

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: October 5, 2022
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – September

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on September 15th, 2022 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:45 PM

SEPTEMBER 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: All attended.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:44 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Jamison (Seconded by Hoover)

Financial Report: Wilmus (information provided by Kremer)

- August Financial Report
 - **\$60,921.80** in operating fund as of 08/31/22
 - Previous month: **\$62,453.42** [Net change: **(\$1.5k)**]
 - Withdrawals: \$1.2k + \$7.1k = \$8.3k
 - Deposits: \$6.8k
 - **\$25,533.52** in capital fund as of 08/31/22
 - Previous month: **\$25,533.30** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
 - **\$86,455.32** is the total ending balance on 08/31/22.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- No significant complaints thus far.
- No major rule changes to report.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Opening Day for Fall Ball Revenue
 - Concessions: \$1,600
 - Merchandise: \$2,300
 - Liquidation sale created this revenue
 - Typically, sold shirts for \$5 per shirt with no cost since cost was already attributed to Memorial Day spending.
 - Total revenue: \$3,900
- Future merchandise:
 - Planning to design a St. Patty's Day shirt & hat
 - Avonworth Flag???
- Brad is going to consider extending sponsorship of Fall teams to companies.
- Farrell asked about trends for previous years

Registration: Cavanaugh

- Mid-October to Late-October for Sunday League
- Will need to request for head coaches of Sunday League

Equipment: Cole

- Need AD Starr 100 & AD Starr 5 baseballs
 - To customize, order to AD Starr needs to be at least 100 dozen
 - Practice balls are OK right now.
- Turn-in day will be scheduled at the end of the Fall Season

Concessions: Gallucci

- Net profit for Fall Ball Concessions: \$1,500
 - Revenue: \$3,100
 - Expense: \$1,600
- In general, prices of items had to increase between 25¢ to 50¢
- Soft pretzels have a high demand. Difficult to find inventory.

Umpires: Jamison

- Weekend times need to be adjusted. 30 minutes between games is too much. Dave Gregory complained that there would be too much downtime for the umpires.
- North Suburban Umpires might be an option to replace Dave Gregory's group if we were ever interested.
 - Would need the new organization's roster size and number of umpires that typically get scheduled.

Uniforms: Milsom (Information provided by Brown)

- All teams received uniforms
- When asked about in-house hats, the survey results yielded a 50% / 50% split between MLB/MiLB hat versus a "custom Avonworth" hat.
 - This needs to be reviewed next year before registration occurs.
- Coaches' Uniforms for Sunday / Tournament Teams

- Potential option would be to purchase a nice “sporty” shirt.
- Possibly something different than the players
- Spring & Summer uniforms should be similar.
- Old business:
 - Player costs have been developed and included in the Sunday / Tourney registration costs.
 - 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 2022 Summer Tournament Teams to be paid for by the AAA Board. Coaches shirt/jersey purchase policy will be revisited. [Bykowski/Farell]

Field Maintenance: Geiger (via Shipley)

- Material supplies in good shape. Will need a purchase in 2023
- Needed to purchase striping paint
- Grass is healthy
 - At some points, they are cutting twice a week, or as needed.
- Field Clean-Up Day scheduled for 10/22/22
 - 1-ton of field conditioner to be distributed during Fall Clean-Up
- Small shed doors need to be closed at the end of the night. Commissioner to remind LL & ML coaches.
- Need to make a decision on laser grading program
 - LL should be the next field to receive grading. Occur in March 2023?
 - IL during the following session (July / August 2023)
 - ML was the most recent laser grading.
- Suggestion was made by group to fix / replace the IL Scoreboard
 - Might cost some extra money
 - Needs power
- 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: Garver (via Cavanaugh)

- No update
- Brett will work with Eric to bring him up to speed.
- Apparel sales on the website yields little to no fundraising opportunities for the organization.
 - Unfortunately, we cannot eliminate the option to sell merchandise.
 - Might want to make a note in the Registration description that sales on the website do not benefit the organization
- 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

- Pure Athletex contract was signed.
 - Not sure if the payment has been sent to the vendor
- Ludwig is willing to help organize the Sunday League organization to provide an opportunity for organizations who are not participating in tournaments during the spring.
 - Contacts should be made with an organization's president to ensure commitment to the opportunity.
- Babe Ruth League folded at the last minute for a few of the age groups.
- Ludwig asked about the possibility of getting a hitting instructor for the teams. This would be included in the Sunday team registration fees.
- Committee members: Gallucci / Ludwig / Geiger / Farrell / Barnes
- 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 is going well
 - Suggestions for player development are being recommended
 - A Coaches Guidance Document was sent out to the coaches along with the rules.
 - T-Ball specific Coaches' Meeting should happen BEFORE the season starts

- A few weeks of skills stations might be a good way to develop the kids (and the first-time coaches)
 - Coaching resources should be pushed during the Coaches' Meeting
 - MOJO / Little League Tee Ball Curriculum
 - If no skills stations, practices should be built into the schedule
 - Could be a comment for ALL levels
- IL – Gallucci
 - Gallucci thinks that more development needs to happen at the T-Ball level. Some of the players coming up from the T-Ball group have a lot to learn.
 - No other issues with league.
- ML – Chappo
 - Parents have complained about parking issues
 - Strike zone needs to be established and communicated at the beginning of each game.
 - Chins-to-shins & line-to-line help kids get more comfortable with swinging.
- LL – Bykowski
 - Games have been competitive
 - No issues with QV.
- Pony – TBD
 - No update
- Colt – TBD
 - N/A

Clearances: Libbon

- No update

Other News / New Business:

- 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: 10/15

Meeting Adjourned: 10:44 PM

Motion: Jamison [Seconded by Cole]

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
	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Brett Cavanaugh (President)	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	9/15	10/5										
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	8:30	8:00										
Ron Kremer (Treasurer)	Y											
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y											
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y											
Michael Libbon (Colt Comm./Clearances)	Y											
Mike Jamison (Umpires)	Y											
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y											
Dave Natale (MDT committee)	Y											
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	Y											
Brian Krul (Fall Ball Commissioner)	Y											
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator)	Y											
Kathy Burford (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y											
Chris Shipley (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y											
Ryan Farrell (T Ball Commissioner)	Y											
Jimmy Brown (Uniforms)	Y											
Chris Butsko ()	Y											
Joe Hoover ()	Y											