

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, March 8th, 2026 6PM

Meeting

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

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
Meeting began		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie Hale calls to order at 602p 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie motions to approve Niki 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie motions to approve Katlin 2nd Motion approved 	
Parents concerns/Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Board Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Director Vote One applicant—Eric Roering Katie H motions to vote in Eric R as Traveling Director Niki 2nd Motion passes 14 yay 2 abstain 	

Travel Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Parent/Player Meeting Readiness Is everything ready? Who is presenting? Eric R will be presenting the meeting. 	
Sr. House Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr House Parent/Player Meeting Readiness Is everything ready? Who is presenting? Katlin will be presenting the meeting. Update the board member page and any other things that have changed this year. 	
Base Plugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need 50+ to cover all fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rawlings Square Plugs (\$14.40 for 3) Shappy Foam Plugs (What we bought last time - \$19.99 for 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review examples and make decision <p>Leaning towards the Rawlings square plugs. Only concern is if drags will catch on these due to small lip.</p>	
Equipment Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nets at Enloe – 862.65 x2 = \$1725.30 Leslie motions to approve Katlin 2nd Motion approved Make sure they are the same as last year. 	
February Meeting Follow-Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are allowed to use Scott's Freezer for tournaments but needs to be removed when done Concession space is included with field rentals for tournaments Hoping to have the dugouts at Ward and Bonnell complete by end of March Need to inventory the stuff in the Enloe Shed and code will be updated soon by the city—Adam needs to get the code to Scott to do inventory. Field Assignments will be sent to Travel Coaches soon 	
Open Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at our tryout process and decide if we want to add or change anything. Consider paid coaches for older age groups Need to have an in depth conversation at a future date about how we will be doing our tryout process. Softball has agreed to pitch in for a gator for central(up to 3-4k) 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner—October 2026 Treasurer—October 2026 Traveling Director—March 2026 Tournament Director—October 2026 Registration Coordinator—October 2026 Concessions Coordinator—October 2026 	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8U Tournament--- June 6-7th Midsummer Classic--- June 20-21st House Tournament—June 26-28th Gopher State 13A----- July 24-26th All Star Series----Aug 1st 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on getting a tentative picture day schedule drafted so travel coaches can block off days for scheduling. They will be in May this year. Will communicate with each coach their day to avoid. 	Katie Steinbach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will figure out how many DIBS need to be posted and work with Sam on this. 	
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More to come 	Kris Collins
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Board Cassie sent an email to their listserv on Monday Facebook was boosted for 14 days with an additional boost on over the weekends that extended through Saturday of evals. Emails have been going out regularly to last years registrants, with the most recent one sent last night. Keeping registration open until 3/15 and then will do a final boost to the 18th Miss Iz communicated. An email also went out to remind folks about evals. Also communicated the gear swap - will send another reminder before the meeting Will be sending an email to last years 8th graders with info for high school and updating the HS website Outside of registration, I put together a flyer on the open board positions. Katie H. will bring those on Saturday. 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration still open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tball - 43 Coach Pitch - 42 Sr House - 109 7-9th - 15 15U - 10 Little ballers registration will be open til April 1st—look at putting flyers at preschools. 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a manufacturing issue with the jerseys, we will not be distributing uniforms at the Player Parent Meeting on March 18th. The manufacturer is covering the cost of the rerun. Coaches will distribute uniforms at a later date. The board uniform assembly night has been postponed until the revised jerseys arrive. This year's uniform designs will be in the parent meeting presentation Jersey designs for House have been finalized. We had nearly 100 house players complete try-ons at House evals 2/28. Recommend having extra pants, jerseys for next year. The spring apparel store will be open for the player parent meeting Tornado Alley will be at the parent meeting with samples of items in the store as well as socks, hats, and a few other items for sale. All House team rosters should be to us by 3/25 in order to have House uniform orders to the vendor by 4/1 at the latest. We will do a straggler order of House uniforms in April if needed. 	Julie Williams
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dropping of gear to coaches. Exchanging gear that is not functional. Will hand out house gear to the coaches meeting—Tentatively Thursday April 9th 6pm at Riversbend. Baseballs came in. 	Scott Corbin
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs have been placed as nicely as I could at Brookside, Ramsey, and both Pacts along with Lord of Life. I am sure we will need lots of new metal for them, Permits submitted for all tournaments along with concessions area at Central---- EXCEPT 8U (that is being held at Sunny Acres now)—clarify about garbage's and porta potties and if we have the permit. Waiting on information from Byrd for the city of Anoka to get a permit or see if he already did. Porta Potties and sinks scheduled Ace Garbage Cans scheduled 	Niki Olson

Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis has still been involved (like the awesome dude he is) and seeing the dugout/fence project through with Frank/Matt. They believe it'll be done this month • I spoke with Midwest machinery. They are cool holding the Gator until I can get up there to pick it up. They are also checking with Sales on any machines in a similar price range (\$5k-ish) that they'd feel comfortable selling to a volunteer organization. Next step will be me talking them into a discount for the kids. • I still plan on repairing the field drags. I fixed one after it was used for the last tournament when I picked up Orange Betty. They are easy fixes. I'll have it done in March • I won't be at the player/parent meeting on the 18th. I'll be traveling for work. Working with TJ for any slides needed. 	Eric Stuberg
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arm care week start for highschool this week • Next week is tryouts • Wicks is retiring this year—working with him on fields for 15s 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15s registration numbers are going up—working with them. Have had some 15s that tried out that have decided not to play. 	TJ Lyon
7th-9th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed the 7th Rec team to ask about a volunteer coach and reminded them about the Parent Player meeting for jersey tryons. Sitting at 10 players currently • 8/9 Rec is at 4.—reach out to spectrum to see if they have players. 	Mike Kinghorn
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evals are done • 28 8U—hoping for a couple more to make 3 teams • 42 10U—Need 2 10s coaches • 37 12U—hoping for a couple more to make 4 teams • Waiting to hear from Champlin/Dayton and Elk River to see if they want to play in our 8U tournament • Draft is March 24th 6pm 	Katlin Pieri
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting to work on team formation • Planning on being mostly done with it right after House Meeting. 	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to know when we can put nets up • Talk with Adam on training videos for field maintenance 	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a check from Kris for the baseball trailer food license. (He knows, hoping he will bring it to the meeting if he is attending.)- Need to mail form and payment by March 31st. • Exciting updates to share about the Central building and concessions use. Want to talk about a few ideas. Nautical bowls will bring their own freezer and will take remaining stock at the end. • Would like to get a grill to do hotdogs and burgers—will need to be precooked and have a set griller as a volunteer. • Need someone to grab the tumblers from the shed so we can sell them at the parent/player meeting—locate these. • Looking for one more food vendor for Alpine. Turkey King has confirmed attendance for all tournament dates at Alpine. 2 food vendors plus the trailer would be ideal. • Need to figure out concessions options at Sunny acres for 8U tournament—Katlin will take this on. • Look into payment options at our tournaments—maybe get our own square equipment(have Stuberg reachout to them to see if they will give us a deal as a non profit). • Cash count process needs to be looked at--must have 2 people for counting in and out each day. One person need to be in charge of this each tournament. 	Brandi Sharp

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should have a board member around concessions if we are doing grilling. • Looking in to having a coffee vendor at the tournaments. • Create signs for concessions—Angela can get these printed at no cost—one for central and one for trailer—Leslie will work with Brandi and Ang to design and print • Need everyday use items at central in a sealable tote. 	
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slotted 6 volunteers for putting up nets in batting cages—very specific instructions will do Alpine and Enloe same night also need to be able to • Must sign up on SportsEngine for DIBS slots. Cannot just show up to do DIBS • Put age limits on DIBs 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 13th 630pm Virtual 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 758pm-, Katie H Motioned, Brandi 2 nd motion approved	