

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Greg Bykowski
Date: February 6, 2022
Re: Monthly Board Meeting Notes

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met on January 13th, 2022 at The Cabin at Avonworth Park at 7:00 PM.

JANUARY 2022 MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance except the following: Kremer, Slater, Chappo, & Krul.

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Prior monthly meeting minutes approved by: Brown (Seconded by Hoover)

Financial Report: Kremer (via Cavanaugh)

- The Board voted to move \$15k from the Operating Account to the Capital Account [Cavanaugh / Hoover].
 - The Board unanimously approved this transaction.
- **\$20.8K** in operating fund as of 01/13/22
 - Previous month: \$43K [Net change: **(\$7.2k)**]
 - Withdrawals: \$8.2k + \$15k = \$23.2k
- **\$25,531.89** in capital fund as of 11/04/21
 - Previous month: \$10,531.80 [Net change: **\$0.09**]
 - Deposits: \$15k
- Registration fees will be received in January.

VP On-Field: Gallucci

- Skills Day has been scheduled for March 5th.
- Draft to be scheduled shortly after Skills Day.

- Cannot start until the Skills Day data is tabulated.
- Should be scheduled during the week of 3/8.
- Coaches' meeting to be scheduled.
 - Barnes to investigate the availability of the Mayernick Center during the week of March 13th.

VP Off-Field: Barnes

- Chris Anderson of FastSigns is supposed to return Natale's request about signage replacement / purchases.
 - Natale thought that the current signs SHOULD be in good condition.
- Starting to plan Memorial Day festivities.
 - Investigating tent rental costs. Did we use Mim Rentals?
 - Merchandise planning and design is underway.
 - U-Haul Truck will be replacing the Joe Ball trailer during the Memorial Day Tournament.
- Sponsorship price increase was discussed. Natale stated that an increase to the sponsorship fees occurred in 2020. Also, Dave created a "higher level" sponsorship tier.
- Open items:
 - Plans to have a Clearance Sale of any miscellaneous merchandise in the Big Shed.
 - Investigate expanding sponsorships for the whole year.
 - High school boosters would like to be more involved with our organization
 - Would like to plan a Wiffle Ball Tournament
 - During the Memorial Day Weekend?
 - Possibly have high schooler players participate as assistant coaches during the Memorial Day Tournament
 - Players / upperclassmen could coach the 12U "Senior Game"
 - Involvement on Skills Day

Registration: Hetcko

- Registration for in-house spring season is open. Will close on February 11th.
 - 30-40 registrants already.
 - Several concession stand opt-outs.
- T-Mobile Assistance Program will occur again.
 - Between 5-10 players participated in this program last year
- Cavanaugh & Gallucci to place signs in the community.
- Registration credits will be given to the school counselors again.
- Registration fees will not change in 2022.

Equipment: Cole

- Cole sent out a request to collect equipment from the remaining coaches and to distribute equipment to the Sunday Team coaches.

- Pure Athletex has enough equipment and tees for the teams to conduct practice.
- Colt balls and practice balls should be purchased.
 - Get specifications for ball types and contact information from Hetcko to purchase game balls (A.D. Starr) and practice balls (online vendors).
- Dick's Sporting Goods will be providing a \$1000 gift card for equipment purchases.
 - This will replace their typical sponsorship donation.
 - Will investigate the possibility of using the gift card to purchase balls at A.D. Starr.

Concessions: Gallucci

- No update

Umpires: Jamison

- Not sure if prices are increasing
- Plans to stick with Dave Gregory
- Sunday umpire system needs to improve
- If an initial schedule for Sunday games is available, Jamison can manage getting the umpire requests loaded into Dave Gregory's system.
 - Jamison suggests a Google Form.

Uniforms: Brown

- Sunday Uniforms
 - All uniform information has been collected
 - Clayton Kendall will be the vendor for travel programs.
 - Planning to purchase Nike Jerseys from BSM.
 - Submitted the order within the last 24-48 hours.
 - March 1st: Investigating a Fan Store for Parents' / Grandparents' Gear
 - Shields can provide an option
 - Shirts should match the jerseys. Don't deviate too much.
 - Possibly customize
- Spring Uniforms
 - Teams for Spring: MLB or College Teams?
 - College teams sometimes have an issue with availability or color variations.
- Will talk to suppliers about providing extra jerseys for teams who may need alternates.

