

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Joe Ehmann
CC:
Date: February 4, 2016
Re: February Board Meeting Minutes

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met at 7:00 PM at Mayernik Center

MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance:

All members were in attendance, with the exception of:
D. Natale, S. Sommers, C. Crawford, J. Ehmann

Meeting Called to Order

@ 7:08 pm by M. Hetcko

Special Meeting (January) Minutes Review

- Motion to approve minutes: B. Barnes
- Second: R. Felter
- **Minutes Approved**

Previous (January) Minutes Review

- Motion to approve minutes: B. Barnes
- Second: B. Root
- **Minutes Approved**

AGENDA ITEMS

General Items

- Dates for spring (M. Hetcko)

- Skill Day
 - In-house basketball games from 8AM-12N
 - 3rd/4th grade from 11AM-2PM
 - Also a swim meet that day
- Drafts
 - Locations at Avonworth Park are available
 - By Wednesday of the week following Skills Day
 - Allows for sufficient time to order uniforms
- Skills order
 - Keep batting last so any delay doesn't impact other stations
 - B. Root will continue to run the show
 - M. Hetcko will set up SignUp Genius
- Lights on LL field
 - Getting quotes from Musco & Hite
 - Weighing options
 - Musco has some better functionality
 - Hite is cheaper, which may allow for lighting of ML field at same time

Treasurer Report – B. Whalen

- \$39,040 Operating Account
 - Need to deposit \$3,500 matching funds check from fence project
- \$60,887 Capital Account
 - Transferred \$10,000 for 2015 contribution
 - Deposited \$31,500 from Northwest Savings
- Registration money starting to come in
- Insurance due soon
- Nothing else major on the horizon

VP on Field Report – W. Homol

- Sat with QV to discuss upcoming season
 - QV will not play with NA
 - We have a new league, will need a new name
 - Like 50/70 rules in 12U
 - Bell Acres and Community fields will be set up for that
 - May start on 4/9 (earlier than our “opening day” of 4/16)
- Some registrants from outside the community
 - Commissioners need to contact those folks
 - Our by-laws don't allow for those folks to participate
- Sunday schedules are done for LL & ML
- Memorial Day Tournament
 - Will start working on brackets right away, once we know number of teams
 - Random seeding, selected at/near draft
 - Need to figure out IL – too many games last year

- Avonworth HS Field
 - Will not allow us to use their field for Pony (due to base and mound location differences)
 - Discussing with Avonworth Eagles field on 65
 - Want to review with the School Board
 - May review with Superintendent Ralston first
 - Will go in front of School Board if necessary
 - Would have support of Avonworth Baseball Boosters
 - Should have a field maintenance program for coaches
 - We own a tractor up there, it needs to be repaired/started

VP Off Field – D. Natale

- 140 registered for bowling on 2/28
- Has promotional items for Chinese auction
- Sponsorship form available – if you know anyone that wants to be a sponsor

Registration – B. Root

- 180 total registrations (191 this day LY, 434 total for LY)
 - LL higher
 - ML slightly lower
- Increase in attempted registrations from out of the district
- Walk-up registration was successful
 - 17 registrations
 - Should continue to do every year
- Advertising of registration
 - Flyers distributed to Wooden Ladder
 - Posted to Edline and NextDoor

Equipment – R. Bodnar

- Discussion around ordering balls
 - AD Starr may compete if we get quotes from other folks
 - Need to order practice balls and tee balls from Dick's

Concession – S. Sommers

- No report

Umpires – B. Barnes

- Thumbs Up

Uniforms – B. Whalen & D. Natale

- Got pricing from Leway
 - Shirts are same price (3rd year in a row)
 - Hats went up slightly
- Agreement on upgraded hats in LL
 - Justified by higher registration cost
- Reviewed options to select teams/colors to allow uniqueness across teams

