

ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 18, 2019

7:30 PM

Elm Crest Park, Ramsey

BOARD MEMBERS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Franzwa, <i>Commissioner</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Colford, <i>Treasurer</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Secretary</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moore, <i>12-16U Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Tonda, <i>6-10U Director</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Henry, <i>Tournament Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joel Haynes, <i>Fields/Umps/Equipment Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Flickinger, <i>Communications/Sponsor Director</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Thinnies, <i>Uniform/Volunteer Director</i> |
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COORDINATOR MEMBERS:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Player Development Coordinator</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Spiess, <i>Youth First Coordinator</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Bangle, <i>Coaching Coordinator</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Assessment and Dome Ball Coordinator</i> |
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OTHER'S PRESENT: Sara Milon, Steve Jones, Jeff Rustom, Brad Thinnies, Theresa Hawkinson

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Dan called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonja motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes, Jeff seconded, Board approved minutes.
Email Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flick arranged picture night for April 29th 6pm. Mark Arjes from Youth 1st was invited to speak to parents and players • Karen sent AR and Northstar swag store options, Board approved
Commissioner Report – Dan Franzwa	
Pictures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Park Pavilion has been reserved for pictures on April 29th
Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Valley Gift Cards will be passed out on March 1st to sell until May 1st • Each family will be asked to sell 10 cards at \$25 each • Players selling 25 cards or more will receive a hoodie sweatshirt
Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnies	
Swag Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AR swag store is open and will close on March 1st • Northstar swag store to open after
Uniform Fittings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniform/Coaches fittings this Friday, February 22 and March 1st • Extra pants will be sold for \$20 and socks for \$5
Resignation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen will be stepping down after May meeting
12U-16U Director – Kevin Moore	
8U-10U Director – Christina Tonda	
8U League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soderville vs. Minnesota Fastpitch • Same cost • Right now have 50 - 8U teams hoping not as much travel • Minnesota Fastpitch would have 8 games for the season allowing for more practice vs 11-13 games in Soderville • Games would still be Monday and Wednesday nights • Christina to get Minnesota Fastpitch meeting minutes • If we go with Minnesota Fastpitch, would need to buy pitching machine
Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson	
Winter Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinics are going well • Attendance about the same as last year • Have had good feedback regarding Jeremy and Taylor

Coaching Coordinator – Chris Bangle	
Coaches Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coaches meeting is scheduled at LOL for March 1st • Sonja to secure space
Coaches Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are we going to handle Concussion training and background checks for coaches? • Chris to send list of all coaches (with assistants) to Dan and Dan to follow up
Assessment/Dome Ball Director – OPEN POSITION	
Tournament Director – Jeff Henry	
Dirt Devil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirt Devil is posted online • No registrations as of yet • Has reached out to last year's EMT for interest • Hoping to have 8-8U's, 16-10U's and 12-12U's • Karen has volunteer hours ready to go in 4 hour shifts • Will want Dirt Devil posted on Fastpitch Minnesota and Big West
Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson	
Proposed Handbook Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan motioned to merge the Registration Coordinator with Assessment/Dome Coordinator position, Karen seconded, Board approved, motion passed. • Sonja to update and post new handbook to website
Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jen Flickinger	
Sponsorship Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have received \$6000 in sponsorship money! • Players will receive warmup jackets and banner • Sponsors get plaque and team picture
Treasurer – Ann Colford	
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann needs to pull numbers from Dean but thinks we're sitting fine
Fields/Umps Director/Equipment Director – OPEN POSITION	
PHD helmet buyout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHD had offered to sell 122 helmets with mask for \$10 each. • Dan motioned to purchase 122 helmets from PHD for \$10 each, Sonja seconded, Board approved, motion passed. • Dan motioned to sell helmets at \$25 each, Jeff seconded, Board approved, motion passed.
Inventory/Equipment list for Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan and Joel will need to clean out shed and inventory all items • We will need to purchase new bow nets – bags are falling apart • Bangle suggested purchasing two new fences for the top fields and move the older fences down to fields 5 and 6. • Dan to reach out to Baseball to purchase one of the fences
Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per Dan, Enlow is the only field having work done this year • What will the new school have for fields?
Youth First Coordinator – Jeff Spiess	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to Jeff's absence, Dan will reach out
High School Update - Jeff Rustom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The High School team only has 2 catchers and 3 pitchers - should have 8 catchers and 8 pitchers • There is some talk of the High School only taking pitchers only as specialty positions • Jeff is suggesting to create a playing policy that will prevent one player from pitching/catching 2 consecutive games to allow player development • The High School has hired a B team coach – may just go with 3 teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan motioned to adjourn, Sonja seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM 	