Field Maintenance: Shipley

- Field Clean-Up Day: Scheduled for 3/12 & 3/19 between 9:00 AM & 1:00 PM.
 - Plans to generate a Sign-Up Genius for certain tasks
 - Pre-planning for projects:
 - Order field dirt for T-Ball 6 Field and the IL Field

- Order pea gravel (we will need something to spread the pea gravel. Bobcat? Drivable wheelbarrow?)
- Natural Lawn contract negotiations are necessary.
 - TruGreen was \$3,233 for the year
 - All Natural would be \$5,491 for the year
 - Could possibly reduce the scope/visits to reduce the initial cost
 - Could reduce if the AAA provided free advertisement
 - Shipley to negotiate a new price
 - NOTE: Hetcko says that the grub treatment is NECESSARY
- Natale noted that the Pirates Fields for Kids grant may have a new strategy versus years past. The program will focus on more financial impact with less grants issued. Might not be a sure thing.
- Open items:
 - Short Term:
 - Weed Control Vendor Comparison (09/09/21)
 - \$200 for a replacement chalk lining tool at ML/LL? (09/09/21)
 - L-Screens need to be built / repaired / replaced. (09/09/21)
 - ML Field light or breaker for light on the 1st base side needs to be fixed. (11/5/21)
 - Shipley might have a work-around for this problem.
 - Long Term:
 - Laser grade IL Field in Fall or Spring 2023? (09/09/21)
 - Electrical work (bad wire?) at the ML Field (09/09/21)
 - Reposition lights at the LL Field (09/09/21)

Web Site/Surveys/Player Evals: Burford

- Meeting minutes to be posted.

Travel Coordinator: Graff

- **Winter Training Details**
 - Balance of \$3,700 is due to Pure Athletex. Due prior to 1/31.
 - We have a \$500 credit for future bookings at Pure Athletex because we gave back 30 minutes per week.
 - Sent an email out to the Travel Ball coaches to provide important information for the practices.
- **Sunday League 2022**
 - Most age levels are planning to join the South Hills League for Sunday games
 - Meeting is scheduled for 1/23/22 and head coaches are required to attend.

League Reports:

- T-Ball – Farrell
 - No issues.

- IL – Gallucci
 - No significant issues.
- ML – Chappo
 - No significant issues.
- LL – Cavanaugh
 - No issues.
- Pony – Natale
 - No issues.
- Colt – Libbon
 - No league for Fall Ball

Clearances: Libbon

- No update.

Other News / New Business:

- During the December meeting, Hoover proposed the possibility of organizing a “Bites & Brews” fundraising event similar to the Cash Bash events scheduled by the Softball & Football organizations
 - Has experience with organizing a similar event at the Rex Theater
 - Maybe hold the event at the Ohio Township Fire Station
 - Possibly schedule for
 - Late April or Early May as a “Start of the Season” event
 - Fall date on the Sunday before Labor Day
- Shipley proposed the construction of a pavilion between the ML Field and the T-Ball 4/5 Field.
 - Prime Deck Builders (T.O. Alberts) is developing a quote.
 - Could be available for the spring season, depending on the date of the order.
 - Proposal includes: 30’ x 40’ wood pavilion, PVC-cased structure with white soffit, recessed lighting inside the structure, lighting to the T-Ball 4/5 Field & to the green space, walking path to the concession stand, concrete pad with 4’ apron
 - Prime Deck Builders is working with Home Depot to potentially receive donated materials
 - If another quote for concrete slab was received, the overall price could be reduced
 - Natale typically gets a 30’ x 30’ tent for Memorial Day
 - Park approval is necessary
 - Barnes will talk to the Park Board about this proposal.
 - Barnes will also ask about having Park Board provide financial support for rentals of the pavilion.
 - Would want AAA to receive a percentage of the rental fees.
 - Natale asked about pushing the structure toward the IL Field

- Picnic tables would be needed
- Burford suggested three bids
 - Hoover will look to get another bid.
- Need other fundraising to generate enough money for this project.
- Shipley would like to get this installed by Opening Day

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM [Barnes / Shipley]

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record - 2021 / 2022

Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Brett Cavanaugh (President)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Brad Barnes (VP Off Field/ MDT Chair)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Mike Gallucci (VP On Field/ IL / Concessions, MDT Committee)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Ron Kremer (Treasurer)	Y	N	Y	N	N							
Greg Bykowski (Recording Secretary)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Brad Cole (Equipment)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y							
Michael Libbon (Colt Comm./Clearances)	Y	N	N	N	Y							
Mike Jamison (Umpires)	Y	N	N	Y	Y							
Jim Slater (MDT committee)	Y	N	N	N	N							
Dave Natale (MDT committee)	Y	N	N	Y	Y							
Rob Chappo (ML Commissioner)	N	Y	Y	Y	N							
Brian Krul (Fall Ball Commissioner)	N	N	N	Y	N							
Jim Graff (Travel Team Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Kathy Burford (Website/Surveys/Player evals)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Chris Shipley (Field Maintenance Coordinator)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Ryan Farrell (T Ball Commissioner)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Jimmy Brown (Uniforms)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y							
Chris Butsko ()	Y	N	Y	N	N							
Joe Hoover ()	Y	N	Y	Y	Y							