

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: February 2, 2023
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – January

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on January 5th, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 7:00PM

JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Chappo, Milsom, Farrell, Jamison, Geiger, Slater, Hoover, & Garver.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Cole [Seconded by Cavanaugh]

President's Report: Shipley

- Reviewed Association Calendar

Financial Report: Wilmus (information provided by Kremer)

- December Financial Report
 - **\$40,734** in operating fund as of 12/31/22
 - Previous month: **\$40,296** [Net change: **\$438**]
 - Withdrawals: \$4.0k + \$10k = \$14.0k
 - Deposits: \$14.4k
 - **\$35,534** in capital fund as of 09/30/22
 - Previous month: **\$25,534** [Net change: **\$10k**]
 - Deposits: \$10k
 - **\$76,268** is the total ending balance on 12//22.
- School needs our insurance information
- Pure Athletex needs it too

- Tax documents have been filed.
 - Harold Hess is retiring.
 - He was doing this for free
 - Bob Waters might be able to do it.
 - Harold's been doing it for 30 years
 - Get him a gift card (Wilmus)
- Amazon Smile is getting set up
- Typical spending for materials
 - Clean-up day: \$1,500
 - Field materials: \$2,000
- Wilmus to put together a spending summary from years past.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Registration
 - Open next week
 - Closing on 2/11.
 - Skills Day will be on 3/4 All Day
 - 7-4 @ AMS & AHS
 - Check the basketball schedule
 - Verify with Andrea a few days before the event.
 - Would like to have all hands on deck during the sessions per Shipley
 - High Schoolers should be involved
 - Coordinate with Boosters
 - Coaches' Meeting
 - Mayernick -Week of March 9th
 - CPR Training
 - Shipley has a contact for a trainer.
 - Not mandatory
 - Possibly open to parents, but coaches get preference
 - 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 - Might conflict with winter training for Spring Teams
 - Barnes to verify availability
 - Might need to update AED units
 - Shipley to review for grant
 - Cole to talk to Zoll about recertification and/or battery replacement.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Memorial Day
 - Invite past veteran's families?
 - Similar to Gold Star Game
 - Will have a meeting w/ the committee
 - Online auction for the big ticket items or online raffle?
- Sponsorships

- Putting out a new program
- Adding fall to the sponsoring of jerseys
 - Will promote that we have between 2,000 to 2,500 people at field each weekend
 - See attachment?
- Would like to auction the "naming rights" to each field
- Fundraising
 - Raffle tickets? (Ludwig has ideas)
- Online merchandise sales
 - \$1,636 in revenue
 - Barnes to provide profit margins

Registration: Cavanaugh

- Opening on January 10th
- Close February 11th
- No increase in fees this spring season
- Signs in shed
- Establish spots for signs
 - Ben Aron Heights Park
 - Cobblestone
 - Northridge
- Preschools? Mt. Nazareth / Emsworth / Christ Church / Wooden Ladder
- Will be charged for communication via Peach Jar

Equipment: Cole

- Baseballs to be coming in April
- Dick's -Gallucci has the code
- Dick's Purchase Day
 - Barnes to investigate
 - Catcher's Gear?
 - Little League: 1 set should be purchased
 - Minor League : 2 sets should be purchased

Concessions: Gallucci

- Check has been received (approx. \$900)
- Add donation from producer will be followed up by Gallucci
- Free palettes of Powerade (Acierno)

Umpires: Jamison

- No significant updates

Uniforms: Milsom

- 3 to 4 weeks for delivery of Sunday uniforms

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Clean-up 3/11 op 3/18

- Mr. John's start in March
 - Need to put some up @ High School Field
- Thomas Pro-turf
 - Cavanaugh is working with the rep
 - Regrade LL & reset bases.
- Old business:
 - Need to make a decision on laser grading program
 - LL should be the next field to receive grading. Occur in March 2023?
 - IL during the following session (July / August 2023)?
 - ML was the most recent laser grading.
 - Parking
 - Would like to create some parking spots that meet ADA requirements. There have been several occasions when people were looking to drop off a person with disabilities.
 - No parking signs should be respected
 - Brad Cole can provide the dimensions of a standard ADA parking spot
 - Would like to add an additional storage area behind the ML Field
 - Would also like to add an additional chain link fence to create a designated on-deck circle at the LL Fields
 - Brad Cole said that he might be able to help with this repair
 - Chappo brought up his concern with the T-Ball 6 Field foul line fence

