

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Joe Ehmann/Dave Shinsky
CC:
Date: 1/9/14
Re:

**The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met at 7 pm on January 9, 2014
at Ohio Township Municipal Building.**

MONTHLY MEETING:

Attendance:

All members were in attendance, with the exception – Bombard, Cubellis, McDowell, Crawford, Ehmann, Whalen, Grau and Seifarth

Meeting Called to Order – Wayne Homol
@ 7:14

Previous (approved) Minutes Review – 1st – Felter, 2nd - Monti

Agenda Items

- Registration

Treasurer Report – B. Whalen (Wayne Homol)

- Current Balance - \$27,124.78
- AD Star/Expense
- \$1,500 less than the previous balance

VP on Field Report – Sean Sommers

Skills Day at the High School – March 15th

Coaches Meeting/Draft – March 22nd

ML & LL I-79 League Opening Day scheduled for either April 12 or April 19

AAA Opening Day including IL and T-Ball is scheduled for April 26

Root and Sommers plan to meet with the skills assessment committee the week of January 27.

VP Off Field – Dave Natale

Natale recommended that AAA send a bulk e-mail out to all participants promoting the organizations sponsors. The purpose is to create additional marketing value for sponsors.

Registration Report – Brad Root

Registration to open on 1/15/14.

Wayne suggested that parents should be required on the registration form to alert the league if their child is participating in other leagues (travel baseball, soccer, etc.) during the season. This should help coaches in their draft decision making.

No longer a need to collect insurance info. on the registration form.

Walk-up registration is scheduled for 2/8/14 at the Elementary School.

Sign up forms will also be provided to the elementary school and local pre-schools.

AAA hoping that the schools will send the information home with their students.

Root is also working on developing a coach's expectation list.

Equipment – S. McDowell

Wayne recommended that AAA purchase First Aid Kits and ice packs for all coaches.

Motion passed – 1st – Slater, 2nd – Monti.

Root to checking to see if his wife can get these for free from the hospital where she is employed.

Concession – Brad Barnes/ Sean Sommers

Nothing to report

Umpires – Trevor Bombard

Nothing to report

Uniforms - Bob Whalen

AAA agreed to continue with the Avonworth Name of the Jersey and MLB Hat for the 2014 season.

Field Maintenance/Development - Ray Felter

Studebaker wants grass cutting business for 2014. A 2nd company also has interest.

Studebaker is currently building a moveable mound.

Felter is trying to get BP nets and practice field strip approved by Accord.

Plan is to re-do the warning track on the LL field prior to the start of the season.

Warning Track material cost = \$1,500

Currently researching AstroTruf for the LL BP Cage

Looking at the possibility of cementing the base of the ML cage. (Batters Box only)

Accord Park is scheduled to hold a hearing regarding a potential parking lot behind the sheds near the LL and ML fields on 1/27/14.

Communications – Brad Root

(See Registration)

LEAGUE REPORTS

- **T-Ball: (Chuck Crawford):**
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- **Instructional (Rod Seifarth):**
- **Minor League (Ray Felter):**

- **Little League (Wayne Homol):**

- **Pony League (Scott Gustic):**

- **Colt: (Joe Cubelis):**
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- **Fall Ball (Dave Shinsky):**

NEW NEWS

Zotter – Currently working on a coach’s manual – also suggested the purchase of the Iron Mike – 1 arm bandit pitching machine. Estimated cost = \$3,445. (to be further discussed at the February meeting)

Zotter – looking at the potential of scheduling skills clinics for the IL, ML and LL.

Zotter has interest in starting a 10 year old travel team.

Gustic – researching the possible use of the Eden Academy Field and OT Park Field Construction.

Wayne – still working on getting the use of a batting cage for skills day.

Tournament Selection:

Discussed creating a benchmark for having additional teams at the same age classification.

Felter – Mentioned the concept of changing the ML Draft/Pick out of a hat based on ratings created at Field Day. Mentioned that Pine Richland LL has a similar system in place.

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record												
Board Members	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
Scott Gustic	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Dave Natale	Y	Y	N		Y							
Trevor Bombard	Y	Y	N		N							
Jim Slater	Y	Y	N		Y							
Craig Zotter	Y	N	Y		Y							
Mike Grau	Y	Y	Y		N							
Ray Felter	Y	Y	N		Y							
Joe Cubellis	N	Y	N		N							
Bill Monti		Y	N		Y							
Sean Sommers	Y	N	Y		Y							
Scott McDowell	Y	Y	N		N							
Chuck Crawford	Y	N	Y		N							
Wayne Homol	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Brad Root	Y	N	Y		Y							
Dave Shinsky	Y	Y	Y		Y							
Joe Ehmann	Y	Y	Y		N							
Bob Whalen	Y	Y	N		N							
Brad Barnes	Y	Y	N		Y							
Rod Seifarth	Y	Y	N		N							

Next meeting 7:00pm Thursday, February 13th

Motion to adjourn, 1st - Zotter – 2nd by Felter
 Meeting Adjourned @ 9:26pm