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**To:** AAA Board Members  
**From:** Greg Bykowski  
**Date:** June 15, 2022  
**Re:** Monthly Board Meeting Notes – May

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**The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:15 PM**

## **MAY 2022 MONTHLY MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

All members were in attendance except the following: Kremer, Libbon, Jamison, Natale, Krul, Burford, & Hoover

### **Meeting Called to Order: 8:20 PM**

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Shipley (Seconded by Brown)

### **Financial Report: Kremer**

- Due to Ron's absence, the financial report was not updated this month. Last month's report is shown below.
- **\$62,702.67** in operating fund as of 04/07/22
  - Previous month: **\$78,470.07** [Net change: **(\$15.7k)**]
  - Withdrawals: \$2.4k + \$16.1k = \$18.5k
- **\$25,532.44** in capital fund as of 04/07/22
  - Previous month: \$10,532.24 [Net change: **\$15.0k**]
  - Deposits: \$15k
- **\$88,235.11** is the total ending balance on 05/05/22.

### **VP On-Field: Gallucci**

- Complaints that some coaches in T-Ball 4/5 are pitching too early
  - Farrell (T-Ball Commissioner) believes that many of the T-Ball parents would like to see kid pitch

- After a lot of discussion about the topic, Brown motioned to vote on the topic [Second by Gallucci]
- Current rule: Play two innings where batter hits off the tee. Teams can play a third inning where the batter hits off the tee if both coaches are in agreement and time permits / does not delay the next game.
  - This rule is in alignment with the development strategies that USA Baseball has recommended for 4 & 5-year olds
- Proposed rules:
  1. Complete remainder of T-Ball 4/5 season under the current rule (All batters hit off tee in all innings. No coach-pitch).
  2. Complete remainder of T-Ball 4/5 season under new rule that batter hits off tee for two innings. Then with two weeks left in the season (typically, two weeks before Memorial Day), coaches may pitch to their team if both coaches agree that most of their players have developed their skills enough to hit a pitched ball.
  3. Complete the remainder of T-Ball 4/5 season under new rule that it is the coach's discretion as to let a coach pitch to certain players.
- A show of hands vote lead to the board deciding that the current rule would remain in effect for the rest of this season
  - Results were 6 votes for Option 1, 5 votes for Option 2, & 1 vote for Option 3
- It was recommended that rules be better established at the beginning of the season with all coaches.

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

- MDT Sign-up / Task List will be posted
  - Will be picking up U-Haul on Wednesday
  - 50/50 sales will be solicited. Winner must be present to collect pot.
  - Clothing racks have been procured.
  - No mystery bags.
  - Silent auction items have been collected.
  - Snow cone vendor will donate 10% of his revenue back to the organization
  - Gift baskets from teams
    - Donation was a "suggestion" so some teams are getting low participation.
  - Totes to carry snacks as a "ballpark vendor"
  - Brad will be using Venmo to collect money for purchases
    - Show that the transaction goes through
    - Avonworth Baseball Venmo account was set up as a business
    - Brad will print a few QR codes to link to the Venmo account
    - Square requires a 2% fee added to the transaction
    - Natale needs to transfer access to Barnes

**Registration: Hetcko**

- No update

**Equipment: Cole**

- No update. If commissioners have issues, they should contact Brad at 724-554-5974.

**Concessions: Gallucci**

- Approximately \$5,700 of gross sales this month.
- Approximately \$2,700 of expenses
- Net revenue: Approximately \$3,000. With 14 days of games, that equates to \$214 per day the concession stand is open.
- Fries were a big hit.
- Supplies, in general at stores, are running low.
- Fridge needs to be replaced.
- Freezer in Big Shed needs to be defrosted.
- Sign-up Genius for Memorial Day will be issued soon.

**Umpires: Jamison**

- ML umpires will have the choice to move behind the pitcher's mound
  - Umpires are complaining about the physical abuse from catchers not catching the ball.
  - QV has already allows umpires to call pitches from behind the pitcher's mound.

