

ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION MINUTES - 8/21/2025

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President—Katrina Foxx

~~Officials Manager—Huff~~

Vice-President- Tom Besonen

Equipment & Facilities Manager- Clay Foxx

Secretary- Open

Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber

Treasurer- Ashley Lent

Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

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

~~Member at Large—Heidi Adkins~~

❖ Call Meeting to Order – 6:38PM

❖ Discussions:

➤ Tournament Team Feedback - 12U Team

Positives: First season was good. Good growth in the team. There was good rapport among players, parents and coaches. 11 players on the team - everyone made it to each tournament. This was a good number. It stayed competitive. Some kids sat innings, but every player played in each game and only sat a couple innings during a game. The tournament team created good camaraderie among the players.

Improvements: Get scheduling done earlier so families can commit to softball weekends and not conflict with other sports. Some parents were concerned about the fee...they would like to see an itemized tracker of what the amount is paying for. It would be nice to have tournament team practices during the fall/winter season. Could we have the girls from the current tournament team sign up in the fall so that they can practice during the fall/winter? Then do another sign up in January for any new players. A suggestion for the number of tournaments for a team would be 4-5 each season. Scheduling practices for Ice in addition to rec team was hard. They were wondering if there are some options to get more practice time. Some ideas were to extend the practice time, look out to other areas to practice (need to pay), extend rec season practices for just the tournament girls. Also, they would like to see a full uniform so parents don't need to shell out money for pants after the fact. Equipment needs for the tournament team are catcher's gear, new bag, skillz balls, power net, canopy?, hit stick.

➤ End of Season Survey Results

- 21 people filled out the survey, 18 said they would be interested in tournament team for next year
- There should be more practice time for the tournament team

- There was a concern for rotation of players in position instead of just keeping in the same spot
 - There should be a transition activity for kids in 8U, 10U, 12U - This would be after the season and maybe a scrimmage format
 - It was brought up to do evaluations for rec teams. See board discussion below.
 - A parent would like more practice time for 8U. The board discussed and felt like 2 nights a week (1 game, 1 practice)
- High School Softball Trip
- The idea was to create an additional checking account under our bank account
 - A motion was made to allow them to run their fund for the trip through us by Ashley and it was 2nd by Tom.
 - A motion was made to donate the top level of sponsorship (\$1000) to the HS trip by Drew. It was seconded by Ashley.
- Annual meeting:
- Pending discussion with Huff, Clay Foxx was nominated to move into the Officials position by Ashley. This was 2nd by Drew. It was mostly unanimous. This would leave his position of equipment/facility manager open.
 - A motion was made to add to the duties of the vice president to be the tournament team manager.
 - A motion was made to eliminate the member at large which was formerly our Community Ed liaison.
 - Open board positions: Secretary, equipment/facility manager
 - Policy changes: We would like to change the term lengths to 3 years so that $\frac{1}{3}$ of the board would change at a time.
- Other discussion that came up:
- Ask Community Ed to communicate open gym dates to us as soon as they are available
 - Team drafting by coaches - The board decided that we are going to continue with our current process. 10U teams' record (Selin 13-3, Wehrman 12-4) 12U teams' record (Hedlund 9-6, Osvold 7-8)
 - Evaluations for all players - The board decided we do not need to do this for rec league at this time.
 - A before season parent meeting is needed for each level 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U and up together. During this meeting expectations of the level, parent expectations, contact information for concerns, and team creation will be shared with parents

❖ Member Report Updates–

- President- Katrina Foxx
- Vice-President- Tom Besonen
 - Tom is going to draft coaching and player level expectations
- Treasurer - Ashley Lent
- Officials Manager – Huff
- Equipment & Facilities Manager- Clay Foxx
 - The tournament team has equipment needs...see above.
 - The lower field could use a new pitching machine.
- Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber
- Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

❖ **Next meeting Discussions:**

- Annual meeting

❖ **ADJOURNMENT—** Motion by Tom, 2nd by Drew

❖ **Next Meeting:**