**Date**: January 6, 2025 – 6:00 PM

**Meeting Name:** AGSA Board Meeting

**Location:**  PTSC - Fieldhouse

**Invitees:**

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| **EXECUTIVE BOARD** | **GENERAL BOARD** | |
| Marc Biga – President | | |
| Troy Keuning – 1st VP | Justin Bogers – Events Coordinator | Joe Ford - Apparel Manager |
| Mitch Prashak – Fundraising Manager | Brant Ausenhus – Fundraising Specialist | |
| Jerrad Bourne – Treasurer | Bryan Schwartz – Equipment Manager | |
| Crystal Vitzthum – Secretary | Erin Kean – Marketing Manager | Lindsay Fett – Communications Manager |
| James Crosby – Competitive Commissioner | Andrew George – Competitive Program Registrar | Becca Olsen – Development Coordinator |
| Jamie Seifert – Rec Commissioner | Brett Cooper – Recreation League Registrar | Steve Nolte – Umpire Manager |

**Agenda**

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|  | **Discussion/Topics** |
| **Call to Order:**  **6:07pm** | * Introductions of guests – Marc Biga, Troy Keuning, Mitch Prashak, Jerrad Bourne, Crystal Vitzthum, James Crosby, Jamie Seifert, Justin Bogers, Brant Ausenhus, Erin Kean, Andrew George, Brett Cooper, Joe Ford, Lindsay Fett, Becca Olsen, Steve Nolte, Bryan Schwartz |
| **Executive Board Meeting Report** | * Update – USSSA new age requirements for 2026 Season * USSSA has announced a new age cutoff for fastpitch softball for the 2026 season (Begins fall of 2025). * The new age divisions will run from 9/1 - 8/31 which affects 91 (34%) of our Ankeny Xtreme players & 9 of our head coaches. * Players with birthdays from 1/1 - 8/31 will move to the next age division as in previous years (i.e. 11U to 12U). * Players with birthdays between 9/1-12/31 will be classified in the age division they are currently in this spring (i.e. 11U remains in 11U). |
| **Treasurer** | * Financial Update – Income statement for December 2024 sent out prior to meeting via email to all board members. * $20,500 payment to PTSC (Jan 5th) for 1/2 scheduled hours * $15,000 payment for rec equipment (upcoming) - 50% funded with Prairie Meadows Grant |
| **Competitive Program** | * Approval of 2025 Tryout Dates   James Crosby made a motion to have the following Tryout Dates  Monday June 23rd - 9U, Tuesday June 24th - 10U, Wednesday June 25th - 11 and 12U  Rainout date Thursday June 26th  2nd by Erin Kean. Motion approved.   * Coaches Clinic / Coaches Meeting Plan Review – looking at March dates. |
| **Development** | * January Clinic Update – January 18th 6U, 7U & 8U will have time changed to 8am -10am. 10U, 11U & 12U time changed to 10:30am -12:30pm. Will send out update regarding time changes. |
| **Equipment** | * Rec Program Equipment Purchase Update – Gently used softballs purchased from CIS. Old balls separated out for cage balls. Dicks Sporting Goods order fulfilled & awaiting shipment. Will look at having a photo opportunity for marketing. |
| **Apparel** | * 2024 Sales – Sports Plex West (Jan-Dec)   24/7 Store $5,031.78 Sales/$111.52 Fundraising  Fall Store $28,967.68 Sales/$11,737.00 Jerseys/$17,230.68 in Apparel/$735.53 Fundraising  Christmas Store $4,084.28 Sales/$101.25 Fundraising  January Store $14,018.71 Sales/$6,442.00 Jerseys/$7,576.71 in Apparel/$387.92 Fundraising   * Year in Review:   Total Sales $52,102.45 includes taxes & fees  Jersey Sales $18,179.00  Apparel Sales $33,923.45  Fundraising $1,337.22   * Game One (May-Dec)   Hat Store $2300 (No Fundraising)  24/7 Store & Coaches Store $7060  $9360 Total/$642 Fundraising   * Tall Sizes – Available in cotton T-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeve T-shirts. Can get added to store. * Jersey Store Update – Store is live & will close January 15th at 11:59pm CST. Only opportunity to purchase jersey until the Fall store. Tryon date for Jersey/Pants January 9th at Diamond from 6-8pm. * Prize Hat Update- Ready & will be picked up and distributed to winners. |
| **Events** | * Ankeny Classic I Update – 7 AGSA teams currently registered for both Classic Tournaments. * Ankeny Classic II approval of changes:   Justin Bogers made a motion to change the name of the Ankeny Classic II to “The ***You Matter*** Ankeny Classic for Mental Health” and dollars from merchandise donated to local mental health organization to be offset by sponsorship secured by fundraising manager along with additional sponsorship opportunities.  2nd by Mitch Prashak. Motion approved.   * Battle in the Burbs Update |
| **Scholarship Committee** | * Scholarship Update   Crystal Vitzthum made a motion to change the application form for AGSA Scholarship to *NOT include* the following: Applicants must be rostered for a sanctioned High School softball team and *include* the following: AGSA will grant 6 seniors with a $500 college scholarship.  2nd by Troy Keuning. Motion approved.   * Will update application to website & send out to schools/coaches. * June 25th Jags/Hawks Double Header – Present scholarship winners that night in between games. |
| **Fundraising** | * Goal Overview – Net goal of $8K to include new sponsorship organizations. 2 new dugouts are still available. 20 new signs added. Look at bringing in new incentives for teams to add additional money to teams budget. Look at new fundraisers for Rec/Fall. |
| **Member Survey** | * Survey Update and Brainstorming Session – send out questions to members. Will send out survey after receiving additional info from board members. |
| **Calendar Review** | * Look ahead |