- Agreement on unique teams across the organization

Field Maintenance/Development – R. Felter

- Erik Studabaker would like to retain grass cutting at same price
 - Agreement
- Waiting to hear on price for fertilizer, should not go up much
- Feedback
 - Minor League cage needs to be worked on in fall
 - Little League cage to get carpet to cover concrete
 - Hoping to get field from Avonworth HS football field
 - IL backstop needs padding like on ML field
 - Options include hard rubber or foam padding
 - Will get priced out (~\$400)
 - Portable mound
 - Want to find larger hollow version for AGAA
 - Could move current flat-bottom version to LL bullpen
 - They are very expensive
- New equipment
 - Batters' box (~\$100)
 - Pitchers rubber for LL field (~\$20)
 - Skinny dragger for LL field (~\$110)
 - Net savers, need 4 sets of 4 (~\$250)
 - Infield lip broom (~\$125)
- Will send equipment list to AD Starr (via R. Bodnar) to price match
- Fields
 - Next field for rehab is IL, has been three years
 - ML could use more conditioner
 - Lip could use some work
 - Water flowing from 3rd to 1st is still an issue
 - New French drain at 3rd base will help
 - May not need big expenditure – fields are still in good shape

Website/Communications – B. Monti

- Taking over updates to the site
- Will be reviewing functionality wish list with Blue Sombrero
- Please send communication requests and site ideas/suggestions to Bill
- App is out for iOS and Andriod – search for Dick's TSHQ

LEAGUE REPORTS

T-Ball – J. Slater

- Good
- Will review registrants to ensure they are in Avonworth

Instructional – C. Crawford

- No report

Minor League – S. Sommers

- No report

Little League – R. Felter

- Good

Pony League – W. Homol & S. Sommers

- Good

Colt League – TBD

- Need to find a coach

Fall Ball – D. Shinsky

- Long way away

NEW NEWS

- Coaches clinics (D. Sharding)
 - Sessions available for various topics
 - First Aid
 - Coaching
 - Training/Injury Prevention
 - Determine days and timing
 - Weekdays might be best
 - 30-minute rotations
 - Done in 2 hours
 - Trainers would volunteer time
 - Benefits organization, players and coaches
 - Discussion points
 - Board agrees there would be benefit
 - Would like to schedule pre-season
 - D. Sharding will schedule
 - M. Hetcko will coordinate with Avonworth Park for facility
 - Would need to determine how many could attend
 - Would like to be able to check-in.
- M. Hetcko discussion from Avonworth Park:
 - 3-year lease is due for renewal
 - Will sign 2-year lease, including provision for usage of buildings
 - AGAA field fence/dugout situation needs to be addressed
 - Will review usage in next two years about AGAA field
 - Parking lot behind LL field is still a project for this year
 - Parking behind IL is at own risk, and cannot park in grass field
 - Will have permission to use on Memorial Day

- Relationship with park is good
- May look to integrate buying pool passes into AAA baseball registration
- Night at the Races on 3/12
 - We are advertising on site and will promote at bowling

ADJOURN

Next Meeting

- Thursday March 3, 2016, back at the Cabin

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: B. Barnes
- Second: R. Bodnar
- **Motion Approved**

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:32 PM

ATTENDANCE

2015-2016 AAA Board of Directors												
Monthly Meeting Attendance Record												
Members	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Dennis Sharding	N	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Dave Natale	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	N						
Sean Hogan	Y	Y	N	-	N	Y						
Jim Slater	Y	N	Y	-	Y	Y						
Rich Bodnar	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Bryan Robertson	Y	Y	Y	-	N	Y						
Ray Felter	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Michael Libbon	Y	Y	N	-	Y	Y						
Bill Monti	Y	Y	N	-	Y	Y						
Sean Sommers	Y	Y	N	-	Y	N						
Tony Latore	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Chuck Crawford	N	Y	Y	-	Y	N						
Wayne Homol	Y	Y	N	-	Y	Y						
Brad Root	Y	Y	N	-	Y	Y						
Dave Shinsky	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Joe Ehmann	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	N						
Bob Whalen	Y	Y	N	-	Y	Y						
Brad Barnes	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						
Mike Hetcko	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	Y						