**Uniforms: Brown**

- Sunday uniforms have been delivered. Duplicates were replaced with the correct jersey numbers
- Four week lead time for new jerseys
- Brown to check with Natale to determine if extra jerseys were ordered
- Brown said that Shields will talk to shirt vendor about snagging jerseys

**Field Maintenance: Shipley**

- Fields, in general, see to be in good shape.
- RF in LL Field is saturated due to the creek bank failure
- Two palettes of field conditioner / one palette of field dry / one palette of chalk has been received.
- Two super-sacks of field conditioner were received and will be distributed at the T-Ball 6 Field and the IL Field
- Will be painting areas of the ML Field fence
- IL baseboxes need to be repaired
- Parking for people with disabilities should be established in the area along the fence near T-Ball 4/5 Field. There have been several occasions when people were looking to drop off a person with disabilities.
  - Brad Cole can provide the dimensions of a standard ADA parking spot

### **Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Burford**

- No update

### **Travel Coordinator: Graff**

- Summer Tournament Team registrants [coaching assignments]:
  - 7U: 12 [Justin Winters]
  - 8U: 24 [Chris Shipley / TBD]
  - 9U: 26 [Rob Chappo / Ben Erdeljac]
  - 10U: 20+1? [Hermie Carmichael / TBD]
  - 11U: 23 [Craig Catanese / TBD]
  - 12U: Between 11-14 [By committee – Radkowski / Bevington]
- No complaints for Sunday Leagues
- South Hills League has generally been good.
- 10U team registration will be reopened to allow for two full teams.
- Voting for teams will occur on 5/15 or 5/16
- July 16 & 17: 8U/9U/10U tournament will still be hosted at Avonworth
  - Tournament will be posted to the MCAA website. Cost is \$70.

### **League Reports:**

- T-Ball – Farrell
  - No issues other than coach pitch question
- IL – Gallucci
  - No issues
- ML – Chappo
  - QV has complained about the requirement to report pitches when a pitcher pitches under 40 pitches.
- LL – Cavanaugh
  - No update. Teams from North Hills & Quaker Valley have been relatively competitive.
- Pony – Natale
  - No update
- Colt – Libbon
  - 21 kids registered.
    - Lost a coach. Shinsky was going to coach, but couldn't make it work.
      - Hollywood / Barnes / Hetcko may coach by committee
    - Wayne Homol is taking a team during the week due to travel players
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  - Libbon will be assembling a 15U team for tournaments

### **Clearances: Libbon**

- Libbon stated that he still needs the paperwork for a handful of coaches.

### **Other News / New Business:**

- Attendance to meetings should be more, if possible.
  - No volunteering means that the organization cannot have all of the luxuries that we have.
  - Website / Registration / other board openings exist
  - Possibly hire a part-time person to help with maintenance?
  - Any prospective board members?
    - Chappo might have a few people to recruit. One is an athletic director.
    - Any T-Ball parents interested?
- Can we establish a method of virtual participation?
- Farrell talked about a lack of communication
  - GroupMe was suggested
- Brown asked about attendance requirement for the Summer Tournament Team
  - Brett said that the Memorial Day Tournament games would count, but Playoff games would not.
  - The board is aware of the conflict with the bylaws and the email dated 4/27/22.
- Old topics:
  - 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: 8/25/22 is the first day of school
    - School buses to transport attendees (similar to the Cornhole event)
    - Cash bashes for other organizations:
      - Softball: 9/18
      - Football / Wrestling: ???

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:08 PM**

**Motion - Cole**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Shipley**

### Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2021 / 2022

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Brett Cavanaugh (President)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair )	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ron Kremer (Treasurer)	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N			
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Michael Libbon (Colt Comm./Clearances)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N			
Mike Jamison (Umpires)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N			
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y			
Dave Natale ( MDT committee)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N			
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y			
Brian Krul (Fall Ball Commissioner)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N			
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Kathy Burford (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N			
Chris Shipley (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
Ryan Farrell (T Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Jimmy Brown (Uniforms)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y			
Chris Butsko ( )	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y			
Joe Hoover ( )	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N			
<b>Non-Members</b>												
Mike Hetcko	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y			