

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: November 9, 2023
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes – October

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on October 12, 2023 at the Cabin at Acord Park at 8:30PM

OCTOBER 2023 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Capo, Acierno, & Gallucci.

Meeting Called to Order: 8:33 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by:

- Annual [Jamison / Barnes]
- Monthly [Cole / Capo]

President's Report: Shipley

- In general, all of the Fall Ball leagues seem to be going well.
- Not much else to say
- Coach's survey results will be sent out before the November meeting.

Financial Report: Wilmus

- September Financial Report
 - **\$42,133** in operating fund as of 09/30/23
 - Previous month (08/31): **\$57,058** [Net change: **\$16.3k**]
 - Deposits: \$1.4k
 - Withdrawals: \$16.3k
 - **\$21,835** in capital fund as of 09/30/23
 - Previous month: **\$21,835** [Net change: **\$0k**]
 - Deposits: \$0k

- Withdrawals: \$0k
- \$63,957 is the total ending balance on 09/30/23.
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- Only 1st week of Fall Ball
- \$1450 in Brad's Venmo Account
- Port-A-Johns to be picked up in the first full week of November.
- A \$10k surplus exists in the Venmo account. Gallucci & Wilmus working to transfer the money into the organization's account.
- Two sponsor payments have not been received (Willow-\$1200 & Linhart-\$800).
- Additional information can be found in the Monthly Financial Report

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- No significant issues.
- Very minor issues with pitching in ML.
- By-Laws Committee
 - Bykowski - Chair
 - Acierno
 - Garver
 - Others?

VP Off-Field: Graff

- Working on getting support for the Memorial Day Planning Committee
- High School Tournament raised \$5,500 for the High School Trip
 - Coach was very impressed with the community involvement and with the organization's facilities.
- TV needs to be taken down and stored in someone's house over the winter

Concessions: Gallucci

- 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

Registration: Acierno

- No update.

Equipment: Cole

- Equipment needs to be replaced
 - ML Catchers Gear and PONY Gear will need to be purchased next season
 - Waters suggests having a community set of catchers gear for IL.

- (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 return them?
 - 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 purchased. Possibly replace with a rubber drag

Umpires: Jamison

- Prices are going up.
 - Jamison will send pricing for 2022 & 2023
- Contract with PUA needs to be signed
- NOTE: PUA requires that all umpires have clearances to work for PUA.

Uniforms: Milsom

- Travel uniforms
 - Manufacturer wants to correct the issue, not Milsom's contact.
 - Milsom needs to request a full money refund from the vendor for the material delivered in August.
 - We can pay for the jerseys that were received on time.
 - Coaches will be surveyed to determine what jerseys were delivered late.
 - 11U-B team jerseys were received. Since there was no team, they probably need to be refunded.
 - Some jerseys are still sitting in the shed
 - Group is in support of the circle logo on the chest. Might stick with it in the Spring

Field Maintenance: Geiger

- Estimate for IL Backstop from Bethlehem Fence
- Water buffalos for water treatment at LL, ML, & IL Fields
 - Might be able to use OT Parks?
 - Needs a battery powered pump
- Water will be free from the Ohio Township Fire Department. Might start next year.
- No significant issues at this time.
- Field Clean-Up Day: Probably looking at Sunday, October 22nd
 - Would like to aerate & reseed during Field Clean-Up Day
 - Add extra soil into T-Ball 6 Field
 - Sign-Up Genius will be sent out soon.
 - Probably looking at 4-5 hours

- Football second round is 10/28
- Supplies will need to be purchased next year
- Milsom has contact information for DuraEdge (based out of Grove City)
 - 866-867-0052
 - Website: www.duraedge.com
- Committee:
 - Shipley 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 LL & ML
 - A.D. Starr is the vendor for the tarps
 - Brad will talk to the A.D. Starr about pricing.
 - Range from \$500 to \$1800 each
 - Measure on Field Clean-Up Day
 - 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: 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.
 - Made approximately \$6k for the high school players
 - Coach Bywalski was thoroughly impressed by the quality of the fields. He was very thankful for the support of the community organization.

Clearances: Brown

- Kyle now has access to the email and the system
- Working through the details
- 80% of the members have clearances. Does not include expired clearances.
- Needs to sort through emails.

- 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 significant complaints
 - Would like to have games after this upcoming Saturday if the rain cancels games.
- IL – Waters
 - No significant complaints
 - Might try to start games at 5:30 PM
 - Started games at 5:45 PM starting on 10/01
- ML – Shipley / Gallucci
 - No significant complaints
- LL – Bykowski
 - Some QV games have not been competitive
- PONY – TBD
 - Fasy would like to step in as the PONY commissioner
- Colt
 - No fall baseball

Other News / New Business:

- Old topics:
 - Sunday League Status???
 - Provides extra opportunities for competitive play
 - “Pay to Play” teams may affect participation in the spring
 - Decisions need to be made soon
 - 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
 - Reasons why some parents might choose Travel Ball
 - 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 does not schedule tournaments during Memorial Day weekend
 - 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?

Meeting Adjourned: 10:24 PM [Cole/Waters]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2023 / 2024

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Date	9/14	10/11	11/9									
Time	8:30	8:30	7:00									
Chris Shipley (President / ML Commissioner)	Y	Y										
Jim Graff (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y										
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ ML Commish / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	N										
Todd Wilmus (Treasurer)	Y	Y										
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary/LL Commissioner)	Y	Y										
Brad Barnes (MDT Committee)	Y	Y										
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y										
Mike Jamison (Umpires / Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y										
Eric Garver (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y										
Tony Geiger (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y										
Justin Acierno (Registrations)	Y	N										
Nate Milsom (Uniforms)	Y	Y										
Jon Capo ()	Y	N										
Mike Ludwig ()	N	Y										
Kyle Brown (Clearances)	N	Y										
Bob Waters (IL Commissioner)	Y	Y										
Brian Picard (T-Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y										
Paul Gilbert ()	Y	Y										
Jeff Barnyak ()	Y	Y										