

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: October 11, 2023
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – September

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on September 14, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:30PM

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Capo & Milsom.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:33 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Jamison / Waters. Gallucci DID attend the August meeting. Typo was noted.

President's Report: Shipley

- Asks that ALL members make their best efforts to attend all possible meetings, on-field events, & volunteer activities.
 - This includes maintenance of the fields and participating in Memorial Day activities.
- Member volunteer hours directly impact the financial stability of the organization.
- Will need to determine the best course of action to manage the impact that “pay-to-play” organizations have had on the in-house and “travel team”
- Make sure that you maintain RESPECTFUL discussions during the meetings.

Financial Report: Wilmus

- August Financial Report
 - **\$57,058** in operating fund as of 08/31/23
 - Previous month (5/31): **\$44,087** [Net change: **\$13.0k**]

- Deposits: \$73.0k
 - Withdrawals: \$60.0k
- **\$21,835** in capital fund as of 08/31/23
 - Previous month: **\$21,834** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k
 - Withdrawals: \$0k
- **\$78,893** is the total ending balance on 08/31/23.
- A \$10k surplus exists in the Venmo account. Gallucci & Wilmus working to transfer the money into the organization's account.
- Additional money has been transferred via credit card
 - \$1600 for Fall Merchandise Sale
- Two sponsor payments have not been received (Willow & Linhart).
- Port-A-Johns to be picked up in the first full week of November.
- Waters asked about a Capital Improvement Plan
 - Gallucci mentioned Shipley's Capital Plan (2021)
 - It would be good to review again
- Additional information can be found in the Monthly Financial Report

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Registrations: 224 total registrants for 2023 Fall Ball
 - PONY: 15
 - Little League: 38
 - Minor League: 50
 - Instructional League: 78
 - Tee Ball: 43
- All leagues drafted their teams
 - No significant issues with the drafts
 - Picard managed the T-Ball team assignments.
- Games have started at the beginning of September
 - ML: QV vs. QV is having a coach pitch if a pitcher is not pitching well. QV vs. Avonworth is kid-pitch only. Might be revisited in Fall 2024.
- Game cancellations:
 - Notifications should be made to Commissioner, Gallucci (Concessions), and Umpires (if applicable)
 - Rescheduling should be made to the SportsConnect website
 - Coaches need to make sure the field is available through the commissioners
- Game play:
 - In Fall, please focus on callovers versus call-up
 - Callovers cannot pitch and must bat last
- By-Laws Committee
 - Bykowski - Chair
 - Acierno
 - Garver
 - Gallucci to provide full list

VP Off-Field: Barnes / Graff

- Fall Merchandise Sale made \$1,600 on Fall Ball Opening Weekend. There is still a little bit more merch available.
- TV needs to be taken down and stored in someone's house over the winter
- Geiger suggested having a merchandise website.
- Memorial Day Committee
 - Cole
 - Acierno
 - Ludwig
 - Milsom
 - Bykowski
 - Shipley
 - Geiger
 - Wilmus
 - Barnes
 - Gallucci
 - Gallucci to provide full list

Registration: Acierno

- See VP Off-Field's report.

Equipment: Cole

- (20) dozen 100 LL balls have been received
- (100) dozen 100 LL logo balls have been ordered. Should be delivered in March 2024
- Better control of baseballs
 - Provide two dozen balls to the coaches and make sure that they
 - Commissioners: Reiterate that slightly used game balls should be
 - Gallucci is going to send an email to all coaches as the VP-On Field
 - Provide additional fencing to the ML & IL Fields
- IL Field: Mini-metal drag needs to be replaced. Possibly replace with a rubber drag

Concessions: Gallucci

- Mike Gallucci to provide GRB with this information at a later date.
 - Revenue:
 - Expense:
 - Net income:
- Sign-Up Genius is available for concession stand. A lot of openings exist.
 - Saturday at 12:30 PM needs to be filled.
 - No grill at this point, but could open if volunteers are interested.
 - Gallucci will send out a reminder to the entire organization.

- Commissioners / Coaches should encourage parents to volunteer.
- Fridge / Freezer combo will need to be replaced soon

Umpires: Jamison

- Prices are going up.
 - Jamison to provide pricing.
- PUA is having a tough time finding umpires.
- Motion to use PUA for 2023/2024 season [Shiplely / Bykowski]
- The consensus of the board members is that the group would like umpires to perform as many games behind the plate as possible

Uniforms: Milsom

- Summer uniforms were not received if they did not play Sunday jerseys
 - The jerseys are in the shed and they should be
 - Parents can purchase jersey of their kid
 - Milsom needs to request a full money refund from the vendor for the late delivery.
 - Milsom to be notified.

