



Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball (AYB)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2025, Call to Order: 6:34pm

Location: Ashwaubenon Community Center

[AYB Website](#)

Attendees (board members & guests / shaded not in attendance): Adam Lasee, Brock Ploederl, David Roehrig, Donovan Miller, Heather Anderson, Jared Lemon, Jason Hill, Joe Richter, John Sperber, Kyle Casper, Kyle Ehrfurth, Tom Meersman, Wes Smith, Josh Roethle, Bobby Paul, Steve Hill, Corey Bogenschutz, Justin Gabriel, Jared Grusznski, Matt Rotter, Phil Fisher, Casey Berkshire, Ian Maclean

Approval of September meeting minutes - Motion: Wes Smith **Second:** Jared Lemon

AGENDA	NOTES / ACTION
PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION / APPROVAL OF TREASSURER'S REPORT:	
TREASURER John Sperber	Financial Report A handout titled "Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball November 2025 Financial Report" was distributed for review. The Village of Ashwaubenon has been paid in full for the year.
BOARD REPORTS:	
PRESIDENT Donovan Miller	A small group met with John Fanta and Jason Bauman from the Rockers. Further discussion will take place during the Bassball Cages related agenda item. The high school football field is being resurfaced. The Lions football team has expressed interest in helping. There is a plan to repurpose the old turf for use in the current batting cages. Bathrooms at Ashwaubomay are currently closed. Members are asked not to use them. There are eight slushie containers stored at Ashwaubomay. Batting cage mats are drying. Cleanup efforts went well: The windscreen was rolled up and is in relatively good condition. The rope along the bottom of the screen held up nicely.

	<p>There are several pitching machines in the locker. These will need to be inspected to determine if any require repairs or replacement.</p>
<p>REGISTRATION Heather Anderson</p>	<p>No significant changes to report at this time.</p> <p>Members were directed to review the attached handout titled “Registration Update” for current details.</p> <p>Ian will follow up with Donovan to discuss Legion Fees.</p>
<p>VICE PRESIDENT Jared Lemon</p>	<p>SNC Baseball Clinic Opportunity:</p> <p>A 7-week clinic is being offered, held every Sunday.</p> <p>Exploring interest in opening the clinic to T-ball participants.</p> <p>Cost for T-ball players would be \$175 per participant.</p> <p>Field Maintenance & Assessment:</p> <p>Midwest Athletic Fields assessed Diamonds 1, 2, and 3 (Josh Veit). They previously worked on Field 4.</p> <p>Emphasis on ensuring AYB and the Village are aligned on nightly/weekly field maintenance procedures.</p> <p>Includes proper base removal during infield dragging.</p> <p>Donovan will connect with Dan Dubuque from the Village to coordinate.</p> <p>Irrigation systems need to be checked to confirm all fields are functioning properly. There may be an issue with one field.</p> <p>Equipment & Storage:</p> <p>The third base locker on Field 1 has been cleared out to accommodate portable pitching mounds, which will be discussed and voted on later.</p>
<p>CONCESSION COORDINATOR Vacant</p>	<p>Ella Senger contacted Donovan Miller last week to share that she has accepted a summer internship and will not be returning to AYB for concession stand duties.</p> <p>She is willing to assist until she needs to report for her internship.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS Steve Hill</p>	<p>No updates at this time.</p> <p>The Player, Parent, and Overall, League Engagement presentation will be covered at next month’s meeting.</p>
<p>UMPIRE COORDINATOR Kyle Casper</p>	<p>Kyle will be reaching out to umpires for upcoming tournaments.</p> <p>There will be no changes to umpire pay for the current year.</p> <p>Kyle will provide an update next year regarding any potential changes.</p>
<p>TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Vacant</p>	<p>The Tournament Director position remains vacant.</p>

	<p>This vacancy will need to be addressed promptly to ensure proper planning and coordination for upcoming tournaments.</p>
<p>SPONSORSHIP Tom Meersman</p>	<p>An additional email will be sent on November 17 offering a discount to sponsors who commit before January 1.</p> <p>Early sponsorship rate: \$350 Standard rate after January 1: \$400 These rates are expected to remain unchanged.</p> <p>Historically, 90–95% of sponsors return each year.</p> <p>Last year, AYB had 29 sponsors, contributing a total of \$12,000.</p> <p>Planning to request 3 to 3.5 pallets of water from Witt.</p> <p>Storage space is limited; 4 pallets will not fit.</p>
<p>FUNDRAISING Wes Smith</p>	<p>No major updates at this time.</p> <p>Interest was expressed in identifying current sponsors to potentially include them on league calendars.</p> <p>Tom confirmed that all sponsors are listed on the AYB website.</p> <p>Discussion included exploring new fundraising opportunities:</p> <p>A meat raffle was suggested; there are no barriers to pursuing this idea.</p> <p>Packer concession stands were also mentioned as a potential future option.</p>
<p>FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT Adam Lassee</p>	<p>Uniform Selection:</p> <p>Adam distributed handouts showing possible uniform and hat combinations.</p> <p>Attendees were asked to vote by placing a tally next to two jersey options and one hat.</p> <p>The winning combination: green and yellow pinstripe jerseys with green hats.</p> <p>This design is similar to last year but made with different material.</p> <p>Adam will send out a list by age group, size, and name. Responses are requested before the next board meeting.</p> <p>Baseballs:</p> <p>Adam contacted David at Parks & Rec regarding ordering baseballs.</p> <p>Potential to include this in the 2026 budget, covering both AYB and high school baseballs.</p> <p>Single A Division:</p> <p>Considering a switch from the softer “pickle ball” style to standard Little League baseballs.</p> <p>This change is under review and discussion.</p>

