

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Brad Cole
Date: January 8, 2026
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – January

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on January 8, 2026 at The Cabin at ACCORD Park. Meeting started at 7:00

January 2026 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance: See Attendance Record

Meeting Called to Order: 7:21 PM

- November meeting minutes were approved
 - Approved [Mangene/Wilmus]

President's Report: Gallucci

- Insurance was renewed at current limits, certificate not yet available
 - Need to add Turbo as an additional insured
 - Greentree was already added since we will be practicing there.
- New president from QV reached out to Mike, wants to meet to discuss relationship moving forward and why QV did not participate in ML.
 - Mike and Scott will sit down and meet with him to discuss the 2026 season and QV's historical participation and the future of the Route 65 tournament
- PK field lease update:
 - Mike met with Dr. Hadley and also with Nick DiPaola (Eagles President).
 - We currently lease the field from the Eagles but moving forward we will be leasing the field directly from the school district providing us use of the field from March 1 to October.
 - We will need to take over some more maintenance (grass cutting through July, trash removal, etc.)

- Shipley will check with Gustic to see what it might cost for him to cut the field from March through July and will report back.
- This should be approved at the next school board meeting.
- The School District is going to charge us \$1,000 annually.
- We will have access to the bathrooms (will be provided keys).
- Any improvements will need to be approved by the school district.
- From March through May, the Middle School team will have 1st right to the field from 3 pm to 6 pm.
- Motion to approve lease with \$1,000 cost made by [Shipley/Brown]

VP On-Field: Seapker

- Prepping for spring season.
- Skills Day will need to be set, likely on Sunday due to Varsity Baseball use of gym.
- We will look to approve the spring coaches at the February meeting.
- Registration is light right now, especially on coaches and at the T-Ball level.
- February 18th is confirmed for the coaches meeting at the Mayernik Center.
- League specific coaching sessions will take place after the coaches meeting. A discussion took place on what these sessions may look like and how they may be structured.
- League Drafts will take place right after skills day (Early March)
- 7U Sunday league is finalized – Red has 11 players, White has 10
 - Both 7U teams are going to participate in Sunday League as well as 8U Red, 9U White, 10U White
 - Planning on 6 weeks of games (starting 4/12), no tournament at the end of the season, just doing a championship game.
 - Deadline to sign up for teams to sign up is March 1.
 - There was a discussion that the 9U White age group wants to do the tournament at the end of the season and whether or not it is feasible to do that at other age group.
- Opening Day for AAA is April 11th
 - There was a discussion on the schedule for the spring in-house season.
 - Scott wants to have as many Saturday games as possible and we can include Friday nights.
 - Scott would like to see how many tournaments and which weekends the year-round teams are targeting, to try to coordinate the schedule so there is as little impact to the regular in-house schedule as possible.
 - Suggestion was also made to look into one-day 3 team tournaments for Sundays for some age groups so the teams can still get competitive opportunities throughout the spring without always going to tournaments that are all weekend.

Financial Report: Waters

- September Financial Report
 - 72,333 in operating fund as of 12/31/25
 - \$41,842 capital fund as of 12/31/25
 - \$6,314 in Venmo account as of 12/31/25
 - \$120,489 is the total ending balance on 12/31/25
- For 2025, we operated at a surplus of \$17, 275
- There was discussion around moving \$10,000 from the operating fund into the capital fund balance, which, when conditions allow, is something the AAA Board typically does. Treasurer Waters indicated that we are in good financial shape to make this transfer.
- Approval to transfer \$10k from Operating to Capital [Jamison/Picard]

VP Off-Field: Gilbert

- Sponsorship information is up on the website. First email will go out after registration closes
- Dicks is providing \$2,500 in gift cards again this year
- Shopping Days are going to be 2/28-3/1 at Cranberry and Ross Park Mall.
- Memorial Day tournament committee will meet in late January to start planning.
- Park Christmas party was attended by Ludwig, Shipley and Gilbert
 - The entire AAA Board is welcome to attend in the future.
 - We will continue to work with the park to secure a lease with the Park Board.

Registration: Berneberg

- 214 signed up to date (we had 345 kids signed up for all of 2025)
 - Pony – 9
 - LL – 28 (3 head coaches signed up)
 - ML – 49 (2 head coaches signed up)
 - IL – 52 (3 head coaches signed up)
 - TB 6 – 26 (1 head coach signed up)
 - TB 4/5 – 50 (5 head coach signed up)
- We are expecting a large influx sign-ups at the deadline, may need to extend the registration deadline by a week or so.
 - More reminder emails will come out in the next couple of weeks.
 - We remain light on volunteers for head coaches
- Discussion on how we can possibly increase enrollment and volunteers with advertising and targeted online posts,