| **USSSA Age Requirement Update/Announcement** | * 9 out of 23 Head Coaches will be affected with their daughter’s birthdate. * 1/3 of players affected * All 23 teams have a minimum of 1 player due to the new age classifications. * New USSSA age requirement aligns girls with same age in school. * If a parent would like to complete a waiver to request to have player play up as well as a coach’s input/approval. Each request will need board approval. * AGSA's Age Classification Transition Plan   Section 10.02 of the AGSA Bylaws based on the age classification changes.  AGSA will continue to follow  those bylaws in regard to age classifications and requests to play up an age division.   * Statement from AGSA:   Our intention as an organization is to allow age classifications to be consistent with our bylaws. Any player that wants the opportunity to play up will need to request a waiver to play up, according to our bylaws.  **2026 AGE GROUP OPTIONS**  Each age group may be affected differently based on our bylaws and tryout and team selection processes.  All ages are based on USSSA's fall age classification chart.  If a player's birthday is between 9/1/2014 and 12/31/2014, she would be classified as 10U for the 2026 season thus being eligible to play a second year of 10U.  Here are the options for players with affected birth dates for each age division:   * **14U (9/1/2010 - 12/31/2010)** - Players can be selected to play on 14U teams. Teams are formed by coaches who perform their own tryouts, as necessary. * **13U (9/1/2011 - 12/31/2011)** - Players can be selected to play on 13U or 14U teams.  Teams are formed by coaches who perform their own tryouts, as necessary. * **12U (9/1/2012 - 12/31/2012)** - Players will be classified as 12U. They can also be selected to play 13U without a waiver. * **11U (9/1/2013 - 12/31/2013)** - Players will be classified as 11U.  A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play 12U. * **10U (9/1/2014 - 12/31/2014)** - Players will be classified as 10U.   A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play 11U. * **9U (9/1/2015 - 12/31/2015)** - Players will be classified as 9U.  A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play 10U. * **8U (9/1/2016 - 12/31/2016)**- Players will be classified as 8U.  A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play 9U.  It is AGSA's intention to formulate teams in 8U and below with players in the same age classification to minimize disruption in developmental years. * **7U (9/1/2017 - 12/31/2017)** - Players will be classified as 7U.  A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play out of their age division to remain with their existing team.  It is AGSA's intention to formulate teams in 8U and below with players in the same age classification to minimize disruption in developmental years. * **6U (9/1/2018 - 12/31/2018)** - Players will be classified as 6U. A waiver may be submitted to the board to request to play out of their age division to remain with their existing team. It is AGSA's intention to formulate teams in 8U and below with players in the same age classification to minimize disruption in developmental years. * Discuss with coaches that are affected by age classification. Will need to verify birth certificates with registration. Team selection process will need to have oversight from board. * Discussed apparel side of jerseys & will need to watch impact on players numbers on team. * Coaches will receive 1st message prior to players/parents. Marc Biga will send out an updated message. |
| **Adjourn Meeting 8:32pm** | * Justin Bogers made a motion to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Mitch Prashak. Motion approved. |
| **Additional Motion** | Jerrad Bourne made a motion to approve the updates to the bylaws as written below via email on 1/6/2025. 2nd by Justin Bogers. Motion approved by board members via email.  **NEW LANGUAGE**   * Section 10.01 RULES AND REGULATIONS.  All rules and regulations will be based on a nationally recognized competitive girls' softball organization as selected by the Board.  And the Board will modify such rules and regulations for local use as needed. * Section 10.02 AGE DIVISIONS. * (a)    For Competitive Program softball, guidelines from a nationally recognized competitive girls' softball organization will be used for determination of age division eligibility.  Parents and/or guardians may request that their child play up in the next age division due to their skill level and softball abilities.  Requests must be made using the Ankeny Xtreme Player Waiver Form prior to June 1 each year so they can be reviewed at the June General Board Meeting.  The Board reserves the right to deny any request. * Players must participate in tryouts for their age division based on their birth date unless their waiver has been approved by the board.  Coaches wishing to offer bids to players outside of their team's designated age division must first seek board approval in writing. * Player movement to a different age division after the team assignment is at the discretion of the Board after presentation of exigent circumstances.   **OLD LANGUAGE**   * Section 10.02 AGE DIVISIONS. * (a)    For Competitive Program softball, guidelines from a nationally recognized competitive girls' softball organization will be used for determination of age division eligibility.  A player's age as of 11:59 pm on December 31st determines the age division in which the player is eligible to play the following year. Parents and/or guardians may request that their child play up in the next age division due to their skill level and softball abilities.  Requests must be made to the Competitive Commissioner in writing prior to June 1 each year so they can be included in the June General Board Meeting.  The Board reserves the right to deny a request due to general safety concerns. * Players must participate in tryouts for the age division based on their birth year.  Any player wishing to accept a bid in a higher age division must seek board approval in writing in advance.  Coaches wishing to offer bids to players outside of their team's AGSA designated age division must also first seek board approval in writing. * Player movement to a different age division after the team assignment is at the discretion of the Board after presentation of exigent circumstances. |

Next General Board Meeting: **Monday, February 3, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**