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Supplies are good
- Planning to make some repairs
- Water buffalos for water treatment at LL, ML, & IL Fields
 - Might be able to use OT Parks?
 - Needs a battery powered pump
- Fall Clean-Up after October 21st (Last games)
 - Football second round is 10/28
- Committee:
 - Shiplely would love to have a group of 20 people
 - Commissioners should send a message out to the coaches to ask for volunteers
- Invest in new tarps for the ML & LL Fields
 - Use this as an advertising opportunity
- Old business:
 - Laser grading program
 - IL during the following session (April 2024??? Not during Easter Weekend)
 - LL was the most recent laser grading (in April 2023)
 - ML was in 2022

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Garver

- Sunday League & Memorial Day champion pictures were posted.
- Eric might look into switching providers for internet.

Travel Coordinator: Graff / Jamison

- Sunday League future?
 - Plan on doing this again. A lot of work. But allowed for extra reps. Was a warm-up for summer tournaments.
 - Other coaches were helpful at times.
 - Cost for the trophies did not get covered by the money collected by the teams.
- Fall Baseball Tournament for High School
 - Fundraiser for Spring Training Myrtle trip.
 - Would have to work around fall ball.
 - Needs to be determined.
 - Discuss at August Meeting
 - More details need to be provided

Clearances: Brown

- No update

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Picard
 - No significant complaints yet
- IL – Waters
 - No significant complaints
 - Starting with one-hour of practice and scrimmage for the last hour of the game
 - Games have been scheduled on 10/07. They need to be rescheduled
 - Waters asked if they could be played on the AGAA Field
 - 12-13 teams have registered for the 8U High School Tournament.
- ML – Shipley / Gallucci
 - Many walks
- LL – Bykowski
 - No major issues
- Pony – TBD
 - No significant issues
- Colt
 - No fall baseball

Other News / New Business:

- Sunday League Status???
 - Provides extra opportunities for competitive
 - “Pay to Play” teams effect participation in the spring
 - GRB to get Shipley’s notes from topics
 - Decisions need to be made before the October meeting
 - The decision on the Winter Trainings needs to happen as soon as possible. This provides 6-9 additional practices
 - All community organizations are having this issue

- Determine what percentage of players in each division / age group will be involved
 - The solution for the 11U & 12U might not be the same as the solution 7U & 8U teams
 - Travel Ball decisions
 - Better instruction by “professionals”
 - Number of reps / number of games / number of opportunities
 - Play all year long. Therefore, possibly consider full-year commitment to families
 - Travel Ball solutions / options
 - Solutions need to be determined on an “age division” basis
 - Participation in “pay to play” varies by age group. The solution for the 8U group might not be the solution for the 11U group.
 - Option 1: Provide games on M-H
 - Missing Saturday revenue
 - Does it affect Memorial Day?
 - Fennell leaves Memorial Day opening
 - Not all organizations leave Memorial Day open
 - Schedule tournaments for Avonworth travel teams
 - Avonworth will still provide a Summer Tournament Team in this scenario
 - Option 2: Provide games on M-H & Saturday evening
 - Avonworth will still provide a Summer Tournament Team in this scenario
 - Option 3: Provide games Monday through Saturday morning / afternoon
 - Winter workouts could be open to ANY registrations for the 11U & 12U
 - Provide special instruction during those sessions
 - Need to make a decision on Winter Workouts soon.
 - Winter workouts by high school coaches? Is this possible per PIAA rules?
 - Would other options for fields be an option?
- 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.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:19 PM [Cole/Acierno]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2022 / 2023

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/15	10/5	11/3		1/5	2/2	3/2	4/11	5/4	6/8		8/3
Time	8:30	8:00	7:00		7:00	8:00	7:00	8:00	8:00	8:00		8:00
Chris Shipley(President)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Brett Cavanaugh (Registrations)	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	Y	N	N		N
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Jamison)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N	N	N		Y
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	Y	N	Y		N	N	Y	N	Y	N		Y
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator / T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y		Y
Ryan Farrell (Clearances)	Y	N	Y		N	Y	Y	N	N	Y		N
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N	N		N	Y	Y	N	Y	N		Y
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Justin Acierno (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y		Y
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	N	N	Y		N
Jon Capo ()	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		Y
Mike Ludwig ()	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y