

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Chris Shipley (Bykowski absent)
Date: March 7, 2024
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – March 2024

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on March 7, 2024 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 7:00 PM

MARCH 2024 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Picard, Barnes, Bykowski, Graff

Meeting Called to Order: 7:11 PM

- February meeting minutes approved with minor date correction [Waters / Cole]

President's Report: Shipley

- Shipley encouraged all board members to begin thinking about the make-up of this board moving forward. Some board members who have been in their positions for a while or have been on the board for a number of years might be considering stepping back at the end of their term. It is time to begin to plan for future openings on the Executive Board, committee chairs and open at-large seats. Pay attention during practices and games to see who is involved in helping moving the organization forward. Consider approaching them to get involved on the board. Think about who you want to work with to move our organization forward.

Financial Report: Wilmus

- March Financial Report
 - **\$65,126** in operating fund as of 2/29/24

- Previous month (1/31): **\$60,781** [Net change: **\$4.3k**]
 - Deposits: \$18.4k
 - Withdrawals: \$14.1k
- **\$31,836** in capital fund as of 2/29/24
 - Previous month: **\$31,836** [Net change: **\$0k**]
- **\$96,961** is the total ending balance on 2/29/24.
- Mr. John will continue to be our portable toilet vendor and will deliver the Port-A-Johns to the field on Monday. .
- A \$10k surplus exists in the Venmo account (@AvonworthAA). Shipley & Wilmus tried again recently to move the money into the organization bank account.
- One sponsor payment from 2023 still has not been received (Willow-\$1200).

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Spring registration
 - Final Registration numbers are in:
 - T-Ball 4/5: 70 kids – 9 teams, only 3 coaches signed up so far
 - T-Ball 6: 41 kids – 5 teams, 5 coaches signed up
 - IL: 84 - 7 teams, 7 coaches signed up
 - ML: 69 – 6 teams, 6 coaches signed up
 - LL: 53 – 5 teams, 5 coaches signed up
- League Coach Votes:
 - ML – 6 coaches signed up: Alberts, Grande, Linhart, J. Johnson, Wilmus, McCarthy. Motion to approve by Cole, 2nd Acierno. All approved.
 - LL – 5 coaches signed up: Sweeney, Bykowski, Graff, Quinn, Basista. Motion to approve Waters, 2nd Cole. All approved.
 - IL – 7 coaches signed up: Butsko, Costa, Teck, Jamison, Gilbert, Grady, Mangene. Motion to approve Milsom, 2nd Ludwig. All approved.
 - T-6 – 5 coaches signed up: Isacco, Bevin, Daley, Plumb, Blahovec. Motion to approve Waters, 2nd Jamison. All approved.
 - T-4/5 – Only 3 coaches signed up to no motion was made to approve coaches at this level.
- Coaches meeting was moved to 3/14 at 7 pm so as to not interfere with Kindergarten Round-up. It will take place at the Mayernik Center. Mike needs changes to the slide deck back by Monday if you have any.
 - Team selection/drafts to happen immediately after the meeting.
- Skills Day was on March 2nd.
 - Overall it went great and we had very good board member participation. Thanks to all who helped.
- Opening Day is 4/13
 - Week before will be for more practices

VP Off-Field: Graff (Shipley Reported)

- Sponsorship
 - Total is \$23,500 which is \$2,250 more than 2023.
 - Jim is still accepting sponsors through the weekend.
- The merchandise store that we have set up through Shields is open through 3/11.
- Dick's Sporting Goods shopping weekend is this weekend (3/8-3/10) at Cranberry and McCandless locations. Dick's is encouraging people to utilize the Cranberry location as McCandless has inventory shortages due to its impending closure.

Concessions: Gallucci

- No Report

Registration: Acierno

- Pony & Colt registration is still open.

Equipment: Cole

- We are good on sets of Catcher's gear for all levels.
- In an effort to better control the utilization of game day baseballs, we will hand out two dozen game balls to each head coach. If they need more, they will need to ask Brad, Chris or Mike for more. We cannot continue to go through almost 100 dozen game balls each year.
 - Commissioners: Reiterate that slightly used game balls should be reused in the next game.
- Brad is having trouble finding the round disks for holding the cage nets back.

