

# Memo

**To:** AAA Board Members  
**From:** Greg Bykowski  
**Date:** April 11, 2023  
**Re:** Monthly Board Meeting Notes – March

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**The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on March 2, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 7:00PM**

## **MARCH 2023 MONTHLY MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

All members were in attendance except the following: Acierno, Capo, & Milsom.

### **Meeting Called to Order: 7:18 PM**

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

### **President's Report: Shipley**

- The Google Drive has been re-established. The address is [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aIqytyHBgvoPkIocoVuK57siGr8z0YXy?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1aIqytyHBgvoPkIocoVuK57siGr8z0YXy?usp=share_link)
- The master calendar can be viewed in the Google Drive

### **Financial Report: Wilmus**

- February Financial Report
  - **\$66,821** in operating fund as of 02/28/23
    - Previous month: **\$54,680** [Net change: **\$12.1k**]
    - Withdrawals: \$9.6k
    - Deposits: \$21.7k
  - **\$35,535** in capital fund as of 02/28/23
    - Previous month: **\$35,534** [Net change: **\$0k**]
    - Deposits: \$0k
  - **\$102,356** is the total ending balance on 02/28/23.

- Portable toilets were delivered this month.
  - Wilmus will notify prior to Memorial Day of any additional needs (2 wheelchair units, 1 regular, & 1 at the high school)
- Tax exemption form might be expiring soon. Going to investigate.
- Bob Waters is going to help with accounting work.
- Ludwig was able to register for the BNY account. Has earned \$125 thus far.
  - Ludwig will send Gallucci an email.
- 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**

- Coaches presentation will occur before practices start.
- 52 kids for Little League (5 teams)
- 5 coaches needed / 7 candidates available: Barnes – Bykowski - Graff - Catanese – DiPaola – Pyszniak - Paulat.
  - Highlighted coaches were chosen via anonymous vote.
- ML: 7 coaches (Jamison / Cole)
- IL: 7 teams (Jamison / Ludwig)
- T-Ball 6: 5 Teams- 4 coaches. Hoover (Chappo / Cole)
- T-ball 4/5: 8 coaches (Chappo/ Jamison)
- IL & ML: Draft on Wednesday
- Drafts: By next Friday for jersey orders
- Pony: Rosters need to be drafted by 3/10 - 1 Team right now 13
- Colt: 13 players. Looking at 2 teams. One competitive & one less competitive
- Skills Day data will be put together for Sunday. Will be available for Wednesday draft.
- Still some open spots for Skills Day volunteers
- 176 kids will participate in the Skills Day.
- Setup at 8:00 AM.
- Coaches meeting-6 to 9 on 3/8
  - Arrive early for set up
  - Jamison has a screen. Todd has a projector.
  - Update your slides
- 4/10: First day of games.
- Opening Day: 4/16
- Each Team is supposed to play 2 games in first week. Try to do Saturday for every one
- Distribute rules.
- Each team should have a sponsor kid.
- First practices:
  - 3/25 is the first date that the field can be used
  - 3/2 to 3/25 will have a movie-being filmed
  - It might go quicker
  - GRB to ask for high school field cage use
  - Gallucci might have softball fields available
- 60% rule needs to be tracked by the coaches. It appears that there will be a few players close to this number.

- Memorial Day games WILL count toward the 60% rule.

