



Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2024
6PM Acapulco Meeting Room

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 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 - 6:00PM
 - a. In-person: Jen, Damen, Jeff, Terisa, Carli, Leah, Mike M.
 - b. Remote: n/a
2. Review and approval of January Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve: Jeff
 - b. Second: Leah
3. Norms of New Board
 - a. Discussion on trusting each others experience (older and younger members) as new board is formed
4. Treasurer Report
 - a. Overview of the expenses from Jeff.
 - b. SAFA purchased new equipment for the upcoming season and it will be distributed at the beginning of the season. This includes new bags, bow nets and tees.
 - c. No questions on treasurer report

Balance Sheet

SAFA
As of Feb 21, 2024, Mar 14, 2024

Assets	02/21/2024	03/14/2024
Cash & Bank		
Cash	\$33,774.06	\$35,291.86
Total Cash & Bank	\$33,774.06 USD	\$35,291.86 USD
Total Assets	\$33,774.06	\$35,291.86 USD

5. 8U - Carly
 - a. Teams were announced on 3/14/24.
 - b. Discussion: need one head coach. We need to provide one head coach for each team for MN Softball administration and due to SAFA bylaws.
 - c. Last jersey number was solidified on 3/14/24.
 - d. Change for next year evaluation tryouts:
 - i. We will likely see younger and younger players. MN Softball has signaled that they are looking at 6U. There may be an opportunity for SAFA to start a younger program.
 - ii. We will likely need at least 18 parent evaluators.
 - iii. We would like to see more ongoing throwing and catching. In 2025, consider not having an infield tryout and instead focus on throwing and catching as a station.
 - iv. Evaluation check-in have number - as the players check-in, ensure that the player has a number before parents leave evaluation.
6. 10U - Terisa
 - a. Finalizing coaches for all teams. Terisa will send out
 - b. Changes for next year evaluation tryouts:
 - i. Next year arrive 1 hour earlier to set up 10U.
 - ii. Next year do not allow multiple tryouts. If there is an optional additional tryout, do one after the full tryout.
 - iii. Consider end of February 2025 tryout to avoid spring breaks.
 - iv. Discuss setting up the stations differently: adjust outfield to be challenging while also being mindful of indoor gym set-up
 - v. Teams will be posted on Friday.
 - vi. Jen will send a list of tournaments to head coaches once coaches are assigned. Jeff will transition the head coaches in MN Softball.
7. Varsity Report - Mike Meyer
 - a. 60 players at tryout on 3/11 and 3/12
 - b. Each player received 1:1 discussion on 3/13 to share what team they made
 - c. Varsity is scrimmaging at Maple Grove later this week
 - d. Saturday, 3/16 - photos
 - e. SAHS Boosters asked for estimate of the amount of money donated by SAFA in 2023 - yearly donation on equipment, workload/labor and financial donation
 - f. The new outfield fence is nearing completion
8. Fundraising
 - a. Parents have been requesting more raffle tickets.
 - b. Damen will receive more raffle tickets soon and distribute to those requesting tickets. If you get a request, share it with Damen.
 - c. Coaches will be expected to hand out raffle tickets that have not been
9. Uniforms
 - a. Deadline is Tuesday, March 19, 2024 to order
 - b. Discussion was to hand out uniforms to coaches at coaches training in mid-April 2024.
 - c. Damen will separate 10U and 8U into two groups and then the Board Members will sort uniforms by team and hand them out to coaches.
 - d. If we hand out around mid April, we can note any missing items and get them ordered and arrive quickly.

10. Coaches Training

- a. List of topics was started by Jen regarding items that coaches should know about.
- b. During training, we will advise on weather, smoke issues, expectations with cages, etc.
- c. Jen will put list of topics into Google word doc and the board will add their content to it prior to April 11.

11. 12U/14U - Leah/Jeff

- a. Teams are set-up and there will not be a second 12U team created due to lack of interest.
- b. Expecting to have a fall 2024 tryout
- c. What can we do to have a winter training for the 12U and a second 12U tryout if needed.
- d. Send out an email week of June 24th to 10U 5th grade- moving into 6th grade to inform them about 12U fall SAFA tryouts.

12. Open Forum

- a. 8U Pitching Machines have been tuned up
- b. Pictures - we will use same company in 2024. Terisa will take the lead on setting up pictures for all teams. One night will be selected for all SAFA teams.
- c. 2024 Summer practices will start the second week of April - April 15, 2024
- d. Tri-County games will start w/o of April 29, 2024 and May 2, 2024.
- e. Coaches training may look at the second Saturday in April as there is no Varsity game that day (at this time). Will ask Angie Ryan to attend.

13. Next Meeting

- a. Thursday, April 11, 2024

14. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Motion: Terisa
- b. Second: Leah