

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2021, 6pm
Tele-Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm.

Present via Zoom: Dennis Peterson, Theresa Leopold, Kelly Goeb, Pat Shelton, Stewart Goldberg, Joel Anderson, Gerry Sjerven,

1. Umpire Update.

- Phil Semaan gave an update for the upcoming season. He has 6 or 7 umps lined up for the summer but is also encouraging younger folks interested in umping to reach out to him, especially high school players or recent high school grads. He is excited about the opportunity to be UIC.
- Phil is also willing to host an umpire clinic for anyone umping the younger age groups.

2. Coaches Clinic

- Given the nicer weather we have been having, we have decided to go ahead with a coaches clinic outdoors, weather depending.
- The clinic will be geared toward coaches of the younger age groups, 8U, 10U, 12U and will be held at Braun Park on Sunday, April 25 1:00-2:30. Dennis and Kelly will organize.

3. Coaches Meetings

- We will host zoom meetings for each age group for the coaches meetings this year. Zoom invites will be posted on the website.
 - 8U. 5:00pm, Kelly to host
 - 10U. 5:30pm, Pat to host with Kelly joining when able
 - 12U. 6:00pm, Dennis to host
 - 14U. 6:30pm, Pat to host with Dennis joining when able
 - 16/18U. 7:00pm, Stewart to host
 - Theresa is willing to join all meetings to discuss non-coaching issues if desired. (Sportsmanship, etc.)

4. Jamboree. No jamboree will be held this year due to late start and increased restrictions with COVID.

5. Rule Review. Rule changes have been posted to the website.

6. Rule Book Update. USSSA Rule Books are printed every other year. This is an off year; so we will not have rule books to hand out this season. The link to the entire rule book is on our website however.
7. State Tourney Dates. USSSA state tourney will continue to be held on the second weekend of July after some discussion. Kelly will notify Mike Carter that we prefer to have it July 10 and 11 at Braun Park in Cloquet.
8. Field Update. Dennis indicated we have not signed a contract with Duluth, our last contract ended in 2019 and we did not have a season last year. He has reserved Wade Monday through Thursday nights and two fields at Wheeler on Wednesdays. We do not yet know if this will be paid on a game by game basis or just a general cost for the full year. Dennis will let us know.
9. Special Request. MLWR has a 13 y/o player with physical limitations that has requested to play 12U. She has played down previous years and has not been a concern. All board members in favor of allowing her to play 12U.
10. Background Checks. Question is asked what happens if a coach fails the background check. Who is notified and is there an appeal process? What are the general disqualifying events? Kelly will follow up with Mike Carter from USSSA and email the board.
11. Registration/Coaches Meeting.
 - Online registration deadline is April 25. Payments can be done online or sent to Melissa to save the extra online fee.
 - Kelly will send out email to community/organization leaders as with summary of the above information when the link is ready to go for registration (in process with Sports Engine)
12. Next Meetings.
 - April 25 Coaches Clinic 1:00-2:30 and Coaches Meetings as listed above.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Goeb, secretary