

Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association Board Meeting Agenda Wednesday 3/20/2025 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 6:09 PM
 - b) In-person: Mike M., Carly, Jen, Damen, Jeff, Terisa
 - c) Remote: N/A
- 2) Review and Approval of February Minutes
 - a) Motion to approve Jeff
 - b) Second Mike M.
- 3) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Jeff Boser shared that spending has started for fields ahead of the season.
 - b) Checking: \$24,945 and Savings: \$28,907
- 4) 10U/8U Levels
 - a) 8U
 - i) Teams were selected. The teams are eager to begin practice.
 - ii) There are three 8U Open teams. There are no "A", "B" and "C" team levels just Open.
 - iii) There have been a few requests from parents, post team assignments, to ask if their kids can be on a team with their friends; Coordinator confirmed the team has been selected and no further changes.
 - iv) One 8U coach has asked if he can register for an additional 8U tournament; Board confirmed that is okay and parents must pay out of pocket for the additional tournament.
 - v) All head and assistant coaches must complete SafeSport and its taking longer for the training certifications to be distributed.
 - vi) Damen is beginning to organize equipment for 8U and will set up time in April for pick-up.
 - vii) Practice requests have been inputted into Jeff from each 8U team.
 - b) 10U
 - i) Started having pitching/catching open gym. 10 pitchers and 10 catchers attended the first session. The players worked through catching basics and discussed what a pitching profession looks like.
 - i) All tournaments have been registered. 10U White switched with 10U Black Black will now be in "Rally in the Valley" and White will be the "Wayzata Warm-up".
 - iii) Damen is beginning to organize equipment for 10U and will set up time in April for pick-up.
 - c) Discussion for 10U/8U tryouts in 2026
 - i) Discuss coordinating the 10U tryout to be on a Saturday and 8U tryout on the Sunday. It will make the training easier.
- 5) 12U Level
 - a) Equipment has been picked up by Damen.
 - b) 12U teams have submitted requests for practice dates/times to Jeff.
- 6) High School Report
 - a) Coach Ryan requested to have support to hang banner in centerfield. Banner needs to be hung up by a large group due to size/scale. Damen is requesting that a 5-6 high school parents hold it up and install it.

Damen will connect with Stillwater Softball Booster program to send out request for adult volunteers. Request is to be installed before March 31st

- b) Tryouts were completed on March 18th varsity, JV Red, JV Black and 9th grade.
- c) On Friday, March 21st, Varsity is scrimmaging JV Red; JV Black is scrimmaging the 9th grade team at St. Croix Athletic dome.
- d) Request is to have the fence installed at Field 2 and Field 3.

7) Fundraising

- a) Damen shared that he would purchase the tickets shortly. Once he receives the tickets, he will put in envelopes and distribute to coaches.
- b) SAFA raffle tickets announced

8) Uniforms Update

- a) All uniforms have been completed; 8U and 10U finished final sizing in 3/19.
- b) Same design from 2024, but it will be black instead of red.
- c) Heritage has SAFA caps and visors available for coaches Damen will pick-up and distribute.
- d) Damen believes we will have uniforms for all players delivered 2 weeks ahead of tri-county schedule.

9) Coach Training

- a) Jeff sent all required training (ie. SafeSport, Concussion, etc.) to head coaches and assistant coaches. All coaches must complete training. Background checks as well.
- b) Parent helpers must also complete the Background Checks.
- c) Carly made a request for coach training in-person at beginning of season.
- d) Jeff has created a document with coach "how-to's" that is placed on Coaches Corner on the SAFA website.

10) Open Forum

- a) Neil's Threadless store is now open available until March 28th
- b) Modern Envy may have create a new ballcap
- c) Andy Dombroski needs to have the 12U team collect payment for the following ASAP:
 - i) Pay for winter gym time
 - ii) Pay for uniforms
- d) Pony Picnic on Saturday, May 10th at Noon at Varsity
- e) After the meeting in April, the next meeting is August.
- 11) Next meeting post summer season August 2025

12) Adjourn

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