

Arrowhead Fastpitch League Board
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2018 6:00pm
Buffalo House

Called to order at 6:15 pm

Present: Theresa Leopold, John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Sherry Mottonen, Melissa Stevens

1. Summary of 2018 Coaches Survey.

- Overall, successful season. Some comments were directed to situations that should be handled at the community level (jerseys, practices, umpires at younger age groups, etc).
- Some comments regarding coaching and fan behaviors would have been nice to know during the season to address the issue at the time. Has made us aware that some parents may not know how to reach us, website, email address, etc. So will add our email and website addresses to the PDF of the schedule next year.
- Comments that some teams played each other more than others. We will add a FAQ page to our website to try to explain how and why that happens (along with answering many other questions).
- Facebook. Most folks were in favor of having a league Facebook page. However, we need someone to manage that page.
- 16/18s league
 - i. Comments that some competition was uneven between 16s teams and 18s teams. Overall, coaches in favor keeping league combined but playing 2/3 within age group, and 1/3 against other age group.
 - ii. Would be nice to play games on one night per week. If not, then Tuesday/Thursday was preferred by 55%. Will ask Dennis and/or Scott to check with City of Duluth if it would be possible to use all fields at Wheeler one or two nights per week to maybe schedule a full age group on one night. (Field availability has limited that in the past.)
- 14U—prefers to keep all games on Wednesdays if possible, even if at different sites

- 10/12U comments—
 - i. Overall happy with level of play and keeping north/south divisions
 - ii. Umpires need to be more vocal, louder. Will emphasize at our preseason coaches meeting
 - iii. Scheduling concerns of 5:30 games being too early, July 4 week is difficult, and rainouts are hard to reschedule. Will add to our FAQ sheet for next season.
 - 8U comments
 - i. One comment that would like to count outs, runs during the game
 - ii. Comment that the 8U girls should be using the pitching machine, not coach pitch. (Will explain on our FAQ sheet that is our goal over the next few years...make 8U be more like 10U and get 10U to be straight pitching)
 - Future board involvement---only received one name, Kelly will contact
 - Fields---Wade is not well liked. Will check with City of Duluth if there is anyway we can use Wheeler more often.
2. Sherry Resignation. Sherry presented a resignation letter to the board indicating she will be stepping off the board completely, including the treasurer position. She will continue thru the end of the year to wrap up the 2018 season. We will discuss possible replacement at our annual meeting in November.
 3. Finances and registration fees. Tabled until next meeting due to lack of attendance tonight.
 4. Umpire Training and Recruiting for 2019. Tabled for next meeting. Will sell our extra gear to Cloquet Youth Baseball and Softball Association.
 5. Annual Meeting in November. Need to discuss size of our board, if we need to decrease in size so we can meet quorum. Should have as many board members at that meeting as possible for annual elections. Should also confirm all board members would like to continue, and continue to look for anyone else interested in attending.
 - Dennis, Kelly, Todd, Scott up for re-election
 - Kelly will send out email to all coaches and community leaders, ask them to forward to parents, to see if we can get more involvement at our meeting, additional board members, etc.
 6. Tabled until next meeting
 - If we should continue leadoff in 2019 (due to cost)
 - What our registration fees will be next year
 - Determine if we should switch to USSSA balls next year

7. Next Meeting Dates

- Sunday, November 11, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs. ANNUAL MEETING and regular meeting
- Sunday, January 13, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
- Sunday, February 10, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
- Sunday, March 10, 6:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
- Sunday, April 14
 - i. Coaches Clinic approx. 1:00pm, Buffalo House upstairs
 - ii. Coaches Meetings 5:00.....Buffalo House upstairs

Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Goeb