**Powhatan Fastpitch Softball**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

March 3, 2025 – 1830

* ***Call to Order:*** The monthly meeting was chaired by Jason Weaver, Member at Large
* ***Attendance:***
  + Randy Snider- Commissioner
  + Jessica Whitlock- Secretary
  + Brett Paulin- 2nd Vice Commissioner
  + Beverly Bailey- Umpire in Charge
  + Chris Bryant- Debs Director
  + Stevie Stout- Ponytails Director
  + Katie Wall- Angels Director
  + Keith Whitlock- Darlings Director
  + Olivia Snider- Player Liaison
  + Jason Weaver- Member at Large
* ***Opening Remarks-*** Review of February meeting minutes
* ***Review of meetings held***
  + County meeting- no changes
  + PLL
    - Reviewed PLL background policy and compared our policy to theirs; ours is more strict
    - Reviewed PLL lighting policy- there policy states hold games/practices for 30 minutes after lightning
    - Comparable sponsorships for low income families
  + State meeting
    - There has been a change to the helmet rule for Dixie. See Dixie Softball League website for this rule change
    - Updated slaughter rule for Debs and Belles divisions
    - National vote on metal cleats- resulted is a “No” vote
    - 6 umpires are needed for the state tournament in Clarksville
    - 9 umpires needed for the state tournament in Halifax
    - Darlings/Ponytail Districts are 6/21 in Goochland
    - Belles/Angels Districts are 6/28 in Cumberland
    - State Tournament Bids- starting January 2026 the bidding process will be for the calendar year
    - Increase pay for umpires during tournaments
  + District meeting
    - Cumberland is trying to get part of their district back that was given to PEFYA
    - Rule change for if you play school ball in a county, you can play rec in that county
    - Amelia will have Debs teams for our team to play
    - Amelia and Fluvanna have agreed that their Belles teams would be willing to play our Debs team
* **Registration review**
  + 184 currently registered
  + 29 new players to our organization
  + Sweetees- 39 players; 4 teams
  + Darlings- 50 players; 5 teams
  + Angels- 36 players; 3 teams
  + Ponytails- 27 players 3 teams
  + Belles- 23 players; 2 teams
  + Debs- 9 players; 1 team
* **Background Checks**
  + Spreadsheet made for volunteers and who has/has not completed their background check
  + Will distribute to the directors to make sure everyone in their division has a up to date background check on file
  + All the original group to have background checks (most board members) will expire next year
  + Anyone that is going to be in the dugout needs a background check
* Organization insurance expires this month; Jason working on getting the new policy
* All Teams will be franchised this month
* **Financials**
  + 94K in the bank
  + Discussed investing some money into a money market account
* **Concession Stand**
  + Equipment has been ordered
  + Per the county, it will be ready to use for opening ceremonies
* **Sponsorships**
  + Would like to streamline the process
  + PLL has a 4-page document that they send out to the companies with info about the organization and form to complete. They also have an online process to pay and get a receipt for their documentation
  + Anyone who completes a sponsorship should get a receipt for their records
* **Spring Pictures**
  + May 10 will be spring pictures with Fluvanna Photography
* **Opening Ceremonies**
  + Same day as Powhatan Prom
* **Dick’s Sporting Goods coupon**
  + There were only 16 redemptions
  + Possibly do another coupon for the fall
* **Umpire Clinic**
  + Umpire clinic will be help on 3/18
  + Will need a field depending on the weather
  + Katie to post on Facebook that umpires are wanted for the league and when the umpire clinic is
* **Directors**
  + All jersey orders have been submitted except Brett, Tommy, and the Debs team
  + First order of jerseys has been submitted, the second order to shortly follow
* **Website**
  + Update the list of 2025 sponsors
  + Remove companies that did not renew their sponsorship for 2025
* Katie to order new sponsorship banner for the concession stand with the 2025 sponsors
* **Open discussion**
  + Possibly find a way to include the players jersey size and preferred number on the registration to help streamline ordering jerseys

*Meeting adjourned at 1911*

*Next Meeting will be 4/7/25 at 1830 at TBD*