

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: March 1, 2023
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – February

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on February 2nd, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:00PM

FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Cole, Cavanaugh, Chappo, & Garver. Hoover attended remotely.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:20 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Gallucci [Seconded by Graff]

President's Report: Shipley

- For the Pirates used equipment drive, the AAA collected 2 pickup trucks
 - 19 families donated
 - Batting helmets, catcher's gear, & other items were removed from the shed.
- Chris met with Coach Bywalski, head coach of the Avonworth Varsity Team, to discuss involvement of the High School teams
- Coach is excited. Might participate with the coaches meeting
- Would like to have a varsity participate in other activities.
- Middle School games might happen on Wednesdays and Saturdays according to Nate Milsom

Financial Report: Wilmus

- January Financial Report
 - **\$54,680** in operating fund as of 01/31/23

- Previous month: **\$40,734** [Net change: **\$14k**]
 - Withdrawals: \$8.5k
 - Deposits: \$22.5k
- **\$35,534** in capital fund as of 09/30/22
 - Previous month: **\$35,534** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
- **\$90,214** is the total ending balance on 01/31/22.
- Bank account has been transferred to Wilmus from Kremer
- Mr. John will drop off on 3/1/23.
 - Wilmus will notify prior to Memorial Day of any additional needs (2 wheelchair units, 1 regular, & 1 at the high school)
- Purchased gift cards for Kim Ifft & Harold Hess
- New 990 preparer was confirmed.
- BNY Mellon volunteer account was activated. Amazon Smile account is pending.
- 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

- Saturday, March 4th - Skills day
 - Set-up @ 8:00 AM
 - Slots start @ 9:00 AM
 - Gym closes @ 4:00 PM
 - Volunteer sign-up Genius will be sent out.
 - Middle and High School kids will assist.
 - Head coaches should rank kids, not work
 - Board members will score and will be part of evaluations.
 - Equipment needs to be gathered (Shiple, Cole, Geiger, Capo)
 - Thursday night after board meeting to load
 - Gallucci has list of equipment and volunteers
 - Portable mounds @the high school.?
- Coaches meeting – Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 - Setup @ 5:00
- Separate breakout meetings?
 - Might do the meetings before the draft.
- Registration:
 - Numbers are a little bit low
 - Colt usually stays open later
 - Purchase additional stakes for signs

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Fundraising:

- Honor Walk patrons (\$50)
 - 13 areas for naming rights
 - 6 total - fields and concession stands.
 - Has collected approximately \$12,250 for sponsorships.
- St. Patrick's Day Merchandise - open until Feb. 12th
 - Brad would hope that more is ordered
- Hoodie style t-shirts at skills day
- Player of the week program?
 - It is a lot of work.
 - If we use a mounted Tv, it might simplify the process
 - Need plexi-glass case for it
 - "Air fame". Milson has a program
 - Brad would donate the computer
 - LOAD a Power Point
 - Coaches will still need to submit this.
 - Could have the commissioners do this?
- Live barn?
- Selection process for Sunday leagues?
 - Should we hold a tryout? How will this fit into schedule.?
 - Committee for selection process?

Registration: Cavanaugh

- Numbers are low, but will probably pick up.
- Close February 11th
- No increase in fees this spring season

Equipment: Cole

- Got rid of a good bit of old equipment through the Pirates Charity event.
- 100 dozen labelled balls will be delivered in May
- Would like to purchase 20 dozen more balls
 - Plummer sells them so does Pendergast
 - Shipley says buy them.
- 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

- No significant updates.

Umpires: Jamison

- No significant updates.
- Might be an increase for Colt umpires.

Uniforms: Milsom

- Jerseys and hats have been ordered
- Coaches jersey / jacket will be ordered, but will be purchased by the coach
- Will be available for summer teams, but should not be a delay.

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Natural lawn care went up by 3%.
- No objections by the board to the increase
- Thomas ProTurf repairs on LL Field total \$13,701.25
 - Jamison motions to perform the work (Cole)
 - Unanimously in favor
- Clean-up 3/11 or 3/18
 - Brad Cole will install the LL warm-up circle fence during the clean-up day
- 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.

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver

- Garver continuing to work with Cavanaugh through transition
- Need to work on the registration spreadsheet
- Income status for executive board members
- Google Drive needs to be added and developed.
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aIqytyHBgvoPkIocoVuK57siGr8z0YXy>

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- No significant issues with Pure Athletex
- Travel League
 - Ludwig has some interest from other organizations
 - Ludwig would like to talk about this to determine what problems exist.
 - How can we eliminate cancellations?
 - Brad suggests having the outline
 - Have a zoom meeting to discuss problems & details
 - Hempfield and Westmoreland County has a league
- Can a tournament be hosted by Avonworth?

Clearances: Farrell

- No update
- Needs access to the emails.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Graff
 - Jim is working with Jamison to develop a more extensive program
- IL – Gallucci
 - No significant updates
- ML – Chappo
 - No significant updates
- LL – Bykowski
 - No significant issues
- Pony – TBD
 - No update
- Colt – Jamison
 - Mike Jamison volunteered to be the Colt Commissioner

Other News / New Business:

- Baseball trade night will happen this month
 - Open to 10 people.
- Pirate Game - June 11th - Sunday
 - \$20 for upper deck with \$5 food credit.
 - \$35 for lower deck with \$10 Good credit
 - World like to tee shirts
 - World need 25% down payment for 100 tickets
 - Would have to reserve the day in the schedule
 - May 7th is the potential date
- 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
- 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: 9/18/22
 - Football / Wrestling: 10/15/22

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35 PM

Motion: Farrell [Seconded by Milsom]

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