	<p>Catching Gear:</p> <p>General gear inventory is in good shape.</p> <p>There is a surplus of Single A catching gear.</p> <p>Need to purchase new catcher's gloves, especially for AA and AAA levels, and a few for tournament use.</p> <p>Field Equipment:</p> <p>Additional base plugs are needed.</p> <p>An orange tool nicknamed the "Garrett Carrot" is available to help locate metal base stems.</p>
PARKS & RECREATION David Roehrig	Not present.
HIGH SCHOOL Jason Hill	<p>A net for the small gym has been measured and purchased.</p> <p>Installation is expected in 2–3 weeks, to be completed by janitorial staff.</p> <p>Access will require keys to enter and a key to lower the net.</p> <p>The back closet door remains unlocked for convenience.</p> <p>A batter's box mat and an additional mat will be placed on the gym floor.</p> <p>New varsity hats have been ordered; they will be solid green.</p>
LEGION Ian Mclean	<p>A discussion on fees and registration will be held with a group of AYB members who have historical perspective to help guide decisions.</p> <p>Legion does not plan to host regionals in the upcoming year.</p> <p>The Legion team will wear yellow and black uniforms for the upcoming season.</p>
STRATEGIC COORDINATOR Vacant	<p>Donovan contacted John to request photos.</p> <p>The concession stand position will be posted soon to begin the hiring process.</p>
SCHEDULING COORDINATOR Kyle Ehrfurth	<p>Open gyms for AYB will begin after January 1.</p> <p>Sessions will be held:</p> <p>Every other Sunday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</p> <p>Mondays in the mezzanine</p> <p>Thursday nights in the auxiliary gym</p> <p>Additional Monday and Thursday sessions may be scheduled based on availability.</p>
NEW BUSINESS:	

**CHANGES TO
LEAGUE &
TOURNAMENT
BYLAWS**

Proposed Bylaw Changes

T-Ball Division:

The division will be reviewed as a whole to better reflect AYB's new approach to skill development.

Single A Division:

Considering a baseball switch but will continue to allow only small barrel bats.

John S. will revise the overthrow rule language to encourage proper fielding techniques (e.g., throwing to first base).

John will conduct a comprehensive review of the Single A bylaws.

AA Division:

New rule: Each pitcher may walk only one batter per inning.

If a new pitcher enters mid-inning, they may also walk one batter.

On a second walk by the initial pitcher, ball four becomes a dead ball.

One base may be taken per pitch.

No double steals allowed.

AAA Division:

No changes proposed at this time.

Organizational Bylaws:

Motion to remove the dual participation option under Bylaw 6.01, Section 7.

Motion by Jared Lemon

Second by Tom Meersman

Vote: All in favor – Motion passed

**CONCESSION
STAND FOR 2026**

Concession Coordinator Recruitment

It was suggested to identify a Legion baseball player along with a non-baseball playing friend to fill the Concession Coordinator role.

This dual-person model has been successful in the past.

If anyone has recommendations, please notify Donovan.

**COACHING CLINIC
UPDATES**

Coaching Clinic Proposal

Jared distributed the coaching clinic proposal earlier; members are asked to refer to the handout.

	<p>The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 AM.</p> <p>Two format options were considered:</p> <p>Partnering with Sevastopol and Hosting with Ashwaubenon coaches only</p> <p>The recommended option includes access to master course material, with the majority of the clinic held in a classroom setting.</p> <p>Potential venues: High School auditorium followed by time in the auxiliary gym</p> <p>Cost: \$1,400 for a 3-hour clinic and access to master course content</p> <p>Motion to approve by Kyle Casper, seconded by Wes Smith</p> <p>Vote: All in favor – Motion passed</p>
<p>THE BASSBALL CAGES UPDATES</p>	<p>Partnership Update</p> <p>AYB submitted a \$2,000 partnership offer but received a significantly higher counteroffer.</p> <p>As a result, AYB will not proceed with the originally proposed partnership.</p> <p>The board will explore alternative partnership opportunities, including with the Green Bay Rockers and the soon-to-open batting cages.</p>
<p>2026 BUDGET</p>	<p>Facilities & Equipment</p> <p>Scoreboard on Field 4 is functioning well.</p> <p>A long-term plan for maintenance and upgrades should be developed.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <p>Implementing automatic locks with a punch code system</p> <p>Inventory and use of hand drags and the drag attachment for the Smithco</p>
<p>PORTABLE PITCHING MOUNDS</p>	<p>Portable Mound Proposal</p> <p>Proposal submitted by Jared Lemon regarding portable mound systems.</p> <p>Noted that most programs now use these systems.</p> <p>Discussion tabled for now.</p> <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <p>Need for three mounds</p> <p>Determining appropriate sizes for each level</p> <p>Evaluating the cost, construction, and maintenance of traditional dirt mounds as an alternative</p> <p>Jared and the research group will gather additional information.</p>

	A vote is planned for the December AYB meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS	

Motion to Adjourn: Wes Smith **Second:** Tom Meersman
Meeting Adjourned: 10:03. **Recorded:** Joe Richter