate instead of the email chains. Ashley and Alissa will look into this.

❖ **Open Forum**

- Coaches - A couple coaches spoke that the timing of getting rosters is too late and creates stress. We will get rosters to coaches right away instead of waiting for the coaches meeting.
- A coach brought up the idea that same age levels can practice together. Clay will let coaches know about this and decide if they want to do this.
- Chairs - We have a lot of chairs left! Katrina will talk to Chad about options to sell them at basketball games.
- Wood City Classic - A discuss happened if we should sign up all our teams up for this tournament and put it on the schedule. A final decision still needs to be made.
- Tournament team - A question was brought up about the process of getting players for a tournament team that doesn't have enough players. A final decision still needs to be made.

❖ **Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 28th @ 7:00PM

❖ **ADJOURNMENT**— A motion was made by Tom, second by Heidi 2nd at 7:28PM