### **VP Off-Field: Barnes**

- TV screen at concession stand
  - Topics will include:
    - Player of the week
    - Bomb squad
    - Schedule
    - Upcoming schedule
  - Cost:
    - 55" tv - \$270
    - Cover- \$330.
    - Misc. Items: \$250
    - Total cost: \$850
    - Computer to donated by the Barnes Family
    - An additional concession TV to be donated, too.
  - Purchase of the TV motioned by Ludwig [Geiger]
  - Motion unanimously approved by the Board
- Merchandise was sold at Skills Day.
- Sponsorship revenue totals \$21k year to date
- Will need to buy some more sponsor signs.
- Memorial Day meeting to be held in 2 weeks.
- Photos to start on 4/10 @ 5:45 PM with Kim Ifft.
- Little League wall will be the backdrop and will need to be available
- 1st & 2nd weeks, games / practices start @ 6:45 AM
- Saturday needs to start @ 10:00 AM. Photos to start at 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
- This year, Dick's Sporting Goods will give back \$2,000
  - Codes for Dick's wholesale or ad Starr
  - Only online, but needs to be spent
- Merchandise sales: \$226 coming back to organization off \$1,509 in sales
- Sideline Swap will happen @ Cranberry Dick's on 3/24-3/26.

### **Registration: Cavanaugh**

- Little League: 52
- Minor League: 77
- Instructional League: 75
- Tee Ball 6: 42
- Tee Ball 4/5: 69
- Total: 315
- PONY & Colt to be determined when season nears.

### **Equipment: Cole**

- Avonworth balls are being delivered in May
- Purchased 20 dozen balls.
- Equipment handed out at Clean Up Day.

- Natale might have \$1000 worth of codes for Dick's. Gallucci will follow up
- \$2000 might go to the Avonworth balls.

### **Concessions: Gallucci**

- No significant updates.

### **Umpires: Jamison**

- Contract signed and sent.
- Dave Gregory will cover Sunday League games.

### **Uniforms: Milsom**

- Sunday jerseys and hats have been delivered.

### **Field Maintenance: Geiger**

- Clean-Up Day is going to be important. Only on Saturdays 3/18 & 3/25 due to the movie
- No kids are allowed at the field at this time.
- Potentially planning for PONY Clean-Up Day on 3/13, 3/14, or 3/15. Maybe 4:00 to 7:00 on 3/11?
- Will update the GroupMe app.
- Old business:
  - Need to make a decision on laser grading program
    - LL to receive grading 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**

- Avonworth website email address has been created.
- Ludwig now has a "Travel League" email. Travel@avonworthbaseball.com
- Maintenance / web site fees are \$45 per quarter.
- Working on draft books.

### **Travel Coordinator: Graff**

- Travel League
  - Ludwig has a list of interested participants
  - Gladiators might be a group of organizations.
  - See Ludwig's handout
  - Pitching concerns with in-house & travel
  - Not sure if playoffs will happen
  - Need to create a tournament?
  - 6/3 end date
  - Another meeting to happen before 3/15. Maybe 3/12 @ 9:00 PM
  - Needs help with Commissioners (Avonworth Coaches to help). 3/5 @ 9:00 PM?
  - Travel league meeting with travel coaches
- Can a tournament be hosted by Avonworth?

**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
  - Jim is working with Jamison to develop a more extensive development program
  - Planning to have more practices and the same amount of games.
  - Program will be sent out to the Board for comment. Would like to discuss during the next meeting.
- IL – Gallucci
  - No significant updates
- ML – Chappo
  - No Wednesdays & Saturdays because QV has too many travel kids
    - 22/55 QV kids play for club teams
  - Game times: 10:00 / 12:15 / 2:30
  - Friday night lights - 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- LL – Bykowski
  - QV would like to avoid weekend games.
  - Impacted by travel ball.
- Pony – TBD
  - No update
- Colt – Jamison
  - Mike Jamison volunteered to be the Colt Commissioner

**Other News / New Business:**

- Baseball trade night happened on February 15th
  - Went well. Several parents stayed to participate.
  - Might do another one on the last Wednesday of March.
- Pirate Game
  - \$20 for upper deck with \$5 food credit.
  - \$35 for lower deck with \$10 food credit
  - Would like to have tee shirts made
  - Would need 25% down payment for 100 tickets
  - Would have to reserve the day in the schedule
  - May 7th & June 11th are the potential dates
- 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: 9:45 PM**

**Motion: Cole [Seconded by Geiger]**

**Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2022 / 2023**

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