

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: September 12, 2024
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – September

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on September 12th, 2024 at the Cabin at 8:46 PM.

SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Jamison,.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:46 PM

- August meeting minutes approved [Picard / Geiger]

President's Report: Shipley

- No by-law changes at this time.
- This will be Chris' last year as President of the organization. Actively looking for volunteers to continue providing a tremendous experience to 350 families.

Financial Report: Wilmus

- August Financial Report
 - \$43,551 in operating fund as of 8/31/24
 - Previous month (7/31): \$42,486 [Net change: \$1.1k]
 - Deposits: \$2.9k
 - Withdrawals: \$1.8k
 - \$31,837 in capital fund as of 8/31/24
 - Previous month: \$31,836 [Net change: \$0k]
 - Deposits: \$0k
 - Withdrawals: \$0k

- \$29,456 in Venmo account as of 7/31/24
 - Previous month: \$29,456 [Net change: \$0k]
 - Deposits: \$0
- \$104,845 is the total ending balance on 8/31/24.
- Sponsorships were approximately \$21k last year
- T-Mobile check was received
- Fall Ball invoice may not have been received from Shields
- Extra summer jerseys will be charged to each family
- Bykowski will contact DiPaola about getting a key for the bathrooms during the PONY games
- Wilmus stated that Gustic typically charges \$1,000 per cutting.

- 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
- Commissioners
 - T-Ball: Picard
 - IL: Waters [Milsom / Ludwig]
 - ML: Gilbert [Brown / Waters]
 - LL: Shipley for Fall Commissioner [Barnyak / Barnes]
 - PONY: Bykowski [Milsom / Brown]
- Final week, 10/19
- Hopefully, there are more practices scheduled for the fall season
- No modifications to the ML pitching rules in the Fall Season
- Blackout date for all three fields will be 10/5 to 10/7
 - Avonworth teams to possibly play games at QV & AGAA Fields during that weekend.

VP Off-Field: Graff / Gilbert

- Merchandise Tent generated \$719 on the left over merchandise from MDT
 - Might be good to have another clearance sale at some point
 - Hoodies will be moved into the concession stand

Registration: Berneberg

- Sunday League registration should open at the end of the meeting
- Registration email will need to be updated. Amanda will be updating and checking this
- Brian Picard requested that registration limit young 4-year-olds from signing up. This has been an issue in the past. Only 4-year olds at the start of the T-Ball Season (Birthday before 4/30) should be allowed to play Fall T-Ball.

Equipment: Cole

- Base plugs, rakes, & other items were purchased
 - More field rakes need to be purchased (\$70 each)
 - Adam Keith might be able to find some used tools that could be helpful. He will be on the lookout.
- Six (6) dig out tools were purchased for the LL Field and the PONY Field
 - Please keep a better eye on these so they don't disappear
- Ordered some catchers gear and other items.
- Consider tarps for the ML Field.
- Purchase some field maintenance rakes & brooms [Bykowski / Barnes]
- (100) dozen logo balls to be purchased from A.D. Starr.
 - (20) dozen T-Balls
 - (60) dozen LL Balls
 - (10) dozen PONY
 - (10) dozen Colt
 - Budget should be approximately \$5,500 to purchase (100) dozen balls
 - Last purchased 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

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
 - Expect registration fees to be \$150 per team

Concessions: Gallucci

- \$1,300 during Fall Ball Opening Day
- Approximately \$750 during the week with cash & Venmo purchases
- Open concession stand slots are available on Saturday

Umpires: Jamison

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

Uniforms: Milsom

- No significant updates
- PONY did not receive hats. Possibly use surplus Memorial Day hats.

