

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: November 2, 2022
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – October

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on October 6th, 2022 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:00 PM

OCTOBER 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Graff, Slater, Hoover, Chappo Farrell.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:10 PM

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

President's Report: Shipley

- Little League Charter was processed. Total cost was \$5,200.
 - Fees include insurances
 - Increased the insurance limit from \$2.0 MIL to \$3.0 MIL for an extra \$400
 - Shipley will review the language in the policy to determine if there is any property insurance included.
- Planning to add the yearly calendar of events to the website.

Financial Report: Wilmus (information provided by Kremer)

- August Financial Report
 - **\$47,633.46** in operating fund as of 09/30/22
 - Previous month: **\$60,921.80** [Net change: **(\$13.3k)**]
 - Withdrawals: \$1.0k + \$16.8k = \$17.8k
 - Deposits: \$4.5k

- \$25,533.73 in capital fund as of 09/30/22
 - Previous month: \$25,533.52 [Net change: \$0k]
 - Deposits: \$0k
- \$73,167.19 is the total ending balance on 09/30/22.
- Wilmus needs to get access to Quick Books
- Wilmus & Shipley need to transfer access to Northwest bank account from Kremer & Hetcko

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- No significant updates
- Thinking about having an introductory meeting with each league's coaches at the beginning of each season.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Online shop through Shields Embroidery should be established this month.
 - Open for Christmas delivery
 - The merchandise on the SportsConnect website does not provide much revenue for the organization
- Will be reaching out to sponsors for the Spring Season.
 - May also create a "combined package" to include sponsorship during the Fall Season
- Future merchandise:
 - Planning to design a St. Patty's Day shirt & hat
 - Avonworth Flag???

Registration: Cavanaugh

- Sunday League
 - Opens next week. Ends at the end of October (10/30)
 - Closing at this time so evaluations can be processed & coaches can be identified before the November Board Meeting
 - Need to make sure that the registration process includes a query for hat & shirt sizes for coaches.

Equipment: Cole

- Will be purchasing (60) AD Starr 100's, (20) AD Starr 5's, & (20) AD Starr 300's for approximately \$4,643. Delivery may occur in late March or mid April
- Will investigate the need for practice / blemish balls
- Field Clean-Up Day will be the Equipment Turn-In Day

Concessions: Gallucci

- Net profit for Fall Ball Concessions: \$4,950.35
 - Revenue: \$7,973.25
 - Expense: \$3,022.85
- Typically making \$250 a night.

- Approximately \$900 of revenue from the movie company
 - Kim sent a W-9 form to the movie company
 - A donation MAY be coming from the movie company
- Will start to sell out of some stuff to clear out inventory for winter

Umpires: Jamison

- No significant updates
- Roger the umpire is having some health issues

Uniforms: Milsom

- No update
- Lead time is still longer than normal
- Has a Nike contact through his work
- Sunday teams will be picked in November
- Knows what styles are typically available
- Was looking to see what designs have been used in the past
- Need to come up with an option for the “coaches’ shirt”
 - To be paid for by the coach
 - Maybe a dry-fit pullover

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Will need to purchase field materials in 2023
- Remind teams to clean out dugouts
- Grass is healthy
 - Grass was treated for snitch bugs
- Fixed fascia board on LL Field
- Games are going to 10/22
- Field Clean-Up Day scheduled for 10/23 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 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.
- 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
 - 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

- Garver working with Cavanaugh
- Facebook is typically maintained by Kristy Graff / Kim Gallucci / Stef Barnes
 - Garver will be added to the account
- Fall evaluations will be loaded into the website
- Might have to restart the process / records to revamp the evaluation process
- Gallucci will be sending an email out for evaluations

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- No significant updates
- Spring and Fall coaches will be involved with the Sunday team selection process. This allows more votes to regulate the best choice for the teams
- Sunday Team Head Coach will have an opportunity to vote
- 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
 - No significant updates
 - 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
 - No significant updates
- ML – Chappo
 - One QV coach has been ignoring the “pitch a 9U pitcher before the 4th inning” rule.
 - It was noted that if this coach did this during the Spring season, the coach would have to forfeit that game if he did not follow the rule
- LL – Bykowski

- No significant issues
- Pony – TBD
 - No update
- Colt – TBD
 - N/A

Clearances: Libbon

- No update

Other News / New Business:

- Corporate Sponsor Volunteer Grant [Ludwig]
 - BNY Program has “free money” available for volunteer hours
 - Ask other people in the organization if their employer has similar programs
- Baseball Card Trade Night [Ludwig]
 - Might be at Sports Card Junction store
 - Planning to offer this opportunity to the ML & LL kids
 - A discount on cards might be available
- Can we organize an Avonworth Baseball Night at PNC Park?
- 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: 10:10 PM

Motion: Cole [Seconded by Jamison]

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									
Time	8:30	8:00	7:00									
Chris Shipley(President)	Y	Y										
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y										
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y										
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y										
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y										
Brett Cavanaugh (Registrations)	Y	Y										
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y										
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Jamison)	Y	Y										
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N										
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	Y	N										
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator / T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	N										
Ryan Farrell (Clearances)	Y	N										
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N										
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y										
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y										
Justin Acierno (Uniforms)	Y	Y										
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y										
Jon Capo ()	Y	Y										
Mike Ludwig ()	Y	Y										