

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, August 10th, 2025 6PM
Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	OPEN	OPEN, Junior House Coordinator
ABSENT	Kyle Leaf, Assistant Commissioner	ABSENT	Kyle Leaf, 7 th -9 th Grade Coordinator
PRESENT	Kris Collins, Treasurer	PRESENT	Julie Williams, Uniform Coordinator
PRESENT	Katie Steinbach, Secretary	PRESENT	Samantha Peterson, Volunteer Coordinator
PRESENT	TJ Lyon, Traveling Director	PRESENT	Amy Rusert, Registration Coordinator
PRESENT	Kelsie Buchanan, Junior House Director	ABSENT	Katie Hale, High School Liaison
PRESENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	PRESENT	Scott Corbin, Equipment Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Meyer, Sr House Director	PRESENT	Mike Kinghorn, Sr House Coordinator
PRESENT	Niki Olson, Tournament Director	PRESENT	Travis Grawey, Field/Facility Maintenance Coordinator
PRESENT	Leslie Roering, Marketing and Communications	ABSENT	Brandi Sharp, Concessions Coordinator
PRESENT	Davis Kreps, Fundraising Director	PRESENT	Eric Stuberg, At Large Member

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: KATLIN PIERI, BEN PIERI, ERIC ECKMAN

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
Meeting began		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam calls to order at 609pm 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Kyle M 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Stuberg 2nd Motion approved 	
Parents concerns/Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions on the tryout fee costs going up--explained that it covers cost of flexball and our maintenance fees 	
Special Guest(s) Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katlin Pieri-interested in Sr. House Director Ben Pieri-open to positions needed Eric Eckman-open to Sr. House Coordinator 	
Field Maintenance/Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Tarps and Weights-Stuberg and TJ will make weights now that the season has wrapped up. Will look into where to get new tarps 18' and 26'—tarps will be ordered by our next meeting Adam motions to approve up to 2500\$ worth of non weighted tarps Leslie 2nd 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 yays • Motion passes • Dugout Additions-Everything will be set up and coordinated by Davis before he leaves in October • Fencing is working things out and FBC concepts is ready whenever to do the roofs of dugouts 	
2024/2025 Payments Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Volunteer Invoice/ 2025 Failed payments update • Sent out emails on missed/failed payments have received a couple responses • 2024 house parent- payment didn't go through and thought he didn't have to pay registration due to him coaching. Will respond to him that this is untrue and needs to pay and sorry for the miscommunication(DIBS are covered for coaching but not registration fees) • 2024 CP parent-Might have double registered as her son did not play tball which is what we have outstanding • 2024 traveling parent-had to cancel registration and send invoice and has not paid full invoice. Does not have to pay DIBS due to coaching but needs to pay fundraising and registration • Players that have outstanding invoices are possibly not eligible for playing traveling this coming 2026 	
2026 Traveling Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TJ did a great job getting tryouts done in 2 days! • Coaches interviews are complete—may need to find a couple for lower teams once scores come out. • We will receive numbers Monday from Flexball • Numbers are up from last year but may need to move kids around to have enough for teams. This will be up to TJs discretion dependent on scores and the levels it would include. Would need to play at single A • Scheduling out next year tryouts with flexball will be August 2nd or 9th. Date will be announced by January. • Look into a callback being included in tryouts next year if certain coaches would like that. • Have TJ reach out to Flexball to give us what they evaluate at each station so we can put it out to parents and put on our website. 	
Succession Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those planning on leaving the board need to write up a position outline and your contacts for future board members 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYRD Action Items: • *Softball wants us to keep the fence up at john ward because they are doing a softball event where they want to use it—Byrd will talk with the city to see if this is ok or not-- Followed up and Softball said they are no longer planning to use the field. Fence has been taken down. • *Look into needing an EMT at each site for tournaments.-- Emailed to let them know about the issue this year. The appreciated the feedback and will look into it for next year. • *Ask city what to do with bases at Anoka fields.-- Anoka will pick up the bases. 	