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Painting & field updates.
- ML mound may need to be rebuilt
- The park was supposed to clear the garbage.
- Field Clean-Up might be 10/26/24
- Bullpen batting cage netting needs to be replaced
 - Motion to purchase a new batting cage [Ludwig / Bykowski]
 - To be installed in the spring
 - Consider installing turf & gravel through the length of the bullpen batting cage similar to the LL Batting Cage.
 - Cupples Stadium might have extra turf. Milsom will check on how to procure this equipment
- Tarps were purchased for LL in January 2024, but not ML.
- As of 9/12/24, we do not have to purchase supplies before the end of 2024
- Committee:
 - Committee established in Annual Meeting
 - 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

- Facebook / Instagram will be coordinated with Garver & Berneberg
- Adding posts to social media
- Committee for player evaluation could be established
 - Re-evaluation of the process might be worth
 - Suggested having a tryout
 - Mike Ludwig [Chair]
 - Rich Mangene
 - Scott Seapker
 - Adam Keith
 - Bob Waters
 - Todd Wilmus
 - Nate Milsom

Clearances: Brown

- 81 coaches. Approximately 76 coaches have clearances. 94%

- IL has one missing clearance
- LL has one
- ML is good
- T-Ball has 2 coaches missing
- Annual "Safe Sport" training may be a requirement for Little League. Might need to be launched in January for completion in Spring
- The Board is aware of the issues with some expired clearances. The board is working to correct the problems.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Picard
 - Games are longer than an hour
 - Coach pitch is occurring after first two weeks. Pitching 5 pitches.
 - 10 players is too much. 7-8 players would be more manageable.
 - Assistant coaches are not as engaged with the players
 - Registration might need to limit young 4-year-olds from signing up
 - Would like to have some more improvement for the T-Ball 6 players moving up to IL.
 - Fundamentals need to be taught at the younger levels
 - T-Ball coaches need instruction in the future
 - Previous coaches
 - Possibly for IL & other leagues
 - Provide a "transition" camp between seasons. Could help with evaluations
- IL – Waters
 - Some teams have lost players due to numerous reasons
- ML – Gilbert
 - Laser grade is needed
- LL – Shipley
 - QV would like to backload the schedule. Has caused an issue, but it has been corrected
 - Montour filled in where QV could not participate
- PONY – Bykowski
 - No update
- Colt – Bykowski
 - No fall league

Other News / New Business:

- New topics:
 - PONY Field Improvements presented by Ben Erdeljac
 - Field could use some improvements
 - Mound has not been maintained
 - Drainage needs to be corrected
 - Trees need to be trimmed / removed
 - Other miscellaneous improvements suggested

- Presented a few improvements
- Several people mentioned that the school board might be interested in selling this facility for development.
 - Need to verify this source
- Gallucci stated that no leases are in place
 - Need to find out how to facilitate this work
 - Thinks that we might be able to talk to Hadley.
 - School is spending over \$500k for other athletic improvements
- Need to develop a phased approach to improving the field
 - Phase 1:
 - Phase 2:
 - Phase 3:
- Middle School coaches are interested in making these improvements
- Consider renting fields in other communities INSTEAD of using Patrick Kenny
 - Parents might not want to travel to other communities.
- SHARE SHARED DOCUMENT
- Bylaw meeting to discuss full-year teams
 - Ludwig will start developing the proposal
 - Gallucci thinks that we should select the team in June or July
 - Additional details need to be discussed
 - Need to have approximately 30-days warning to the community
- Old business:
 - Nothing has carried over from previous meetings.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 PM [Cole / Graff]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record – 2024 / 2025

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/12			N/A							N/A	
Time	8:30			N/A							N/A	
Chris Shipley (President / LL Commisioner)	Y											
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/Concessions/MDT Cmtee)	Y											
Paul Gilbert (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair / ML Commish)	Y											
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y											
Brad Cole (Recording Secretary)	Y											
Greg Bykowski (PONY/Colt Commissioner)	Y											
Mike Jamison (Umpires)	N											
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y											
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y											
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y											
Mike Ludwig (LL Commissioner/Travel Team Coordinator)	Y											
Kyle Brown (Clearances)	Y											
Bob Waters (IL Commissioner)	Y											
Brian Picard (T-Ball Commissioner)	Y											
Jeff Barnyak ()	Y											
Amanda Berneberg (Registrations)	Y											
Rich Mangene (Equipment)	Y											
Adam Keith ()	Y											
Scott Seapkar ()	Y											