

Arrowhead Fastpitch League Board
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2018 6:00pm

Called to order at 6:15 pm

Present: Theresa Leopold, John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Sherry Mottonen, Melissa Stevens

1. Summary of 2018 Season.

- Leadoff. We only held it for 14U this season, and only 6 teams (half of the teams) participated. We will need to discuss if we should continue with leadoff next year. (Cost approx. \$360)
- Medals for playoffs. We ordered in larger quantity this year with year listed only on the lanyard so that we could use the extra medals next year. However, we did not receive any of the extra medals back. So discussed we will need to assure we have board members present to hand out medals at all final playoff games next year to give only the needed quantity out. Will order 2 to 3 years worth of medals next season but order lanyards annually.
- Only questionable rule we heard of in 2018 was in 10U about advancing to first base if hit by pitch as is stated in USSSA rules. Will add this to our rules as well to keep it consistent and help make coaches aware. Batter advances if hit by pitched ball in the batters box, whether hit directly or if it bounces first.

2. Financial Review.

- Sherry reviewed finances, which are not yet finalized. Basically 16/18s league lost money but other ages had a positive budget. Adding 18s playoffs cost approx. \$450. She will send out final numbers when available.
- Cost of the fields and insurance costs will go up again next year, so we will likely need to increase our fees at the lower age groups again. This needs to be decided at our next board meeting so we can let communities and organizations know.

3. Fields for 2019

- Costs 14/16/18s field use
 - i. Wade/Wheeler 2018 = \$5700, 2019 = \$6000
 - ii. Braun 2018 = \$2200, 2019 = \$2300

- Braun was not used as much in 2018, consider asking for per fee game instead of annual unlimited fee for 2019. (Kelly checked on this post meeting, cost is \$71 per field per game, less for second game if not re-prepped)
4. Surveys for Coaches and/or Umpires
 - Coaches Survey—Multiple thoughts discussed for this year’s survey. Kelly will put it together and send out to the coaches
 - Umpires Survey—Discussed we do not have any new questions this year for umps, but will let them know that we will continue with USSSA and see if they have any concerns via email. Kelly will send that out.
 5. Scheduling Program. We attempted to use the Diamond Scheduler for the 2018 season, but it was not able to accommodate all of the special requests. So we will continue to create schedules by hand.
 6. USSSA. Continue with the same next season.
 7. Umpire Training and Recruiting for 2019. Tabled for next meeting.
 8. Annual Meeting in November. Need to have as many board members at that meeting as possible for annual elections. Should also confirm all board members would like to continue, and continue to look for anyone else interested in attending.
 9. Topics of discussion next meeting
 - If we should continue leadoff
 - What our registration fees will be next year
 - Determine if we should switch to USSSA balls next year
 - Review survey results
 10. Next Meeting Dates
 - Sunday, October 14, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, November 11, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - Sunday, January 13, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - Sunday, February 10, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - Sunday, March 10, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - Sunday, April 14
 - i. Coaches Clinic approx. 1:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - ii. Coaches Meetings 5:00.....Buffalo House upstairs

Adjourned at 7:45pm.