Field Maintenance: Shipley

- Fields should be handling the winter weather well and should come back strong in the spring.
- Future improvements to the Pony Field (PK Field) include:

- Evaluation of expanded fencing
- Addition of bleachers
- Removal of the dirt mound to be replaced by a temporary mound (need to order)
- Addition of base plugs for LL so we can have up to 4 age groups use the field.
- It should not go unnoticed how many hours of work Ben Erdeljac has put in at that complex since the spring. He has spent countless hours of sweat equity improving that baseball complex for our kids.
- The utility cart has not yet had maintenance. This need to be addressed in February.
- We need to determine the next step with the golf cart (batteries).
- All equipment that will be needed for winter training (I-screens, hitting nets and bases for turf) were staged on the shelves to the right in the big shed.
- Receipts are ready for approval. There are some receipts from Pony clean-up day that come out of the 10k Pony field budget (Pirates and AAA).
- For spring, we should consider replacing the fence for IL. We have had it for about 6 years now and it is not in great shape. Based on measurements (using Google Earth), we need 266 feet of fence. Multiple options (temporary screen, temporary fence like what we have now and permanent fence). Shipley and Keith to work on this.
- We have requested costs to regrade LL in the spring.
- The NaturalLawn contract is up for renewal.
 - They have proposed a 2% increase.
 - There is a 2% discount to prepay.
 - The total cost would be \$4,440.66 for 2026.
 - Shipley's recommendation that we renew.
 - Renew the NaturalLawn contract for 2026 at an annual cost of \$4,440.66 and prepay to save 2%. [Shipley/Wilmus]
- We will need to buy clay in the spring. We should be fine on chalk and quick dry and conditioner until late spring or even fall 2026.

Concession Stand: Gallucci

- Mike is working on getting a new grill through a donation from Home Depot
- Kim is stepping down as Concession Stand chair after this year. We will need someone to take over in September. The ideal scenario is to get someone to shadow Kim throughout the year to learn.
- We will need to raise some prices this year as costs have gone up.

Clearances: Brown

- Will need to update for this year with coaches
- 100% compliance on coaches for full year teams
- LL Abuse Awareness – we need 100% compliance, only 17 have updated abuse awareness currently

Equipment: Mangene

- Baseballs were inventoried
 - 38 doz A-100LL
 - 39 doz T- Ball
 - 18 doz A-200Pony
 - 19 doz A-300Colt
- Prices have increased \$5 per dozen, 3-4 week lead time, we are going to order 100 doz AD100 balls

Uniforms: Milsom

- Full year team uniforms have been distributed to all teams. Hats are in
- Online orders are in
- Extra hats are available for \$14,25 per hat. We will buy these hats from our vendor

Park Liaison: Ludwig

- No update on lease

Umpires: Jamison

- Contract was signed with Dave Gregory

Website: Garver

- No Update

Travel Coordinator: Sleasman

- No Update

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Picard
 - No Update
- IL – Seapker
 - No Update
- ML – Waters
 - No Update
- LL – Gallucci/Shiplely
 - No Update
- PONY –
 - No Update

Other News / New Business:

- Discussion on addition of a net over the ML backstop – will save on baseballs. We will try to make it work with some of the netting that we have left over from batting cages

- Discussion on using call overs in the spring for LL and discussion on the addition of pitching requirements for LL players.
 - We need to have a renewed emphasis on developing pitchers. This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.
- 8's and 9 White are looking to host a tournament at the end of July (23-26 or 7/30-8/1)
 - 9C tournament and 8B or 8A tournament.
 - Additional discussion on the hosting of tournaments and trying to host more tournaments this year. Teams need to get together and partner up for a weekend

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 PM [Brown/Picard]

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Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/11	10/9	11/13	N/A	1/8	2/12					N/A	
Time	9:00	8:00	8:00		7:00	7:30						
Mike Gallucci (President/Concessions/LL co-commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Scott Seapker (VP On Field/IL Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Paul Gilbert (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Bob Waters (Treasurer/ ML Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Brad Cole (Recording Secretary)	Y	N	Y		N							
Chris Shipley (Field Maintenance Coordinator/LL co-commissioner)	Y	Y	N		Y							
Todd Wilmus	Y	N	N		Y							
Mike Jamison (Umpire Coordinator)	Y	N	Y		Y							
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	N		N							
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Mike Ludwig (Park Liaison)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Kyle Brown (Clearances)	Y	N	Y		Y							
Brian Picard (T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Jeff Barnyak (Player Development)	Y	N	N		Y							
Amanda Berneberg (Registration)	Y	N	Y		N							
Rich Mangene (Equipment)	N	Y	Y		Y							
Adam Keith	Y	N	Y		Y							
Kyle Pavlowsky	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Chuck Sleasman (Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	N	Y		Y							
Total	95%	58%	79%		84%	####	####	####	####	####		####
Non-Members												
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