

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2023  
Blackwoods Proctor, following Annual Meeting

Called to order at 6:15pm

Members present: Dennis Peterson, Theresa Leopold, Jessica Larson, Jacque Volk, Kelly Goeb, guest Mike Fink from Hermantown

1. 2023 Season Summary
  - a. Survey Results. Overall, most of the concerns were related to items handled by the community...field availability, practice time, concessions, etc. The two main concerns involving the league were regarding inappropriate comments/attitudes of some coaches (which were handled immediately during the season) and borrowing of players. Unfortunately, the board usually does not find out about borrowing players until after the game has been played. We will need to highlight the borrowing player rule at the coaches meeting and discuss with umpires. There will be no cross association borrowing of players and playoffs should have only players that played 60% of games on that team during the regular season. Jacque will put together a frequently asked question sheet for coaches from the survey results.
  - b. Point System. We have had an issue with some teams not making an effort to makeup games when they are canceled due to weather or other reasons. We will therefore start a point system for 14/16/18U teams for ranking teams during playoffs. (No longer based on win/loss percentage.)
    - i. 3 points for a win
    - ii. 2 points for a tie
    - iii. 1 point for a loss
    - iv. 0 points for a forfeit/nonplayed game
2. Umpire Training Update. Phil has agreed to work with community umpires in the spring. The Board will have a certificate available to the umps indicating they have completed the training. Date TBD.
3. Treasurer Update/Quickbooks. Quickbooks no longer supports the desktop version. The online version is \$160 year 1, then \$320 annually after that. We will continue with Quickbooks for year 1 and look into other options, perhaps hiring an accountant thereafter.

4. Considerations for 2024.
  - a. Select team follow up. Kelly had reached out to the coach of the team that was questioned if they have a select team. All of their players are from within their community, so this does not qualify as a select team.
  - b. Tracking concussion training, safesport, etc. Tabled until next meeting as Stew and Melissa are not present and were going to look into this.
5. Dates for 2024 Season.
  - a. Registration due by 3/24/2024, opens 3/1/2024
    - i. 8U \$150
    - ii. 10/12U \$250
    - iii. 14U \$875
    - iv. 16/18U \$900
  - b. 8/10/12U start week of 5/20/24, 8 weeks of games, playoffs week of 7/15/24
  - c. 14/16/18U start week fo 6/3/24, 7 weeks of games, playoffs week of 7/22/24
6. Softball Promotion Update. Jessica, Theresa, and Dennies will look into possible options to promote softball in our area, perhaps bringing in a professional player, etc.
7. Next Meetings
  - a. December 10, Blackwoods Proctor, 6pm
  - b. February 11, Blackwoods Proctor, 6pm
  - c. March 24, Registration and Coaches Meetings

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Goeb, Secretary