

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: September 15, 2022
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – August

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on August 18th, 2022 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 7:30 PM

AUGUST 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Cole (Vacation), Libbon, Krul (Football), Burford, Shipley, Brown (Vacation) & Butsko (Basketball).

Also in attendance were potential board members that included: Eric Garver, Todd Wilmus, Mike Ludwig, & Nate Milsom.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:44 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Graff (Seconded by Chappo)

Financial Report: Kremer

- June Financial Report
 - **\$64,451.62** in operating fund as of 06/30/22
 - Previous month: **\$61,105.93** [Net change: **\$3.3k**]
 - Withdrawals: \$1.8k + \$29.2k = \$31.0k
 - Deposits: \$34.3k
 - **\$25,533.08** in capital fund as of 06/30/22
 - Previous month: **\$25,532.87** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
 - **\$89,984.70** is the total ending balance on 06/30/22.
- July Financial Report
 - **\$62,453.42** in operating fund as of 07/31/22

- Previous month: **\$64,451.62** [Net change: **(\$2.0k)**]
- Withdrawals: \$1.0k + \$17.1k = \$18.1k
- Deposits: \$16.1k
- **\$25,533.30** in capital fund as of 07/31/22
 - Previous month: **\$25,533.08** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
- **\$87,986.72** is the total ending balance on 07/31/22.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Teams have been drafted
- Coaches have been selected
- IL & LL need to update schedules
 - Season to start as early as September 6th
 - Opening Day to be held on September 10th
 - Every Avonworth team should play AT Avonworth, if possible
 - Season should end around October 15th
- T-Ball will start their games at 5:30 PM on weekdays
 - 8 teams total
- More late registrations than normal. Many were IL players.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Avonworth Community Park proposed a potential “Cash Bash” at Miller Hall with AAA.
 - 10/29/22
 - Tents / Fire pits / etc.
 - Date would not work because Softball is having one on 9/16 & Football/Wrestling is having one on 10/15

Registration: Hetcko (Presented by Cavanaugh in Hetcko’s absence)

- Mid-October to Late-October for Sunday League

Equipment: Cole

- All coaches have the equipment that they need.
- T-Ball buckets have been distributed.

Concessions: Gallucci

- Deep freezer was purchased.

Umpires: Jamison

- No significant update.

Uniforms: Brown

- Orders have been placed for the Fall uniforms
- Custom hats are more expensive than the MLB or MILB hats

- Fall ball will be using MLB/MILB hats
- No coaches will receive shirts. Only head coach will receive a hat.
- Old business:
 - Player costs have been developed.
 - Replace coaches' jersey that matches the kids' jerseys with a matching coaches' jacket / shirt.
 - Coach's shirt costs between \$44 - \$50 plus cost of hat
 - Sunday League jerseys were purchased by the organization in 2022
 - Cost for Summer Tournament Team coaches would have been \$780 for (13) jerseys
 - Motion: Coaches' shirts for Summer Tournament Teams to be paid for by the AAA Board. Coaches shirt/jersey purchase policy will be revisited. [Bykowski/Farell]

Field Maintenance: Shipley

- Weeds need to be pulled on most fields
- Material supplies in good shape.
- Grass is healthy
- Field Clean-Up Day scheduled for 10/22/22
- Old business:
 - Parking
 - Would like to create some parking spots that meet ADA requirements. There have been several occasions when people were looking to drop off a person with disabilities.
 - No parking signs should be respected
 - Brad Cole can provide the dimensions of a standard ADA parking spot
 - Remind coaches / players / parents that garbage needs to be cleaned out of dugouts and around fields
 - Would like to add an additional storage area behind the ML Field
 - Would also like to add an additional chain link fence to create a designated on-deck circle at the LL Fields
 - Brad Cole said that he might be able to help with this repair
 - Chappo brought up his concern with the T-Ball 6 Field foul line fence

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Burford

- Evaluation process needs to be updated
- Might want to move the evaluation process to the VP-On-Field position or the Travel Coordinator.