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver

- Garver continuing to work with Cavanaugh through transition
- Scheduling email blasts
- Preparing for Spring Sign-up
- Working with Barnes to create a link to be sent to sponsors to collect their information that would be exported to Excel

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- Practice slots have been assigned
- Practices have been scheduled from Jan 30th to Mid-March
- Jerseys are similar to Astros jerseys from the 1970's
- South Hills League is NOT happening
- Jay Cooper (Northern 6) was contacted
- Brad suggested hosting a tournament or involving teams
- Brett suggested starting our own league
 - B teams might play
- Double headers?
 - Would require in-house to honor pitch limits
- Google doc was created by Cavanaugh
- Brad has a different google drive
- Brett will call Central Valley AD - 12U

- Ludwig suggested a Facebook Group to advertise groups
- Shipley-9 / Acierno-8 & 10 / 11U - Graff / 12U Cavanaugh
- Buckets to Travel coaches.
- Committee members: Gallucci / Ludwig / Geiger / Farrell / Barnes
- Old business:
 - Does the organization need to register for tournaments sooner?
 - Some coaches have mentioned that some tournaments are filling up sooner and sooner, which means that some teams are missing opportunities to register for desired tournaments.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Graff
 - No significant updates
- IL – Gallucci
 - No significant updates
- ML – Chappo
 - No significant updates
- LL – Bykowski
 - No significant issues
- Pony – TBD
 - No update
- Colt – TBD
 - N/A

Clearances: Shipley

- No update

Other News / New Business:

- Fence at the Tee-Bal 6 Field & LL bullpen needs to be installed.
- Brad asked about adding storage behind the ML Field.
 - Vote: Table fence discussion: Gallucci [Graff]
- Corporate Sponsor Volunteer Grant [Ludwig]
 - BNY Program has “free money” available for volunteer hours
 - Ask other people in the organization if their employer has similar programs
- Baseball Card Trade Night [Ludwig]
 - Might be at Sports Card Junction store
 - Planning to offer this opportunity to the ML & LL kids
 - A discount on cards might be available
- Can we organize an Avonworth Baseball Night at PNC Park?
- Old topics:
 - Can we establish a method of virtual participation?
 - Hoover suggested having one person use their cell phone with Zoom app & Bluetooth speaker.

- If virtual option is provided, how do we prevent increase of absences?
 - A policy might need to be developed for virtual meetings.
- Natale proposed that we clean up some of the administrative privileges on the SportsConnect website.
- Brews & Bites Fundraising Event (no update this month)
 - Preliminary Date: End of August (8/27) / Early September (9/3)
 - Invite miscellaneous food trucks
 - Possibly host at baseball field
 - Noteworthy: 8/23/22 is the first day of school
 - School buses to transport attendees (similar to the Cornhole event)
 - Cash bashes for other organizations:
 - Softball: 9/18
 - Football / Wrestling: 10/15

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 PM

Motion: Cole [Seconded by Cavanaugh]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2022 / 2023

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/15	10/5	11/3		1/5	2/2						
Time	8:30	8:00	7:00		7:00	8:00						
Chris Shipley(President)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	N		Y							
Brett Cavanaugh (Registrations)	Y	Y	N		Y							
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Jamison)	Y	Y	Y		N							
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	Y		N							
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	Y	N	Y		N							
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator / T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	N	Y		Y							
Ryan Farrell (Clearances)	Y	N	Y		N							
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N	N		N							
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y		N							
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y		N							
Justin Acierno (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		N							
Jon Capo ()	Y	Y	N		Y							
Mike Ludwig ()	Y	Y	Y		Y							