

Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday
9/18/2024
6:00 pm
Acapulco meeting room

Purpose

The Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association (commonly referred to as Stillwater Fast Pitch) was established in 1984 to promote the development of a quality, competitive level of girls fast pitch 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 – 6:04 pm
 - b) In-person: Damen, Jeff, Carly, Leah, Terisa, Jen
 - c) Remote: n/a
2. Review and approval of August Minutes
 - d) Motion to approve — Jeff Boser
 - e) Second — Carly Sjodin
- 2) Treasurer's Report
 - 1) Jeff Boser shared that we have \$11,105 in the checking account. \$26,864 in the SAFA savings account. There is minimal spending for SAFA as fall ball has already been paid, no umpire fees, etc. The only spending remaining for fall ball is for state tournament.
- 3) Fall Ball
 - 1) 8U is having good, competitive games; positive feedback from coaches and parents.
 - 2) 10U is having a good fall so far; one game was short for girls/commitment. Positive feedback from parents so far. Some non-softball-related injuries are so slim at some of the games. Many parents are willing to help.
 - 3) 12U needs help to get players consistently; the board discussed that we need to have communication from families by Wednesday night at the latest to confirm attendance. The teams ended up playing/scrimmaging with those players to show up. Tough records, but getting a lot of reps and having fun.
- 4) 12U Spring/Summer Season
 - a) This was a new year for Dibs, which has confused some of the families. For next year, we need to include Dibs with the tryout date added so parents understand what activity and date they are signing up for. By July 1, 2025, the SAFA board should post the date of 12U fall tryouts and include that in the Dibs to give families time.
 - b) Teams were very clear-cut in the 2025 spring/summer tryout evaluation scores. Pitchers and catchers were divided into two teams and their skills aligned with the skills for each "A" and "B" team. "A" team will play in Open and A/B tournaments. "B" team will play in Open and B/C tournaments.
 - c) Red = "A" team. Black = "B" team. For "A" Red team - Schumacher is assigned to be the Head Coach for Red, and Warnscholtz and Schneider will assist. For "B" Black team, Sebo has been asked to be the Head Coach for Black. There are a few options for assistants, as well.
 - d) Motion to approve teams — Damen Lobinsky
 - e) Second — Jeff Boser
- 5) SAFA Skill Expectations
 - a) Jen shared her draft of recommended skill progression for 8U, 10U, & 12U. This document intends to guide all 8U, 10U and 12U coaches on the skills, techniques, and strategies that need to be taught at each level. It would be emailed to approved coaches at the beginning of the season.

- b) Grade-level coordinators shared feedback on additions/edits to the list of skill progressions. Coach Meyer, Damen and Jeff confirmed alignment with edits.
 - c) Jen will send out an updated draft for the board to review and add feedback. The goal is to finalize this document by the December 2024 board meeting.
- 6) 2025 SAFA Finance Planning
- a) Discussion on how many teams we anticipate for 10U & 8U teams.
 - a) Estimate 10U: minimum 3 teams. 8U: minimum 3 teams.
- 7) 10U Evaluations
- a) 10U coordinator Terisa recommended earlier 10U evaluations for 2025 spring/summer season. The discussion was to have tryouts at the end of February 2025. All tryout warm-ups must be completed in late January through February. Terisa shared a recommendation that the tryouts occur at St. Croix Valley Dome.
 - b) The next step is to finalize a date for 10U tryouts and communicate out to families as early as possible. Terisa to send the Stillwater Hockey tournament schedule. Jen to send Stillwater's traveling basketball schedule.
 - c) The board will discuss finalizing a tryout date with these schedules at the October 2024 board meeting.
- 8) Open Forum
- 1) Player evaluation - we will send out player evaluations to the team. Terisa to champion this.
 - 2) Coach Meyer shared that Chrissy Taylor is a pitching coach helping 18U players. There is an extreme need for more pitchers at the 12U and 10U levels. SAFA will request her guidance for winter SAFA 2024-25 to help with 12U and 10U pitchers.
- 9) Next meeting – October 23, 2024
- 10) Adjourn
- a) Motion to adjourn — Leah Gross
 - b) Second — Mike Meyer