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- No significant complaints
- Liked being able to post on Facebook
- Avonworth Summer Classic Tournament Financials

- Registration was \$350 per team.
- Revenue: Approximately \$3,500 in concessions & registrations
- Expenses: To be determined
- Estimated profit: To be determined
- Old business:
 - Does the organization need to register for tournaments sooner?
 - Some coaches have mentioned that some tournaments are filling up sooner and sooner, which means that some teams are missing opportunities to register for desired tournaments.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Graff
 - All teams practicing
 - Field needs some work
 - Schedule needs to be finalized
 - Coaches meeting to be held on 8/25/22
 - Rules were reviewed
- IL – Gallucci
 - Five teams – 13 kids per team
- ML – Chappo
 - Six teams – 66 players
 - Four QV teams.
 - Schedule needs to be tweaked
 - QV had recommended rule changes
 - Rule changes – See new business.
- LL – Bykowski
 - Four AAA teams – 11 kids per team
 - Three QV teams
 - No response from North Hills
- Pony – Natale
 - 13 registrants
 - Barzen to head coach with Natale to assist.
 - Proposing that Colt & Pony have a standard “custom” hat.
 - Natale / Barzen will call DiPaola about scheduling games
- Colt – Libbon
 - Three registrants. Refunds will be distributed.
 - Josh Hollywood received notice of a fall league, but it was too late.

Clearances: Libbon

- No update

Other News / New Business:

- Annual Meeting
 - Six departing / open positions

- If more new people register than open positions, we should make sure that those non-members are still invited to participate in monthly meetings.
- Ron will be stepping down as Treasurer, but will be willing to train the new Treasurer for a few months.
- Be reminded to mentor new members so you can learn the processes
- ML Rule Changes
 - Five recommended changes
 - Continuation rule to be eliminated for both Spring & Fall seasons, except for over the fence home runs
 - Recommendation: Approved
 - Eliminate the “steal after one out rule”
 - QV is 100% for the elimination of the rule
 - Avonworth coaches are split
 - Recommendation: Keep the steal after one out rule because it creates the opportunity for force outs.
 - Reduce number of outfielders to 3 OF at ML Level
 - QV supports
 - AAA hard “no” against rule change. Gives more kids the opportunity to play the field
 - Recommendation: 4 OF to remain
 - Reduce innings maximum innings pitched in each game from three to two in fall
 - QV wants 3 innings max.
 - QV has less pitching options
 - AAA supports two innings max.
 - Recommendation: Keep 3 innings max.
 - Increase mound visits from 2 to 3 per inning
 - QV is in favor
 - AAA is against
 - Recommendation: 2 visit limit
 - Memorial Day rules
 - 2 innings max per game
 - No time limit
 - Pitch count rules
 - Eliminate the “reset pitch count availability after during the semi-finals”
 - Bykowski asked about a walk limit to 4 or 5.
 - Option was considered, but not implemented.
- T-Ball Rule Changes
 - Comments reviewed.
 - Coach pitch allowed during the last two weeks for Spring
 - Jim Graff to issue rules document and guidance document
 - Fall Ball
 - 1st two weeks off tee

- Remainder of coach pitch
 - T-Ball 6: In Spring, coach pitch full time. No tee.
 - No changes for IL & LL.
 - Winter Training Proposal
 - See handout from Jim Graff
 - Summary: Paid coaches. Practices at separate facility. Similar to travel/club baseball product.
 - Cause: Sunday Leagues are having trouble getting teams because some players are choosing Travel Ball.
 - Gallucci: This would support the 24 players, but not the entire 375. Also opposes his interpretation of the by-laws.
 - Barnes: If we don't do this, how do we fix the Sunday problems?
 - Gallucci: Some Sunday teams had a good experience
 - Graff: 9 & 10 year olds did not
 - Gallucci: Improve or create a new regional Sunday League.
 - Barnes: AAA needs to adapt and this option would help.
 - Graff: Provides an option for people who want a little more instruction without high price of travel ball
 - Ludwig: His daughter's group tried this and got killed every week. Could not compete with the Travel Ball organizations
 - Vote on the proposal:
 - Yes: 2
 - No: 6
 - Abstained (to better understand the proposal): 3
 - Farrell: Any deadline?
 - Barnes: No deadline to make the decision
 - 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
- Football / Wrestling: ???

Meeting Adjourned: 10:34 PM

Motion: Gallucci (Seconded by Jamison)

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2021 / 2022

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date								4/7	5/5	6/16	7/7	8/18
Time									8:15	8:00	7:00	7:30
Brett Cavanaugh (President)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Ron Kremer (Treasurer)	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		N
Michael Libbon (Colt Comm./Clearances)	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N		N
Mike Jamison (Umpires)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N		Y
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N		Y
Dave Natale (MDT committee)	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N		Y
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y
Brian Krul (Fall Ball Commissioner)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N		N
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Kathy Burford (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N		N
Chris Shipley (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N
Ryan Farrell (T Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y
Jimmy Brown (Uniforms)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		N
Chris Butsko ()	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N		N
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y