

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: September 9th, 2021
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on September 9th, 2021 at Miller Hall at Avonworth Park at 8:30 PM.

September 2021 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except: Chappo & Krul

Meeting Called to Order: 8:32 PM

Prior Meeting minutes Approved - Natale
2nd - Barnes

Financial Report: Kremer

- **\$45,620.19** in operating fund as of 8/31/21
 - Previous month: \$53,367.01 [Net change: **(\$7,796.82)**]
 - Deposits: \$3,116.06
 - Summary: Registration (~3.1K)
 - Withdrawals: \$10,912.88
 - Summary: Tournaments (~3.2K), Utilities [Mr John] (~2.4K), Field Maintenance {[Gustic] (~0.7K), [Walker Supply] (~0.6K) & TruGreen (~0.5K)} (~1.9K), MDT {[Merchandise] (~0.5K) & Operations (~0.7K)] (~1.2K), Miscelaneous {[POW] (~0.7K) & [Bank Charges] (~0.2K)] (~0.9K), Concessions [Home Depot - Grill & Sams] (~0.8K) & Umpires [Colt & Pony Coach Reimbursement] (~0.4K)
- **\$10,531.71** in capital fund as of 8/31/21

- Previous month: \$10,531.62 [Net change: \$0.09]
- Deposits: \$0.09
- Withdrawals: \$0.00
- Ron provided examples of charges for operating expenses (ex. umpire fees, jersey purchases, etc.) versus capital expenses (ex. walls, lights, physical improvements to the facility).
- Once a year, the board will transfer money from the operating fund to the capital fund.
 - Typically, \$5 per player per season should be allocated to the capital fund.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- No on-field issues.
- Rule clarification: No continuation for Fall Ball games, unless a home run is hit over the fence.
- Make sure that games happen. Coaches should attempt to get callovers, first, then fill remaining open slots with call-ups from a lower league.
- Take advantage of the good weather while it is available.

VP Off-Field: Barnes (Natale provided an update)

- Sponsorships
 - Natale had two people help him last year.
 - Natale will continue to provide assistance in a supporting role.
 - Sponsorship letters typically are solicited at the beginning of January
 - Typically, the AAA does not have Fall Ball sponsors
 - An idea was raised to get a “next level” sponsorship for Fall to generate more donations.

Registration: Hetcko

- Registrants for Fall Colt League will be refunded. Not enough participants.

Equipment: Cole (Bykowski provided an update)

- No significant issues with equipment.
- Bykowski will work with Cole to transition processes.

Concessions: Gallucci

- Stand was stocked during the week of 9/6. \$787 was spent to restock.
- Opening Day brought in \$1,366 in revenue.
- Typical profit is approximately \$100 to \$200 per weeknight.
- The Shane Root Collection Fund totaled \$120 as of 9/9.
- Kim Gallucci to meet with the Tri-State Vending rep to purchase some materials from the Pool.
- Open spots for this Saturday’s games are available. (Burford volunteered to cover a slot)
- Coaches should push for volunteers to cover slots.

- Grill volunteers are always needed.
 - 100 hamburgers & 85 hot dogs remain.

Umpires: Jamison

- No updates and no complaints

Uniforms: Brown (Natale provided an update)

- No major issues

Field Maintenance: Shipley

- Weeds in the outfield of ML & LL.
 - TruGreen was contacted.
 - Shipley is considering other vendors.
 - Kremer to provide Shipley with a summary of the services.
 - Hetcko says that the grub treatment is NECESSARY
- Drainage at the IL Field
 - Going to work on this project during Field Clean-Up Day
- Laser grade IL Field
 - Group said that the drainage needs to be addressed
- Electrical work at the ML Field
 - Lou has worked on the breaker. He thinks that the issue is with a bad wire in the light along the 1st base side.
- Reposition lights at the LL Field
 - Sunbelt Rentals might be an option (Contact Matt Donovan).
 - 80-ft manlift is needed.
- Field conditioner
 - 3rd palette was purchased this month.
 - Be judicious with materials.
 - Puddle pillows and rolling sponge are both alternatives.
- Cavanaugh asked for Shipley to send out a reminder / guidelines for field maintenance.
 - Puddle pillows in the base boxes
 - Don't rake field conditioner into the grass areas. Brush dirt from the grass into the dirt, not the reverse.
- \$200 for a replacement chalk lining tool.
- Fall Clean-Up
 - Dates are 10/16/21 & 10/23/21 to reduce the commitment for the day.
 - Overseeding of the Tee-Ball 4/5 Field is necessary.
- L-Screens need to be built / repaired / replaced.
- Barnes brought up the idea about locking the batting cage.
 - Other organizations / instructors are using the facilities

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Burford

- No update

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- Graff reported a complaint that he received about some players receiving too many opportunities as a replacement player for the 10U teams.
 - Gallucci noted that since the situation involved the travel team, the organization's by-laws state that it is up to the head coach of the team to select replacement players based on the needs of the team.
- Spring Sunday League selections will occur in mid-November.
- Winter training will move to Pure Athletex vs. the RMU Dome
 - Sessions will start on 1/31 & end on 3/25 (weekdays).
 - 7.5 total hours.
 - The total cost for the rental is \$7,500.
 - A majority of the coaches prefer the team practices.
- Kremer will provide the costs for the RMU Dome from last year.
- Practice plans should be collected from The Baseball Factory

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Farrell
 - No issues
- IL – Gallucci
 - Some of the new coaches had a few issues, but no issues otherwise.
- ML – Chappo
 - Chadwick games can be moved up or moved to Avonworth. Avonworth should bill QV for the umpires as they have done in the past.
- LL – Cavanaugh
 - No issues.
- Pony – Natale
 - Will be participating in the Moon League
- Colt – Libbon
 - No league for Fall Ball

Clearances: Libbon

- Libbon distributed the list of people without current clearances.

Other News:

- Scott Dick proposed that one of the baseball fields be renamed to honor Jacob Jaillet, who was murdered a few months ago.
 - Natale mentioned that Little League International recommends that organizations avoid naming fields.
 - Natale suggested that a memorial plaque be installed in the facility.
 - Burford suggested the installation of a bench in the facility.
 - Natale will develop a process to create criteria for monetary donations.

- Gallucci proposed a monetary donation to the Root Family to assist with medical bills. (Seconded by Burford)
 - Natale suggested that criteria be established to ensure that any distributions do not seem to be favorable to any individual family (ex. What happens when multiple families experience hardships at the same time?).
 - Slater suggested capping the number of donations each year.
 - Bykowski suggested that the board table the discussion until criteria can be established (Seconded by Natale)
 - Vote was 10 to 5 to table the discussion on donations
 - Natale will develop a process to create criteria for monetary donations.
- Hoover would like to help plan a second fundraising event similar to the Cash Bash that was held by the Football & Wrestling organizations.
- Player of the Week will resume in Spring.
 - Board was \$750 for materials.
 - Weekly expense was \$100 for 15 magnets.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:02 PM

- Motion: Burford
- 2nd: Barnes

