

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: May 3, 2023
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – April

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on April 11, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:00PM

MARCH 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Capo, Chappo, Farrell, Graff, Hoover, Jamison, & Milsom.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:27 PM

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

President's Report: Shipley

- Coaches meeting went well. Thanks for attending.
- Schedule is up to date
- High school is planning a Youth Day game with AAA players. Maybe 4/25. Starts at 4:30. Kids will need to arrive earlier. All kids are welcome.
- Google Drive for any Board documents. The address is: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aIqytyHBgvoPkIocoVuK57siGr8z0YXy?usp=share_link

Financial Report: Wilmus

- March Financial Report
 - **\$73,623** in operating fund as of 02/28/23
 - Previous month: **\$66,821** [Net change: **\$6.8k**]
 - Deposits: \$15.3k
 - Withdrawals: \$8.5k
 - **\$35,535** in capital fund as of 02/28/23

- Previous month: **\$35,535** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
 - **\$109,158** is the total ending balance on 02/28/23.
- Some large spending will occur in April.
- We've been spending \$2k for field usage for years for The Route 65 field. No significant increase for usage.
- Tax form may be at Shipley's house or at Cavanaugh's.
- Bob Waters is helping with some accounting tasks.
- Typical annual spending for materials
 - Clean-up day: \$1,500
 - Field materials: \$2,000
- See Wilmus' financial report for year-to-date totals.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Drafts for each league went well.
- Schedules were made. No major issues.
- ML - Avonworth vs Avonworth for the first week
- 17 games scheduled for Opening Day
- T-ball 6 list needs to be sent to IL for call-ups.
- Head coaches are instructed to keep track of attendance to ensure players meet the "60% Rule" to qualify for the Summer Tournament Team
 - Memorial Day games WILL count toward the "60% Rule".
- Summer Team
 - Start coach application process early so we can make decisions as soon as possible.
 - Registration opens on April 24. Closes on May 1st decision on coaches during May 4th board meeting
- Gallucci: Considering full-year teams for travel / tournaments.
- Ludwig: Asked about the 60% rule. Do we want to eliminate? Seneca Valley dropped the attendance requirement.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Memorial Day merch is being ordered this week.
- Posterboard is the website for the tv screen.
- Includes player of the week
- Money / donations for team baskets for Memorial Day are beginning collected by "Team Moms".
- Tee ball teams: Should donate money for gifts card for a gift card tree
- Sponsorship revenue is projected to be \$23k this year. \$18k collected.
- Honor walk
 - Included all board members free of charge.
- Avonworth banners are going to be replaced each year.
 - Recognizing first responders and military.
- Memorial Day Parade / Presentation:
 - Little League starts with High School seniors.
 - Players face out field

- QR codes for the seniors: Beigin used for recruiting. Social media is working for self-promotion.
- Brad: Plans for first pitch.
- Tent rental is needed. Mihm tents?
- Parking may be a problem
- Rental golf cart? Brad to check into it.
 - How much to purchase one?
 - Gas powered. Not electric.
 - Decide on purchase via Google meets, if necessary.
- WiFi was reviewed. Will be serviced by Comcast.
- \$220 per month, but might be negotiable.
- Oorbi needs to be hooked up. WiFi extender.
 - Hook up for the season
- Avonworth stencils were made.
- Pictures are done early so pins can be ordered and worn for season.
- Digital radio needs to be replaced in the Big Shed.
 - Ludwig might be able to donate.
 - Microphones work.

Registration: Cavanaugh

- Colt is still open. Will be closed soon.
- Josh Hollywood will be one of the coaches.

Equipment: Cole

- A lot of practice equipment has been purchased.
- Pony balls can be used for ML, if necessary.
- Natale might have \$1000 worth of codes for Dick's. Gallucci will follow up
- \$2000 might go to the Avonworth balls.

Concessions: Gallucci

- Sign-Up Genius is available for concession stand.
- Slots for Grillmaster will be available.

Umpires: Jamison

- No update

Uniforms: Milsom

- No update or problems.

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Custards & other signs need to be hung.
- LL lines need to be painted. Also, at other fields.
- Multiple positive compliments about the field.
- Palate of clay needs to be ordered.
- More inverted spray paint is needed.
- Fencing: Acierno can provide some extra fencing

- Ask for pictures. Position behind the ML backstop & near the concession stand.
- Location: Amazon in Imperial
- Old business:
 - Need to make a decision on laser grading program
 - LL has been graded in March 2023 (\$13,700 to Thomas ProTurf).
 - IL during the following session (July / August 2023)?
 - ML was the most recent laser grading (in 2022)?

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver

- Garver continues to work with Brett on multiple items.

