# Meeting Information

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| **Meeting:** | Vortex/A’s Board Meeting |
| **Date | Time:** | June 26, 2018 | 6:30am – 8:00am |
| **Location:** | Caribou Coffee, 1400 County Road 101 N, Plymouth, MN 55447 |
| **Virtual Options:** | None |
| **Invitees:** | Mike Carter, Ted Ellefson, Rich Baker, Dan Maus, Jack Thibault, Brad Drey |
| **Attendees:** |  |
| **Facilitator/Minutes:** | Dan |

# Meeting Objectives

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| **Objective(s)** | **Debrief: Objective Met?** |
| 1. Approve last meeting minutes | Yes |
| 1. Align on financial status and actions | Yes |
| 1. Capture lessons learned for 2019 Lexi Tournament | Yes |
| 1. Decide whether to add 12U to the Vortex program for the 2019 season | Yes |
| 1. Determine dates for tryouts and planning steps | Yes |
| 1. Determine plans for SportsRecruits contract for 2019 season | No |

# Agenda

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| **Time** | **Person** | **Item** | **Desired Outcome**  ***(Inform, Decision, Discuss)*** |
| 6:30 | Dan | Call to order, Review Objectives/Agenda |  |
| 6:40 | Dan | Review of last month’s Meeting Minutes – edit as applicable | Approval to post |
| 6:45 | Rich | Discuss financial status and any ongoing issues requiring discussion:   * Family Payment concerns * Lexi Tournament Financial Summary and fund allocation | Input and next steps |
| 6:55 | Dan | Discuss Lexi Tournament Lessons learned | Align on adjustments for 2019 |
| 7:05 | Mike | Align on Vortex 12U plan for the 2019 season | Decision whether to have 12U Team(s) |
| 7:25 | Dan | Determine dates for:   * Tryout Dates/times/location * Follow-ups assignments   + Evaluators   + Supplies | Dates determined |
| 7:40 | Dan | Determine plan for SportsRecruits contract for 2019 season   * # Teams and which ones? |  |
| 7:55 | Dan | Determine July meeting date, time, location | Align on next meeting |
| 8:00 |  | Depart |  |

# Decisions

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|  |  | Motion - Who | Second - Who | Vote (favor/ opposed) |
|  | Approve June meeting minutes | Ted | Mike | 5-0 |
|  | Motion for the Vortex Club to start a 12U program | Ted | Rich | 4-1 (1 abstained) |

# Assigned Action Items

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| **Task** | **Accountability** | **Due**  **Date** | **Date Completed** |
| Schedule next Board Meeting – July 5 @ 7:00am | Dan | 6/28/18 | Complete |
| Send note to all coaches and team managers outlining expectations of Top Tier league (and that our organization has paid these fees) and/or Gold League | Mike | 6/18/18 | Complete |
| Finalize plans to order fall jerseys (Vortex and A’s) – Stacey P. | Dan | 6/01/18 |  |
| Set up a Google document library hierarchy in the Vortex account so all Board members can create/edit/share documents | Dan/Rich | Hold |  |
| Update Vortex website – add “A’s” logo – currently in a Drop Box folder – move to Google Docs. Need to work with website company to determine how it should look on our website. Work with League Athletics – Talk with Cristin to take point | Dan | 2/15/18 |  |
| Develop recruiting sheet for team/player programs for tournaments | Brad | 5/1/18 |  |
| Connect with families at risk on payments and resolve prior to start of practice | Mike | 5/1/18 | Ongoing |
| Assess amount per player in preparation for August offers | Rich | 7/15/18 |  |
| Develop preliminary tournament plan for teams for 2019: Jack, Mike, Brad | Jack | 8/1/18 |  |
| Solicit TCO as a sponsor and request first aid kits | Rich | 9/1/18 |  |
| Work with Cristin to get Vision and Mission on our home page | Dan | 7/1/18 |  |
| Send financial update to board members | Rich | 7/5/18 |  |
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# Meeting Minutes

**Financial Status of Organization**

* Final payments flowing in.
* Coaches’ payment discussion between Rich and Mike this week.
* Overall budget is favorable – numerous revenue elements still to be allocated to appropriate team budgets.
* Still need to determine association field rental – July or August discussion

**Lexi Tournament**

* Finances: $800/team from profits, free registration for each of the A’s/Vortex teams, $1,000 to Lexi Scholarship fund,
* Many compliments from coaches, players, parents
* Cancelled championship games created a challenge to work through medals, bid awards…
* Hamel was pleased with our partnership and the condition with which we left the fields and shed
* USSSA, Midwest, and NAFA bids awarded. USA in the future?

**Recruiting/SportsRecruits**

**12U Vortex Team(s) for 2019 Season?**

* TTFC leadership voted to move forward with national sanctioning rules
* Each club/organization to make their own decision on adding 12U to their respective programs
* Informally: some clubs considering 1 team. Likely no one to take more than 2 teams. Expect every other club likely to take on 1 team.
* Program leaders expressed challenges of trainers, training programs…
* Meeting last night included Association leaders (about 12) and TTFC leaders to discuss 12U. Open discussion by all.
* 12U will pull from the Vortex/A’s resources. How can we manage additional teams – beyond the 9 we currently have?
* We will get fields somewhere – even if we move forward with 12U
* Can we do an awesome job?
* Will these 12U teams be able to play in “MN Softball” sanctioned tournaments? Not sure

**Tryouts for 2019**

* August 6, 7 and 8 (follow-up 9th if needed) – aligns with TTFC tryouts
* Fields: Rich to request Minnetonka Legacy and Guilliam, Ted to put in a request for Chanhassen as a back-up
* Marketing: Mike to put on website as soon as we identify fields
* Set up registration online – Rich
* Evaluators: Mike to get the list
* Volunteer Request: Dan
* Look at documentation from last year: Dan
* July 5th: 7:00am for Tryouts – Minnetonka 101 Caribou

**Tournament Planning/Registrations/Scheduling**

* For next year, provide a preliminary schedule for each team (from the Board).
  + Review with Coach and provide a little flexibility, a few options
* Need to build tournament travel expectations into documentation for tryouts
* Need to ID tournaments early – some require very early registrations
* Need to set goals for teams

**Other**

* Fall Jerseys
* Morgan Garbrecht assistant coaching 16U Blue with Jim Leicht. She wants to be more involved in our program in the future
  + She wants to help the Program in other ways – board, tryouts…
* Vortex 03: Cancelled practices, tournament decisions, other coach concerns. Also mix of expectations from families (some want to travel more, some want to travel less)

# Parking Lot

Future Meeting Topics: [Reference Annual Calendar](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KhSL2hDZbmnjDZLHuD1WoDuDl7KChLc5L3WZuR4-898/edit?ts=5a6ffbba)

1. Documented criteria for scholarship awards (Mike)
2. Future year budgeting: create income source for player need based scholarships (e.g. Donations, Scholarship funding, Lexi Tournament…)
3. Need to discuss “offer letter” and information related to travel expectations. July meeting topic.
4. Review payment policy before tryouts as a Board so that it can be shared as part of offer. July topic.