

Memo

To: AAA Board Members
From: Joe Ehmann / Brad Root
CC:
Date:
Re: February 2015 Meeting Minutes

The Avonworth Athletic Association Board met 7:00 pm February 12, 2015 at the Mayernick Center located in Avonworth Community Park.

MONTHLY MEETING:

Attendance:

All members were in attendance, with the exception of Sharding, Monti, Sommers & Latore

Meeting Called to Order –

@ 7:11 pm by Wayne Homol

Previous (January) Minutes Review –

Monti Motion to approve minutes Crawford – 2nd by Monti
Minutes Approved

Agenda Items

- John Hartle – came to talk about the new cabin in the park and the “Night at the Races” fundraiser

Treasurer Report – B. Whalen

- **\$35,114.97** Current balance **\$4998** Capital Fund

VP on Field Report – Sean Sommers

- Nothing to report (Sean was absent)

VP Off Field – Dave Natale

- We will possibly be using signup genius for photography

Registration Report – Root

- Our registration numbers are currently higher than they were on this same date last year (302 now vs. 229 then). We are on pace to eclipse 420 registered players (which would be an all-time high for the organization)
- Walk-up registration on 2/7 was a success, with 22 people getting registered that day. Next year, we should consider setting up at both the Primary Center and Elementary School for walk-up (since the majority of “new” players will be more familiar with the primary center)
- We will leave Pony and Colt League registrations open until the end of April
- Since adding the “Donations option” to the online registration form, we have collected over \$1,360

Equipment – Bodnar

- Big shed key missing
- We still have \$500 worth of Dick’s gift cards
- Practice balls came in

Concessions – Brad Barnes/ Sean Sommers

- Nothing to report

Umpires – Trevor Bombard

- Nothing to report

Uniforms – Bob Whalen

- Nothing to report

Field Maintenance/Development - Ray Felter

- Still waiting on price for LL Field from S and S
- Studebaker wants to cut fields again this year with no price increase – motion to vote made by Chuck Crawford to retain Eric Studebaker for grass cutting services in 2015. Seconded by Brad Root and passed by unanimous vote.

Communications – Brad Root

- The website “skin” was changed on 1/14 prior to the start of registration. This was done because the new skin shows upcoming events from the scheduler right on the main page of the website (sort of like our old website did)
- A new question was added to the registration form to determine who already has background clearance forms (for informational purposes only)

LEAGUE REPORTS

T-Ball: (Dave Natale):

- Nothing to report

Instructional (Chuck Crawford):

- Nothing to report

Minor League (Mike Hetcko):

- 14 coaches already volunteered, and we will likely only have 8 or 9 teams. Will start by asking who wants to combine forces. It may come down to a board vote for the rest

Little League (Ray Felter):

- Nothing to report

Pony League (Homol/ Sommers):

- Nothing to report

Colt: (Cubellis):

- Joe has already been to a meeting. May have 2 teams this year

Fall Ball (Dave Shinsky):

- Nothing to report

NEW NEWS

- We need to hold a coaches meeting before the draft
- By-law says that to be eligible for tournament teams, a player has to participate in 75% of their rec league games. Brad Root motioned to vote on changing the by-laws at the next meeting to reduce the limit to 60%. Motion Seconded by Dave Shinsky.
- Metro teams will man the concessions stand on Sundays this Spring
- 12 year old team on Sunday (Moon, North Allegheny, North Hills)
- March 14th will be Skills Day. Focus will be on targeting the new players in IL, ML, and LL for this day (since there aren't any previous evaluation forms available on them). Brad will set up a meeting for Skills Prep on Sunday, March 1, 2015 at Sir Pizza from 4-6pm
- Criminal Background checks
 - We need to determine how we will store them (digitally vs. paper)
 - Everyone on the board needs to fill out a volunteer form (the old one) this year

- Mike Libbon to talk to the OT Police about running a possible fingerprint/clearances walk-up time for volunteers
- All coaches for tournament teams this year will have to get the PA Background & Child Abuse clearances by July 1, 2015 → Then ALL Fall volunteers will need them as well
- Dave Natale will send out an email blast at the end of registration, telling the kids they have been registered in the Database, and that they will be hearing from their coaches soon
- Dave will also send out info about the Dick's Shopping Day (March 29)
- For Drafts
 - Discussed whether or not to allow Head Coaches to pick an Assistant Coach prior to the draft or not. The majority in attendance agreed that if assistants are allowed, they can't be paired up if both sons rank out to be in the same round
 - Discussed "Split Draft by Age" vs "Draft All Players in a single Pool"
 - Discussed "Draw from a Hat" vs. "Coaches Son Ranking" should set the draft order.
 - While each topic had some proponents and some opponents, it was clear that everyone would like to see the AAA drafting procedure standardized and documented, for consistency from year-to-year. Sean Sommers will draft a document setting a draft procedure, and it will be socialized to the AAA Board prior to the next meeting, where we may or may not be voting on the entire procedure (or specific aspects of the procedure)
- The Coaches Meeting will be set for Saturday, March 21. Equipment Pick up will happen directly after the coaches meeting.

Monthly Meeting Attendance Record												
Board Members	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug
Dennis Sharding	N	Y	Y	X	Y	N						
Dave Natale	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Trevor Bombard	Y	N	N	X	Y	Y						
Jim Slater	Y	Y	N	X	N	Y						
Rich Bodnar	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Bryan Robertson	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Ray Felter	Y	Y	N	X	Y	Y						
Michael Libbon	N	Y	N	X	N	Y						
Bill Monti	Y	N	Y	X	Y	N						
Sean Sommers	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	N						
Tony Latore	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	N						
Chuck Crawford	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y						
Wayne Homol	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Brad Root	N	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Dave Shinsky	Y	Y	N	X	Y	Y						
Joe Ehmann	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Bob Whalen	Y	N	Y	X	N	Y						
Brad Barnes	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						
Mike Hetcko	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y						

Next meeting 7:00pm Thursday, March 12th 2015

Motion to adjourn Barnes.. – 2nd by Felter
 Meeting Adjourned @ approximately 9:21 PM