

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2019, 6:00pm
Buffalo House

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

Present: John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Theresa Leopold, Jason Lagregren, Melissa Stevens, Stewart Goldberg, Adam Maslowski

1. Bylaw Review. Bylaws were updated at our annual meeting in November. The changes were approved at the January meeting; and again today with motion by John, second by Theresa. Motion carries.
2. Safe Sport Act 2017. Tabled until we are updated by Mike Carter from USSSA. Discussed we will probably not have this in place this season, but can try to be up to date next season. We should discuss at the coaches meeting on April 14 that we are working on it.
3. Umpire Training and Recruiting.
 - a. Jason Lagregren gave an update on the umpires, who will be mostly the same as last year. He is attending the high school umpire clinic next week and will try to recruit additional umpires at that time.
 - b. Kelly will check with Mike Carter about umpire training, to see if it is needed, and if it will be more in depth than last year.
 - c. Discussed keeping one umpire per game at all age levels.
 - d. Continue with Arbiter to schedule games and report scores.
4. Dual Sanction USSSA and NAFA? Discussed possibility of expanding the USSSA draw by hosting a dual USSSA/NAFA qualifying tourney. This would also be more agreeable with the umpires as many are/would like to be NAFA certified. Would be additional \$15 per team to dual sanction. Discussed the budget does not allow for dual sanction this year, but could consider next season.
5. Exception Request. MLWR/Kelly Goeb requested exception to allow an 11 y/o to play 10U as she has only one functioning arm. Motion by Theresa, second by John, to allow the request. Motion carries.

6. Field Availability. Will need to confirm with Proctor and Hermantown if they have fields available for the older ages if needed. Kelly will check with each community.
7. Bank Account Changes. Update that Kelly and Melissa are now listed on the checking account at Wells Fargo, Pat and Sherry have been removed.
8. Facebook. Theresa and John will work out getting the page going.
9. Coaches Clinic and Meeting
 - a. Dennis has previously agreed to run the Coaches Clinic, hopefully with some help from Scott Janigo and Dick Swanson
 - b. 8U. Postseason feedback indicated some coaches were throwing more slow pitch than fast pitch. Discussion among the board that we should be encouraging flat quick pitches, no arc. Also discussed if we should use the machine at this age. Kelly had previously tested the 11" softie balls in the machine and they did NOT work, were not consistent. Therefore, softie balls will not work in the machine. Discussed among the board that we would like to stay with softies to allow the girls to enjoy the game, not be worried about getting hit or hurt with a hard ball. So decided to stay with coach pitch and 11" softies. Encouraged not keeping score. Keep it fun at this age.
 - c. 10U. We would like to get rid of the machine, encourage 10U to follow the same rules as 12U with pitching. Will therefore use machines only through July 4, will be straight pitching after that and the entire season the following years. Need to encourage starting the players pithing at the 8U level.
 - d. Kelly will arrange to get rule books from Mike Carter. We will not be providing scorebooks this year.
10. Next Meetings. Sunday, April 14
 - i. Coaches Clinic 3:00-5:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - ii. Coaches Meetings, Buffalo House upstairs
 1. 8U/10U/12U at 5:30pm
 2. 14U/16U/18U at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 by Theresa, second by John. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Goeb