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- High school Coach (Reported by Shipley)
 - Fall Baseball Tournament
 - Fundraiser for Spring Training Ripken trip.
 - Would have to work around fall ball.
 - Needs to be determined.
 - Discuss at May Meeting
 - More details need to be discussed
- Travel League
 - Avonworth coaches are putting schedules and rules in place.
 - Most games are starting this weekend (April 15th)
 - Baseball - Sunday League on Google Drive.
 - Ludwig is going to review the email.
 - Playoffs to be scheduled
 - Trophies need to be ordered.
 - Memorial Day, Sunday League, playoffs.
 - PayPal Account with travel. Might be too complicated.
 - Sunday payments to be paid via checks to coaches.
 - 10U Division:
 - 10U Silver Sunday League now has 10 teams. Rules have been sent out based on ML rules with modifications. (Example: Stealing with 0 outs is allowed)
 - Challenging to schedule with multiple teams from same District (2 Avonworth, 3 Mars, 2 Baldwin, 2 Norwin, 1 Shaler). We didn't want Baldwin vs Baldwin or Avonworth vs. Avonworth.
 - Multiple schedule revisions due to teams out several weekends for tournaments.
 - Everyone is scheduled for 5 or 6 games (Tried my best to do 3 home and 3 away).
 - Asked teams to be flexible. Friday nights, Saturday nights, or finding agreeable times on Sundays (time and location).

- All Avonworth Sunday 10U games are scheduled on our website and populated GC. We have told parents that times are TBD but initially all scheduled for 5pm at home.

Clearances: Farrell

- Spreadsheet is simple
- New coaches - 8 need clearances.
- 14 existing coaches
- 90% complete for correct clearances
- Libbon might need to collect the clearance sheet.
- Will talk to the commissioners if he needs anything.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Graff
 - Updated T-Ball program.
 - Practices during the week
 - Games on Saturdays
 - Season ends on the 1st week of June
 - 12 Practices & 18 games
- IL – Gallucci
 - Some kids still need to improve
 - Seeding games need to be determined
- ML – Chappo
 - May 17 is 4th grade Band Day. No games have been scheduled.
 - Schedule is complete for ML. QV Commish approved via email. All Avonworth team have 14 games scheduled. QV teams have 11 or 12 scheduled.
 - QV did not want Wednesday or Saturday games. They are practicing those days.
 - I will be scheduling in season practices on Fridays 5:30-6:30 (Friday night games start at 6:30). Also Saturday late afternoon practices for the odd team out on Saturday. (7 Avonworth teams).
 - ML scores have been decent so far (12-3, 7-5, and 6-1). Teams seem pretty even so far.
 - Each team has a bottom 2 or 3 that came up from IL that are not ML ready. Just wanted to point that out that we need to do a better job on lower tier players from Tball 6 and on up thru IL.
- LL – Bykowski
 - Discussion on call overs to fill missing kids for QV.
 - Also discussed for Avonworth briefly.
 - 50% call over (ex. 1st replacement player must be a call-up, 2nd can be a call over)
 - We should try to avoid Mondays in the future to avoid pitchers potentially needing to be available on Saturday, Sunday, & Monday.
- Pony – TBD
 - 17 players were registered for the league. Only enough for one team.

- Colt – Jamison
 - Mike Jamison volunteered to be the Colt Commissioner

Other News / New Business:

- Pirate Game
 - Initially planning to purchase 50 tickets
 - Section 130
 - \$35 ticket with \$10 food voucher
 - Possible tee shirt
 - May 7th @ 1:35 PM might be too soon due to Sunday League happening
 - On special “Youth Baseball Days”, kids get to go on the field before the game if part of the organization
 - For every 50 tickets sold, the organization gets something extra, not each kid
 - Possibly in August or September?
 - Possibly August 13th?
 - Plan a tailgate?
 - 50% deposit for 50 tickets = \$1,750
 - Could buy more if we want as interest grows.
 - 100 tickets to get on field during a regular game.
 - Possibly Monday in July or June?
 - Date to be determined
 - Would like to have tee shirts made
- Trade night
 - Might try to get another trade night organized
- 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.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:44 PM [Cole/Ludwig]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record – 2022 / 2023

Members	SE	OC	NO	DE	JA	FE	MA	AP	MA	JU	JU	AU
Date	9/15	10/5	11/2		1/5	2/2	3/2	4/11				
Time	8:30	8:00	7:00		7:00	8:00	7:00	8:00				
Chris Shipley(President)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Brett Cavanaugh (Registrations)	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	Y				
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Jamison)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N				
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	Y		N	N	Y	Y				
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	Y	N	Y		N	N	Y	N				
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator / T-Ball Coordinator)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N				
Ryan Farrell (Clearances)	Y	N	Y		N	Y	Y	N				
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N	N		N	Y	Y	N				
Eric Garver (Website/ Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y				
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y				
Justin Acierno (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y				
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	N				
Jon Capo ()	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	N	N				
Mike Ludwig ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				