

# Memo

**To:** AAA Board Members  
**From:** Greg Bykowski  
**Date:** August 1, 2024  
**Re:** Monthly Board Meeting Notes – August

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**The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on August 1st, 2024 at the Cabin at 8:00 PM.**

## **AUGUST 2024 MONTHLY MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

All members were in attendance except the following: Jamison, Garver, Capo, & Picard.

### **Meeting Called to Order: 8:22 PM**

- July's meeting minutes approved [Ludwig / Graff]

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

- September 12<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Meeting
- By-laws changes could be made at the annual meeting
  - Would be the time to make a change to year-round teams
  - Committees could be established during the annual meeting

### **Financial Report: Wilmus**

- July Financial Report
  - **\$42,486** in operating fund as of 7/31/24
    - Previous month (5/31): **\$11,920** [Net change: **\$30.6k**]
    - Deposits: \$70.5k
    - Withdrawals: \$39.9k
  - **\$31,836** in capital fund as of 7/31/24
    - Previous month: **\$31,836** [Net change: **\$0k**]
    - Deposits: \$0k

- Withdrawals: \$0k
- **\$29,456** in Venmo account as of 7/31/24
  - Previous month: **\$28,662** [Net change: **\$0.8k**]
  - Deposits: \$794
- **\$103,779** is the total ending balance on 1/31/24.
- Shipley & Wilmus will be working with Northwest to transfer the money from Venmo
- Additional information can be found in the Monthly Financial Report

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

- Evaluations have not been turned in by Jeff Johnson & Jeremy Reck
- Fall League
  - T-Ball: 58 kids (6 teams / 6 coaches) [Jamison / Brown]
  - IL: 59 kids (5 teams / 6 coaches, but one coach stepped back) [Coaches Approved by: Barnes / Gilbert]
  - ML: 52 or 53 kids (5 teams / 5 coaches) [Graff / Ludwig]
  - LL: 43 kids (4 teams / 2 coaches – need to get two more head coaches) [Barnyak / Waters]
  - PONY: 20 kids (Should be 22 kids) (2 teams / 2 coaches) [Jamison / Graff]
  - Drafts August 12, 13, 14, or 15 so rosters can be finalized for jerseys
  - Fall Ball ML Rule Change Proposal: After 3<sup>rd</sup> walk, coach could pitch to the batter to get the fielders the opportunity to hit.
- Commissioners
  - T-Ball: Picard???
  - IL: Waters [Milsom / Ludwig]
  - ML: Gilbert [Brown / Waters]
  - LL: Shipley for Fall Commissioner [Barnyak / Barnes]
  - PONY: Bykowski [Milsom / Brown]
- Opening Day 9/7, possibly.
- Final week, 10/19
- Blackout date for all three fields would be 10/5 to 10/7
  - Avonworth teams to possibly play games at QV & AGAA Fields during that weekend.

### **VP Off-Field: Graff**

- Commissioners – Sponsored kids will be distributed for jerseys
- Dick's Discount Day – August 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Milsom will talk to Shields about getting the available teams.

### **Concessions: Gallucci**

- No update.

### **Registration: Acierno**

- Registration closed this week.

**Equipment: Cole**

- Ordered some catchers gear and other items.
- Consider tarps for the ML Field.
- Purchase some field maintenance rakes & brooms [Bykowski / Barnes]
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- (100) dozen 100 LL logo balls were purchased from A.D. Starr in March 2024.
- Better control of baseballs
  - Provide two dozen balls to the coaches and make sure that they return them?
  - Commissioners: Reiterate that slightly used game balls should be reused in the next game.
- IL Field: Mini-metal drag needs to be purchased. Possibly replace with a rubber drag

**Uniforms: Milsom**

- Need to determine how to collect the \$1,426 for the extra Summer jerseys.

