

Stillwater Area Fastpitch Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday
8/21/2024
6:00pm
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 – 6:06pm
 - b) In-person: Damen, Jeff, Carly, Leah, Terisa, Jen, Mike G.
 - c) Remote: n/a
2. Review and approval of July Minutes
 - d) Motion to approve- Leah Gross
 - e) Second- Carly Sjorn
- 2) Treasurer's Report
 - 1) Jeff Boser shared that we have \$11,500 in the checking account. MN Softball has been paid in full for both summer and fall leagues.
- 3) Dibs
 - 1) 33 players have signed up for Dibs.
 - 2) Dibs are the volunteer requirement. In reconciling from 2024 summer season, some families have not paid their "buyout" and are not accounted for with volunteering sign-ups.
- 4) Fall Ball
 - a) 8U - 2 teams - coach feedback has been positive with larger team roster size because fall sports are often at conflict.
 - b) 10U - 2 teams - divided up the teams based on availability time to play early vs. late each week. A reminder that all head and assistant coaches need to have background checks, SafeSport, etc. The discussion was to remind all parents who sign up as head and assistant coaches.
 - c) 12U - 2 teams - there is a 9-player team and a 10-player team for this weekend. Both coaches are new to SAFA and excited for the season ahead.
 - d) If teams know they need an early game vs. a late game, you can let MN Softball know and they will try to accommodate.
 - e) Week 1 is Aug 24.
- 5) 2025 Summer Registrations
 - a) 12U - 19 girls signed up. 4 pitchers and 3 catchers.
 - b) Discussion that there are at least 3-4 additional players who have said they will play summer ball but have not yet signed up. There will likely be enough for 2 12U teams if the other girls sign up.
 - c) 12U Registration closes August 31st.
 - d) Tryouts will be early to mid-September on a Saturday to avoid 12U conflicts.
- 6) 2025 8U/10U Registrations
 - a) Discussion to have earlier registration for 2025.
 - b) Look at early tryouts - many organizations have earlier tryouts.
 - c) Look at winter training at next SAFA board meeting in September - start in November, but have sign-up in October.

- 7) Equipment
 - a) The Elks hosted an event. One of Ricky Michael's team members brought equipment to the Varsity Field. The machines were not put back into the locked shed. Next year, Damen would like to have it be a SAFA-sponsored event.
 - b) Need to have a central drop spot at the high school next year after summer.
- 8) Open Forum
 - 1) Player evaluation - we will send out player evaluations to the team. Terisa to champion this.
 - 2) Field 3-dugouts - Mike M. asked about progress on field 3 dugouts.
 - 3) Lake Elmo Fields - the city is evaluating options for adding softball and baseball fields. May contact SAFA board for enrollment data as they consider options.
 - 4) SAFA Player Development Expectation - 12U, 10U, 8U, etc. - Jen proposed providing coaches at each age level with standards/expectations of what concepts should be taught (ie. Bunting at 10UB and 12U is a mandatory concept for development). Jen will draft an example and bring to September board meeting.
- 9) Next meeting – September 18, 2024
- 10) Adjourn
 - a) Motion to adjourn- Leah Gross
 - b) Second- Mike Meyer