Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2020, 7pm Tele-Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Present via Zoom: Pat Shelton, Dennis Peterson, John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Melissa Stevens

- 1. Recruiting Board Members. Discussed that we may have two board members and likely our treasurer anticipating no longer serving on the board after this upcoming season. We need to find some additional board members for the future. Kelly will send an email to all of the community leaders to let them know we need some involvement.
- 2. Annual Board Meeting. Our annual board meeting occurs in November. Will hold elections at that time and review the bylaws. Up for election are President (Dennis), Secretary (Kelly), At-Large 1&2 (both vacant).
- 3. Umpire Update. Dennis will check with Jason Lagergren to see if he would like to continue as umpire in chief.
- 4. Field Availability for 2021. Dennis will check with Duluth to see if fees will change for 2021, hope is they will be the same as we did not have a 2020 season. Will also see if there is any additional information for playing at Wheeler.
- 5. 2021 Season Dates. Discussed that the MN State High School League currently plans to have the regular season end on 5/29/21 and post season end on 6/12/21. Wisconsin State High School League (WIAAWI) will have state the week of 6/28/21 so their season will be a little longer than Minnesota. We anticipate there will not be an extension for varsity coaches into August. Potential start dates and future dates were discussed as below:
 - April 25. Registration due, coaches meeting.
 - May 25 week. 8/10/12s will start (off Memorial Day). Possible playoffs week of July 12
 - June 14 week. 14/16/18s will start and likely play through the end of July, possibly without playoffs.

- 2022. Schedule will likely be back to normal with 14/16/18s starting the first week of June.
- 6. Dual Sanction. We rediscussed if we should dual sanction USSSA and NAFA and all board members felt we should. This could help bring more teams to the northern state tourney in July.
- 7. Safe Sport Act. Last year the plan was to work with Trusted Coaches. However USSSA is requiring that background checks be done through them. Cost will be \$13.50 per coach/adult. All coaches/adults involved with the players will be required to be certified. Kelly will check if this cost also includes the Safe Sport Training and Concussion certification.
- 8. Future Meetings. Will keep them as Zoom meetings as that seems to be more efficient for all involved.
 - Annual Meeting with subsequent Board meeting on Nov 22 at 6pm
 - Will discuss best option for meeting thereafter to try to avoid other community board meetings.

Adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Goeb, secretary