

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: November 1st, 2021
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on October 7th, 2021 at Miller Hall at Avonworth Park at 8:00 PM.

October 2021 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Kremer, Libbon, Jamison, Natale, Slater, Krul, Butsko, & Hoover

Meeting Called to Order: 8:23 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Chappo (Seconded by Farrell)
Annual monthly meeting minutes approved by: Brown (Seconded by Cole)

Financial Report: Kremer

- **\$35,181.13** in operating fund as of 10/04/21
 - Previous month: \$45,620.19 [Net change: **(\$10,439.06)**]
 - Deposits: \$10,376.62
 - Summary: Concessions (~8K) [Includes ~2.3K from 9U], Travel (~2.1K) [Includes ~ 1.8K from 9U] & Registration (~0.3K)
 - Withdrawals: \$20,635.68
 - Summary: Travel (~5.8K) [Sunday 22 ~3.8K & Tournaments ~2K], Uniforms (~5.6K) [Fall ~4.5K & 15U ~1.1K], Concessions (~2.3K), Umpires (~2.1K), Field Maintenance (~1.4K) [Gustic & TruGreen], Utilities (~2.0K) [Duquesne Light & Mr John], Trophies (~0.8K) & Registration (~0.7K) [Refunds]

- **\$10,531.80** in capital fund as of 8/31/21
 - Previous month: \$10,531.71 [Net change: **\$0.09**]
 - Deposits: \$0.09
 - Withdrawals: \$0.00

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- No significant on-field issues.
- Reminder for commissioners to ensure that rescheduled games are updated on the SportsConnect online calendar.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Would like to start planning for the Memorial Day Tournament
 - Barnes will talk to Natale about details
 - Tee Ball would like to have games on Skills Day
 - Farrell would like to try to get the T-Ball 4/5 group more involved with the Skills Day.
- Virtual merchandise store with Shields Embroidery will be available for Christmas delivery
 - Store will be open between 10/15/21 to 10/31/21
 - Merchandise should be received by 12/5/21
 - AAA will receive 20% commission on all merchandise sold

Registration: Hetcko

- Registration for Spring Sunday League will be open from 10/15/21 to 10/31/21
 - Tryout fee will be \$0. If the registered child makes the team, then they will pay the estimated cost.
- Registration is happening early because new uniforms will need to be purchased.
 - Supply chain issues are driving the AAA decisions. Uniform sizes must be collected early.

Equipment: Cole

- No significant issues with equipment.
- Two very good catcher's mitts were donated by Ron Kremer.
- Bykowski will work with Cole to transition processes.
- Cole will send out request to collect equipment from the remaining coaches.
- Get specifications for ball types and contact information from Hetcko to purchase game balls (A.D. Starr) and practice balls (online vendors).
- Farrell says that the T-Ball balls are a good specification. No complaints. Also mentioned that teams do not need any more balls than what was provided at the beginning of the season.

Concessions: Gallucci

- Gross income: \$7,289

- Cost of supplies: \$2,708
- Net revenue: \$4,589
- The grill really helps with revenues
 - Planning for 75 hamburgers and 84 hot dogs this weekend
- The Shane Root Collection Fund totaled \$307.37 as of 10/07/21

Umpires: Jamison

- No updates and no complaints

Uniforms: Brown

- Brown will talk to Natale about Sunday League jerseys
- Fall Ball
 - Possibly offer coaches' shirts the opportunity to purchase a jersey in Fall Ball or get a sponsor to pay for the cost of jerseys
 - Gallucci pays \$12 per shirt for softball

Field Maintenance: Shipley

- Dates are 10/16 & 10/23 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 - Projects include:
 - Reseed T-Ball 4/5
 - Drainage behind the IL Field
- Even one hour would be helpful
- Dirt for the IL Field to be delivered
- Farrell suggested a T-Ball Field "Mini-Clean-Up Day" in August 2022
- Weed Control Vendor Comparison
 - TruGreen was \$3,233 for the year
 - All Natural would be \$5,491 for the year
 - Could possibly reduce the scope/visits to reduce the initial cost
 - Could reduce if the AAA provided free advertisement
 - Shipley to negotiate a new price
 - NOTE: Hetcko says that the grub treatment is NECESSARY
- Open items:
 - Short Term:
 - Drainage behind the IL Field (09/09/21)
 - Weed Control Vendor Comparison (09/09/21)
 - \$200 for a replacement chalk lining tool at ML/LL? (09/09/21)
 - L-Screens need to be built / repaired / replaced. (09/09/21)
 - Long Term:
 - Laser grade IL Field (09/09/21)
 - Electrical work (bad wire?) at the ML Field (09/09/21)
 - Reposition lights at the LL Field (09/09/21)

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Burford

- Board members have been updated
- Surveys to be pushed out soon

- Player evaluations should be collected by the end of the month

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- Winter practice sessions
 - Chose Pure Athletex Sportsplex over RMU Dome
 - Address: 119 Neely School Rd, Wexford, PA 15090
 - Overall costs will be approximately \$75/player
 - AAA will have access to the facility 7.5 hours per week for 7 to 8 weeks
 - Cost for the facility = \$125/hour (Total cost = \$7,500?)
 - Graff is anticipating 7-9 teams.
 - Practice plans should be collected from The Baseball Factory
- Coaches Selection process to occur during the November Board Meeting
 - Barnes to contact Mayernick Center about availability between 11/8 & 11/15.
- Player Selection process to occur in the weeks following the Coaches Selection
 - Selection to be completed by Thanksgiving Break
- Members of the Tournament Team Selection Committee must be present at the selection meetings
 - Gallucci will attend IL sessions
 - Bykowski will attend ML & LL sessions
- Shipley asked about the Northern 6 League versus the Central Valley League
 - Northern 6 League did not have many participants in some ages

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Farrell
 - No issues. Farrell has been happy with the quality of play.
- IL – Gallucci
 - No significant issues.
- ML – Chappo
 - No significant issues.
- LL – Cavanaugh
 - No issues.
- Pony – Natale
 - No issues.
- Colt – Libbon
 - No league for Fall Ball

Clearances: Libbon

- No update.

Other News / New Business:

- Cavanaugh presented Natale's proposed Giving Program
 - Shipley suggested a donation versus a grant.

- Concessions money could be available because it is “non-discretionary” funds
 - At times, the AAA could state that 50% of the profits from concessions (during a specific time period) could be used for certain causes.
 - The amount of money collected should be capped by a predetermined number established by the AAA per the rules of the Giving Program
- Decision to finalize terms of the Giving Program were pushed to the November meeting.
- Cavanaugh also talked about naming rights for fields
 - Barnes talked about having a Memorial Wall / Wall of Honor
 - Wall could be funded through donations to honor certain members of the organization

Meeting Adjourned: 9:57 PM

- Motion: Burford
- 2nd: Barnes

