

# ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19th

7:00 PM

Elm Crest Park, Ramsey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Dan Franzwa, *Commissioner*
- Ann Colford, *Treasurer*
- Sonja Abrahamson, *Secretary*
- Kevin Moore, *12-16U Director*
- Christina Tonda, *6-10U Director*

- Jeff Henry, *Tournament Director*
- Joel Haynes, *Fields/Umps/Equipment Director*
- Jen Flickinger, *Communications/Sponsor Director*
- Karen Thinnies, *Uniform/Volunteer Director*

**COORDINATOR MEMBERS:**

- Sonja Abrahamson, *Player Development Coordinator*
- Chris Bangle, *Coaching Coordinator*
- Jeff Spiess, *Youth First Coordinator*
- OPEN POSITION, *Assessment and Dome Ball Coordinator*

**OTHER'S PRESENT:**

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Dan called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes, Sonja seconded, Board approved minutes.</li> </ul>
Email Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baseball has agreed to purchase one of the two fences for Central Park (as discussed in previous meeting)</li> <li>• Kevin, Chris, Jen, and Dan discussed extending 8U registration deadline to fill 2 teams. Current thoughts on uniforms to remain open.</li> <li>• Suggested to have 12U-16U players on hand at Back to School night in the fall</li> <li>• Embroidered Sweatshirts needed a minimum of 10 to get embroidery but only received 2 orders. Do we have them screen printed instead?</li> <li>• Kevin and Christina decided to keep 8U with the Soderville league vs. Big West</li> <li>• Website suggestion to reword or remove FAQ: "where do my registration fees go" it says \$1000 tournament allowance with a * after with this **In 2017, several teams raised funds on their own to play additional tournaments beyond the amount they were allotted. Some teams fund-raised on their own to cover trips to Nationals and to play in tournaments other than qualifier or state. \$1000 allows ALL teams 10U and up to cover tournament registration fees (travel costs, hotels, meals, etc. will be at the expense of the player). This \$1000 budget prevents the need for additional fundraising or asking parents for additional money to cover tournaments other than Qualifiers, or State.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioner Report – Dan Franzwa</b>	
Central Park Fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One fence purchased for \$800, Baseball purchased the other</li> <li>• Dan motioned to purchase fence for \$800 seconded by Joel, motion approved</li> </ul>
8U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now have 18 girls</li> <li>• May have a couple more</li> <li>• 2 – 10Us registered due to registration being open for 8U.</li> <li>• Dan will reach out to families and reimburse any paid fees</li> <li>• Registration to close on Friday</li> </ul>
Embroidered Sweatshirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (see above)</li> <li>• Families decided to cancel orders</li> </ul>
Website wording	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (see above)</li> <li>• Remove wording</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnies</b>	
AR Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have been ordered</li> <li>• Extra 10U uniforms have been ordered</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caines will have two jerseys on display</li> <li>• Karen has delivered some swag items and will be available at LOL on Friday</li> <li>• Swag store will open again at a later date</li> </ul>
NorthStars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ordering 3 extra per team</li> <li>• Not ordered yet due to possible team addition</li> <li>• Swag store closes on Friday</li> <li>• Swag store will open again at a later date</li> </ul>
8U Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested one color back with sponsor, Twin's logo, and number. Front with AR logo w/one color</li> <li>• Smash athletics \$13.50 or performance shirt for \$15</li> <li>• Tornado Alley \$17, or performance shirt for \$21</li> <li>• Rebyl \$25</li> <li>• Socks \$4 for Rebyl</li> <li>• Maroon and black shirts with white print</li> </ul>
Dirt Devil Dibs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will post once nets go up</li> <li>• 16U NorthStars team to do nets and fences</li> <li>• 14U NorthStars to do mowing</li> <li>• Karen to delete items after Dirt Devil</li> </ul>
<b>12U-16U Director – Kevin Moore</b>	
Late registrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 10U additions</li> <li>• How to handle late additions next year with fall assessments</li> </ul>
8U Rosters and Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christina has a couple of interested parties</li> <li>• Will divide players on Friday for practice</li> </ul>
High School Try-Outs Open to 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has opened up to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pitchers and catcher</li> <li>• Those not playing for the High School, will find practice</li> <li>• Brad has offered to help run practices</li> <li>• Coach J will allow freshman team players to play with association</li> </ul>
<b>8U-10U Director – Christina Tonda (via email)</b>	
Big west	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meeting moved to April 9th</li> </ul>
8U League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will play in Soderville League</li> <li>• Soderville coaches meeting will be on April 15th</li> <li>• Currently have 18 registered players</li> <li>• Hoping to form 2 teams</li> <li>• Has an idea for coaches</li> </ul>
<b>Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
Winter Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Done</li> <li>• Averaged 22 girls in first session, 31 in second session for total of 54</li> <li>• Last year averaged 34 in first session, 21 in second session for total of 55</li> <li>• Would like to see more involvement from coaches</li> </ul>
Indoor Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change 8U on schedule before posting (remove maroon and white)</li> </ul>
<b>Coaching Coordinator – Chris Bangle</b>	
<b>Assessment/Dome Ball Director – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Tournament Director – Jeff Henry</b>	
Dirt Devil Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting for new phone number to EMT</li> <li>• Waiting to hear back regarding umpires – 102 games, want cadets for 8U and 2 umpires for championship games</li> <li>• Have Violet Victoria and Tornado Alley secured as vendor</li> <li>• Need to get AR Teams registered</li> <li>• <b>Dan to reach out to Jen to see how she registered AR teams last year</b></li> <li>• <b>Jeff to contact NGIN to see if he can change number of allowable teams</b></li> <li>• Medals found for \$2.49/each</li> <li>• Planning to purchase a 4 pack of walkie talkies</li> <li>• Have 4 - 10U teams and 5 - 12U teams registered already</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tammy will help with shopping list</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
Resignation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May will be her last meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jen Flickinger</b>	
<b>Treasurer – Ann Colford</b>	
Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have most teams registered for tournaments</li> </ul>
<b>Fields/Umps Director/Equipment Director – Joel Haynes</b>	
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When should inventory happen?</li> <li>• April 19<sup>th</sup> is last scheduled indoor practice</li> <li>• Do we know which coaches have equipment?</li> </ul>
Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remind coaches to stay off the field until City gives the all clear</li> </ul>
<b>Youth First Coordinator – Jeff Spiess</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to lack of attendance and response to emails will eliminate position</li> </ul>
<b>MISC</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan motioned to adjourn, Sonja seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM</li> </ul>	

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