	<p>*Contact MYAS about what we receive for hosting the all stars.— Check received and will be dropped off to Kris for deposit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kris work with Brandi on what we owe MYAS from state tournament weekend for selling the tshirts • Eric Eckman voting in for At Large Member Leslie motions to approve Mike K 2nd 16 yays Motion approved • Katlin Pieri voting in for an At large member Leslie motions to approve Mike K 2nd 16 yays Motion approved • Ben Pieri voting in for an At Large member Leslie motions to approve Mike K 2nd 16yays Motion approved 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior House Coordinator • At-Large Coordinator(Uniforms) • Fundraising Director • Sr House Director • Assistant Commissioner 	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates 	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will get update this week 	Kris Collins
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just need final list of teams from this past season to send out EOY surveys. • Sr House, Jr House, and Traveling Director need to send list of teams. • Add white or grey pants into survey • Add if parents would like EOS tournament end of June or the weekend it currently is 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need final cost for travel and house to get registration started 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All remaining, pants, hats, and try on pieces have been moved to the shed in Anoka • I'm meeting with uniform vendors this month. Requests for uniform bids will go out mid August or beginning of September. • If anyone has suggestions for vendors to meet with or uniform suggestions for 2026, please let me know(meeting with roughly 5) • Look at doing a city connect jersey(fun jersey) in addition to home/away jerseys in lieu of pants to offset costs for travel teams. 	Julie Williams

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still provide pants for house teams • Not very happy with the quality that has come out of our baseball fan online store 	
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still missing equipment turn-in from 5 coaches: DAVID DUFNER ERIC ROERING MIKE KINGHORN MATT WILBERG PHIL HALUPTZOK • A few bags have broken zippers--will get quotes to repair zippers vs getting new bags • Will work with Amy on ordering baseballs 	Scott Corbin
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates • Need to look into having 2 EMTs at tournaments that have multiple locations due to an incident at a tournament this year. 	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banners will be taken down at Alpine Monday evening—Adam took them down. • Look at different signs for next year as some of the sponsorship signs due to them not holding up well. 	Davis Kreps
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FYI: Don Gawreluk (he was a Varsity coach, head Legion coach, and the head of the Castle Field Association) left Anoka coaching staff and got the head position at Coon Rapids High School. No clue what his role will be in his other capacities moving forward. 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My only update is pitching class with completed as of Monday. I believe we had a total of 16 participants. Pretty good feedback from the parents, was hoping for more numbers. • Shifting to winter Training—look at specialized training with blizzard or millers. 	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing other than what was discussed above 	TJ Lyon
7 th -9 th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both seasons wrapped up • 13U keeping equipment bag for fall ball *14/15U equipment bag in Alpine shed, I will get it to Amy • TJ Antonelli requested to coach again next year which I would be in support of, would also be interested in Julie's thoughts 	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season officially over, didn't have a State Rec tournament through MYAS this year • Reaching out to some potential new board members to fill Senior Hour Coordinator • Brainstorming ideas for EOY tournament expansion, date changes—Add to next meeting Agenda. • Look at providing umpers for all 8U EOS tournament games. 	Kyle Meyer
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates 	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fields closed within next 2 weeks (fences at Central, Bonnell, John Ward; cages at Alpine) • Will put up DIBS for taking down fences, and batting cage nets at Alpine/Enloe and needs to be done within the next 2 weeks • Softball is in charge of taking down batting cage nets at Central. 	Travis Grawey

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enloe needs new batting cage nets for next year—plan on just leaving these up this year due to getting new ones for next year. 	
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash box will be dropped off with Kris today. Register was returned to basketball Cleaning out trailer now and will sell leftovers to football and they can cut us a check. Football will not be using the trailer this season. We are going with a simpler way of selling stuff at a table/tent. (Less work involved without having to move the trailer back and forth and worry about storage.)—Generator need to be put in Alpine shed. Trailer need to get brought to M&G to store for winter. 	Brandi Sharp
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 14th 2025 6pm 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 855pm-, Adam Motioned, Travis 2nd	