Uniforms: Milsom

- Basic Sunday League uniform. Nothing fancy. Not being used for Summer
- A higher quality jersey will be used for Summer.
- We spent \$11,125 for in-house uniforms in 2023. Goal for this year is \$11k.
- Nate will provide 3 options for summer uniforms in April. There will be a Low, Medium and High option for us to review. Todd will provide the cost for last year's uniforms to help us gauge cost for 2024.

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Spring Clean-Up Days are scheduled should be 3/9 & possibly 3/16
 - Based on the forecast for this weekend, we are still going to try to get some tasks done. We will focus on getting the cages hung and the IL Fence up if we don't get a lot of rain. We will monitor the weather and decide tomorrow (Friday).
- Tony is going to replace the boards on the picnic tables. We might also look to purchase a few more tables.
- The tractor is up and running at the Pony field. We need to decide on a shed for the Pony field.

- We reviewed a proposal from Thomas Pro-Turf to laser grade the IL field. The proposal includes laser grading of the field, new field dirt, reestablishing the outfield/infield arc and rebuilding the batters boxes with clay bricks. The proposed cost is \$11,050. This would come from our capital improvements account. Motion made by Gallucci, 2nd Cole to approve the regrading of the IL field. The motion passed unanimously.

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver

- Will publicize the coaches meeting
- Will get the ratings from skills day into the system

Umpires: Jamison

- PUA contact was signed and sent back to Dave Gregory.

Travel Coordinator: Jamison

- The hitting clinic was very well attended. We had a waiting list for both session and feedback was very positive.
- Sunday League (Ludwig)
 - Goal is to exclusively use the Google sheet for registration
 - Currently we show teams for each age group:
 - 7 teams at 8U
 - 4 teams at 9U
 - 6 teams at 10U
 - 6 teams at 11U
 - 1 team at 12U
 - We will not have a 12U division and we need more teams for 9U.
 - We need commissioners to help run the league.
 - 1st week of June will be the playoffs tournament.
 - 1st week of games will be April 7
- Cost will be \$150 per team; payment via Venmo

Clearances: Brown

- 32 coaches are registered for Sunday Leagues / 3 need to be updated or registered.
- 12 coaches signed up to help or coach in the Spring that need to submit clearances.
- Needs to make sure that unregistered coaches are included.
- Commissioners will need to help with compliance
- We currently sit at 91% adherence.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Picard
 - No update
- IL – Waters
 - No update

- ML – Shipley / Gallucci
 - No update
- LL – Bykowski
 - No update
- PONY – Fasy Greevy
 - Trying to get to 2 teams
- Colt
 - No update

Other News / Old Business:

- A summary of feedback from the recent Bylaws meeting on the proposed Travel Plus+ program was reviewed and discussed.
- The attendance at the Bylaws meeting was very good and the discussion was extremely constructive. Much feedback was received.
- At the Bylaws meeting, a motion was made and approved to table the vote on the program until future notice.
- Takeaways from the Bylaws meeting include:
 - Winter training and additional training seems to be the most important. This is what people are looking for.
 - Concerns were expressed about this program requiring a significantly higher commitment than Sunday League could lead to a loss of kids.
 - Views were very mixed on the program and the proposed change.
 - This is not a problem we are trying to solve for the current group of 9-12 year olds, this is an issue we are trying to solve for the current group of 3-7 year olds.
 - 5 potential solutions were reviewed and discussed.
 - It was noted that the only real change that needs to take place to the Bylaws is a change to year-round teams.
 - It was decided that we are in in-house organization first and that we should not try to compete with club teams. Everyone expressed interest in more training and we can adjust to accommodate that without this program.
 - It was decided that we would not move to year round teams and we would provide more winter training opportunities.
 - It was noted that we could still allow Sunday League teams to play tournaments rather than Sunday League with adjustments to the in-house schedule.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 PM [Waters/Capo]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2023 / 2024

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/14	10/11	11/9	N/A	1/11	2/8						
Time	8:30	8:30	7:00	N/A	8:00	8:00						
Chris Shipley (President / ML Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Jim Graff (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N					
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ ML Commish / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary/LL Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N					
Brad Barnes (MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N					
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y					
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y					
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	N		N	Y	Y					
Justin Acierno (Registrations)	Y	N	N		Y	N	Y					
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y					
Jon Capo ()	Y	N	N		N	Y	Y					
Mike Ludwig ()	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Kyle Brown (Clearances)	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Bob Waters (IL Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					
Brian Picard (T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	N		Y	N	N					
Paul Gilbert ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y					
Jeff Barnyak ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y					