**Field Maintenance: Geiger (Shipley updated)**

- Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the IL Field should be laser graded by Thomas Pro Turf
- Purchase of gravel for the stone for the auxiliary parking area behind the LL Field
  - Motion to purchase two triaxles of pea gravel for the space
    - Waters / Milsom
    - Unanimously approved
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- Spring Clean-Up Days should be 3/9 & possibly 3/16
- \$2,209 for IL backstop repairs. Just replacing posts off the side of home plate. Chain link and remaining posts will not be replaced.
  - Motion unanimously approved to repair the posts at the IL Field [Gallucci / Bykowski]
- Water buffalos to be filled in May by Fire Department (Mike Metz is the contact).
- Tarps were purchased for LL in January, but not ML.
- Supplies will need to be purchased in 2024
- Committee:
  - Shipley would love to have a group of 20 people
  - Commissioners should send a message out to the coaches to ask for volunteers
- Old business:
  - Laser grading program
    - IL was the most recent laser grading (April 2024 / 2019).
    - ML was in 2022 (regrade in 2025???) Try to do before spring break.
    - LL was in April 2023 (in April 2026).

**Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver**

- Adding posts to social media

**Umpires: Jamison**

- No update
- NOTE: PUA requires that all umpires have clearances to work for PUA.

**Travel Coordinator: Jamison**

- No update
- Sunday League future?
  - Shipley will send Ludwig contact information
  - Would like to get this finalized by February meeting
  - Tournament should be planned. Hopefully, Avonworth can host a few.
  - Ludwig working on the Facebook blast from last year
    - Looking for the email addresses from last year
    - Need to compile from the previous head coaches
  - Look for \$150 per team

**Clearances: Brown**

- 119 coaches. 110 coaches have clearances. 92%
  - IL has one missing clearance
  - LL has one
  - ML is good
  - T-Ball has 7 coaches missing
- Might need to have a computer at the field during Opening Day.
- Needs to make sure that unregistered coaches are included.
- Commissioners need to help with compliance
- Annual "Safe Sport" training may be a requirement for Little League.
- The Board is aware of the issues with some expired clearances. The board is working to correct the problems.

**League Reports:**

- T-Ball – Picard
  - No update
- IL – Waters
  - No update
- ML – Shipley / Gallucci
  - No update
- LL – Bykowski
  - No update
- PONY – Fasy Greevy
  - No update
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- Two teams were established. Very short season due to the WPIAL and State Championship runs by the high school team.

**Other News / New Business:**

- Chris Shipley and the rest of the organization wanted to thank Brad Barnes for his 13 years of participation on the AAA Board.
- New topics:
  - Police vs. Firemen Game for Fundraising
    - Touch a truck?
  - Service Workers vs. 12U players
  - Possible donation to the Fire Department?
  - Summer Tournaments for 2025?
  - Coaches could start scheduling for next year on a preliminary basis.
  - Pine Richland's Travel Plus option seemed to fail after one year. They played 8-10 tournaments and ended at the end of June so vacations and football.
- Old business:
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**Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 PM [Graff / Barnes]**

**Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2023 / 2024**

<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>	9/14	10/11	11/9	N/A	1/11	2/8	3/7	4/11	5/9			8/1
<b>Time</b>	8:30	8:30	7:00	N/A	8:00	8:00	7:00	8:00	8:00			8:00
Chris Shipley (President / ML Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Jim Graff (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair )	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ ML Commish / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			N
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary/LL Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y			Y
Brad Barnes (MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	Y	Y			Y
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y			N
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	N	N			N
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y			Y
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	N		N	Y	Y	Y	N			N
Justin Acierno (Registrations)	Y	N	N		Y	N	Y	Y	Y			N
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Jon Capo ()	Y	N	N		N	Y	Y	N	Y			N
Mike Ludwig ()	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Kyle Brown (Clearances)	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Bob Waters (IL Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y
Brian Picard (T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	N		Y	N	N	N	Y			N
Paul Gilbert ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	Y			Y
Jeff Barnyak ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y