

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2020, 5pm  
Buffalo House

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

Present: John Stevens, Pat Shelton, Dennis Peterson, Kelly Goeb

1. Bylaws. At the annual meeting in November, change was made to Article VI, Section 3 to allow electronic attendance/calling in to meetings. This has now been approved at two regular board meetings and will be put into action.
2. Trusted Coaches. Community and organizational leaders have been notified and the link has been posted to our website. All adults in the dugout will be required to complete the program (or a similar program) and documentation should be in the dugout with them. The concussion portion will be good for two year. The child safety act and background check will need to be completed yearly.
3. 8U Schedule. Discussion on how to expand the 8U season to get more games. Opted to start the Thursday of Memorial Weekend and then move to the usual Monday night games. The last two weeks of the season will be double headers, hopefully able to coordinate at sites with two fields so they can play different teams (June 22 & 29). Playoffs will be the week of July 6. Also discussed that we will continue with coach pitching, emphasizing to keep pitches flat and not throw with arc.
4. Season start dates and playoffs:
  - a. 8U starts May 28, then moves to Mondays, playoffs week of July 6
  - b. 10U starts May 27, playoffs week of July 13
  - c. 12U starts May 26, playoffs week of July 13
  - d. 14/16/18U starts week of June 1, playoffs 14/16 week of July 20
  - e. 12U leadoff May 30 with May 31 as rain date

5. Construction Update. City of Duluth meeting is on February 13. Dennis will update us after that meeting.
6. Field Availability for 14/16/18. If we have interruption of our usual schedule due to construction on the Duluth fields, we will need to find potential alternate sites to play. Proctor is full with 8/10/12 games. Kelly will check with Hermantown if Wade and/or Wheeler are not available.
7. USSSA vs NAFA rules. John looked into differences with the rules and found very minimal changes. We will continue with our current set of rules based off the USSSA rule book.
8. Insurance Differences between USSSA and NAFA. Pat will look into differences in coverage and cost to see if we need to make any changes.
9. Proctor request. Request was brought forth to allow Proctor 16/18U team to register with our league but not play in the regular schedule so that they may be insured. After discussion, suggestion was made for them to register and apply for insurance directly thru USSSA rather than through our league.
10. Rule update. Rules for 10/12U will be changed to remove the pitching machine information. All other rules will remain the same.

Future Meetings:

- **March 15** \*\*\*note change from usual date\*\*\* 5pm at Buffalo House
- April 26 Coaches Clinic and Meeting, Registration

Meeting adjourned at 6:05

Minutes submitted by Kelly Goeb, secretary