

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2022, 7pm
Tele-Meeting via Zoom

Called to order at 7:15pm

Present: Stewart Goldberg, Jacque Volk, Dennis Peterson, Kelly Goeb, Theresa Leopold

1. 2022 Season Summary

- Regular season
 - Two parents concerned about the lack of pitching machine at 10U level, wanting the pitching machine brought back
 - Rediscussed among board members that we need to encourage pitching development at 10U, the first couple of years will be rough, but the end result will be worth it
- Playoffs
 - 14/16/18U without concerns
 - 8U and 12U without concerns
 - 10U had issues with declaring the last inning being called at the appropriate time, therefore taking longer than expected and running into darkness for the championship game
 - Dennis spoke with the coaches involved afterwards to discuss
 - To prevent this in the future, we will list an emergency board contact phone number on the playoff schedule and do our best to have a board member present at semifinals and finals
 - We will also try to have more experienced umpires at later playoff games
- Discussed we need to be sure coaches know the Code of Conduct and will review at our preseason coaches meeting
- Background check, concussion certification, safesport certification was very time consuming to keep track. Suggested that we put that back on the communities. Theresa will put together forms to show names of coaches, what they have completed, etc, and will ask coaches to send that to us. We also need to set a very firm deadline for assigning coaches and assistant coaches to each team.

2. Financial Report

- Kelly presented costs of 2022 season per team, if costs are unchanged next year, then we should be able to charge the same registration fees

- Stew enquires about finding sponsors for our league to cut down on costs, he agrees to look into it
- Pat will ask for advice for 501C3 limits, if we were to find a sponsor
- Dennis makes motion, Stewart second to reimburse our treasurer \$500 for her work this year

3. Fees for 2023

- Kelly will ask Cloquet for estimate of field costs
- Dennis will ask for Duluth field/scoreboard costs
- Kelly will check on USSSA insurance and registration costs for next season
- Will rediscuss costs at next meeting and set fees for 2023

4. Dates for next year

- 8U, most games on Mondays, 8 weeks
 - Start on May 22
 - Play Thursday June 1 instead of May 29 (Memorial Day)
 - Games Monday June 5, 12, 19, 26
 - Play Thursday June 29 instead of Monday July 3
 - Games July 10
 - Playoffs week of July 17
- 10U, games on Wednesdays, 8 weeks
 - Start on May 24
 - Games May 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12
 - Playoffs week of July 17
- 12U, games on Tuesdays, 8 weeks
 - Start in May 23
 - Games May 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27
 - Play Thursday July 6 instead of July 4
 - Games on July 13
 - Playoffs week of July 17
- 14U, games on Wednesdays and maybe Thursdays, 7 weeks
 - Start June 7
 - Games June 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29; July 5/6, 12/13, 19/20
 - Playoffs week of July 24
- 16/18U, games on Mondays and Tuesdays, 7 weeks
 - Start June 5
 - Games June 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27;
 - Games June 29/July 6 instead of July 3/4
 - Games July 10/11, 17/18
 - Playoffs week of July 24

5. Umpires. No concerns.

6. Annual meeting.

- Will have it next month given hunting season in November.
- Due for re-election are
 - President Dennis Peterson
 - Secretary Kelly Goeb
 - At-large #1 Melissa Fracker
 - At-large #2 vacant

7. Next meeting.

- October 30 at 6pm by zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Goeb, secretary