

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, April 13th, 2025 6PM
Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	OPEN	OPEN, Junior House Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Leaf, Assistant Commissioner	PRESENT	Kyle Leaf, 7 th -9 th Grade Coordinator
ABSENT	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	PRESENT	Katie Hale, High School Liaison
ABSENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	OPEN	OPEN, 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
ABSENT	Leslie Roering, Marketing and Communications	ABSENT	Brandi Sharp, Concessions Coordinator
PRESENT	Davis Kreps, Fundraising Director	ABSENT	Eric Stuberg, At Large Member

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: SCOTT CORBIN, ALLISON SALO, ALAN SALO,

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
Meeting began		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam calls to order at 613pm 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Travis 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Travis 2nd Motion approved 	
Big Board Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of year spending down money-Need to break even with gambling money earnings to not get taxed from the big board. The money we donated to the big board for the Dome land is what we are receiving back at the end of the year for purchases needed for equipment/supplies. Then end of 2024 we received 6000\$ and that was deducted from the 27000\$ we gave. Processing fees-looking at adding processing fees to registration fees and refunds(around 3%) so we do not eat these costs. Food license-We will not be able to do anything other than prepackaged food. Need to have certain requirements to sell food other than drinks, chips, candy. Will need to use food trucks going forward for now. Consider upgrading our trailer to provide different options in future. –Look into creating a subcommittee to 	

	facilitate getting things needed to upgrading Alpine Park with water and electricity.	
Meeting Guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Corbin—interested in Equipment Coordinator • Alison Salo-interested in joining • Alan Salo-interested in joining • Dustin Krause- 	
Chalk Order Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with the city of Ramsey about providing the chalk. They need 4 pallets a year to run all the Ramsey fields. We will provide 3 pallets of chalk and softball will provide 1 pallet. Roughly 2100\$ total for our cost. 	
Succession Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Board positions email/social media posting • Kyle Leaf leaving in 10/25-Mike Kinghorn possibly interested • Kyle Meyer leaving in 10/25-Alison possibly interested would like more information 	
Parent Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent looking for a waiver to child to play baseball for CR traveling at 13—was told no waiting to hear back on if they are choosing to play house at CR or traveling at ARAA 13A 	
Field Usage Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents and kids showed up to play on Alpine were asked to leave and kindly obliged. • Assistant coach from 13AAA showed up at Alpine 4 was asked to leave due to field not being open. There was a lot of pushback and refusing to leave. Spoke with head coach of this team and he was not aware of this. • Reached out to Dustin Reeder for solutions looking at options of suspension or removal of coach or player. Once that conversation happens we can see what to do moving forward. • How do we want to handle this kind of situation in the future—bylaws cover what it needs to happen on a case by case basis 	
Concessions License Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food License Update—see above 	
George Green Shed Clean-Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment to go to Go Green • Dumpster to toss stuff • Need a couple volunteers to help with this to sort through things maybe end of July early August • Niki will find out what a single dumpster will cost 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JD from castle field association contacted about Anoka Bucs to be on a televised tour this summer, will be here July 2nd. Get kids out there for activities. More to come. • Youth Night was moved to Monday May 12th. TJ, Kyle, Kelsie will send out to their teams and will have Leslie send out communication to all-will have a stand for selling items. • Adam motions to approve Scott joining the board for Equipment Coordinator • Niki 2nd • Motion approved 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior House Coordinator 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Coordinator • At-Large Coordinator(Uniforms) 	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midsummer Classic June 20-22 • Gopher State July 25-27 • All Star August 2 • House Tournament July 11-13 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on the picture day schedule now that teams are finalized for house and games have been picked for travel. I noticed a couple travel teams have games on their scheduled day so I will communicate with coaches to get things resolved. • Still need teams for 13U and 15U rec so I can get rosters and coaches for picture day. • Once finalized with Sportsline, I will work with Leslie on communicating this out. Will still be a couple weeks yet. • Booked 2026 picture dates. 	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update given 	Kris Collins
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update given 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remaining open registrations are 7th-9th, 15U and Little Ballers • Closed 15U • Considering leaving little ballers open til it starts, late. Registrations just may not receive jerseys. 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Ballers jerseys order being submitted 4/17 with delivery 5/15. • Sr House uniforms should be ready 4/24 • Jr House uniforms should be ready 5/2 • 7-9 Uniforms 5/7 • 5/12 – Selling extra hats and pants at youth night? YES 	Julie Williams
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coaches for confirmed/closed registration groups have equipment bags. Baseball order was picked up. List of equipment needs sent to Kris and Adam. 	OPEN
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make a note that I will be working with Sam to get DIBS hours once MYAS gets us the timeline for games. • I will be sponsoring the 14's to play at Castle this year with my company Golden Eye Transportation LLC • Please see the sign up sheets for the tournaments. They are posted in the ARAA Baseball folder under tournaments. 	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong response from players meetings- House meeting had 4 interested businesses, 1 interested business from traveling. Working with those businesses currently to determine the level they will participating in. • Niki's generously offered to sponsor the Castle Field games. Thanks Niki!! • Davis is working with Northland Fence and the cities to get fences installed at fields with needs. Northland would do this as an alternative to a cash sponsorship. • Eric S is working with GoGreen about sponsorship and they will be going through current equipment that will we be donating • Here is a list of the current donors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timberline Lawn Care-\$2,000-Check being mailed ○ Mauer Chevrolet \$1,000 with potentially more from the Anoka Mauer Main-Picking up check next week 	Davis Kreps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connexus energy donated \$250-Check received • Fastsigns in Blaine will be doing signs for us this year. Thanks Kyle L for the contact info!! • Sponsorships hoping to be wrapped up by end of April and signs designed and finalized early May to be displayed ASAP. 	
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMPORTANT: Youth Night is changed to Monday, May 12th starting at 5:30. The game starts at 7pm, but they will have games and activities. • The reason youth night is being moved: Freshman parents and players are the primary resource for this event and the boosters scheduled the 4/24 date, but freshman have a game that night. 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update 	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need uniform for player added to 12A • Possibly need a uniform for player that may be added 13A • Game scheduling complete for travel teams 	TJ Lyon
7 th -9 th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grabbed equipment for 7-9th just need to grab balls. • Will send TJ info for flexball for tryouts next year • Need a 14/15 Rec coach 	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teams are formed. • 3 - 8 and 10U • 2 12u • Waiting on schedule from Andover • Need Allstar jerseys by July 10th 	Kyle Meyer
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coaches and players on both CP and T-Ball have been selected and connected to each other. All coaches have been sent to Amber for background checks. • Field assignments and schedules have been completed and sent out. On track for a fun season. • Will start this month working on LITTLE BALLERS communication. • POTENTIALLY FOUND a Jr House coordinator. Will update. 	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batting tunnels up at Alpine — thanks to Adam, Kyle, Davis • Proposal to require or strongly suggest teams/coaches that play on fields with fences and/or batting tunnels help with the install and tear down process • New DIBS opportunity to put together the 3 L-screens from Mauer Chev • Older L-screens in decent shape from Alpine being reassigned and delivered to other fields • Need to put up a fence at Ward 1 before Thursday. Need 2 helpers • Need to check sheds at all parks to make sure they're stocked with rakes, drags, etc. • PACT has plans to make some updates to Central 7 — yellow poly fence top, batter's eye on CF fence, bullpen next to both dugouts 	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Update 	Brandi Sharp
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DIBS for putting up nets in cages at Alpine • Will work with Niki for what hours are needed for DIBS for upcoming tournaments 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 18th 2025 6PM 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 6pm-, Kyle L Motioned, Kelsie 2nd	

