

# ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 16th  
7:30 PM  
Elm Crest Park, Ramsey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Franzwa, <i>Commissioner</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Ann Colford, <i>Treasurer</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Secretary</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moore, <i>12-16U Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Christina Tonda, <i>6-10U Director</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Henry, <i>Tournament Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joel Haynes, <i>Fields/Umps/Equipment Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Flickinger, <i>Communications/Sponsor Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Karen Thinnas, <i>Uniform/Volunteer Director</i> |
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**COORDINATOR MEMBERS:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Player Development Coordinator</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Chris Bangle, <i>Coaching Coordinator</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Assessment and Dome Ball Coordinator</i> |
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**OTHER'S PRESENT:**

| Topic  | Minutes (Action items in BOLD)  |
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| Dan called the meeting to order at 7:32PM                          |   |
| Previous Minutes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan motioned to approve the March Meeting Minutes, Sonja seconded, Board approved minutes.</li> </ul>  |
| Email Communications   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chipotle Fundraiser on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 9pm at Riverdale site.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If can get 200 people to show photo of flyer can get \$800</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Picture night has been confirmed for April 29th beginning at 5:30pm</li> <li>• Rosters were added to the website</li> <li>• Jackets were ordered and should arrive April 19th and will hand out on picture night</li> <li>• Youth 1st to attend picture night</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Commissioner Report – Dan Franzwa</b>                           |   |
| Fields   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fields to possible open up on Monday</li> </ul>  |
| Positions  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separate Volunteer and Uniform?</li> <li>• Have Registration/Volunteer position together?</li> </ul>   |
| Registration   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will need to separate age groups</li> <li>• Will need to have separate registration for assessments and summer teams</li> </ul>  |
| Assessments  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should we look into having assessments in September?</li> <li>• Could advertise beginning of school year</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnas via email</b> |   |
| Uniforms   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karen will be picking up uniforms from Rebyl on April 18<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• She will connect with Dustin for 8U uniforms – they should be done on April 19<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• She will disperse uniforms on <b>Monday, April 22</b> at 6pm at Central Park</li> <li>• Raisin' Canes will provide handled brown bags for uniforms</li> </ul>  |
| DIBS   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will need a total of 592 hours for AR Families</li> <li>• Right now, Dirt Devil is sitting at 54 – 8 hours shifts equaling 432 hours</li> <li>• Reached out to Baseball for to do Wednesday night concessions and waiting to hear back</li> <li>• Would like to release Dirt Devil DIBS in two batches. When to release?</li> <li>• Overabundance of hours will change family cap from 12 hours to 8 hours</li> <li>• Need 6 field workers for Fields 1-4, 3 field worker for Fields 5-6</li> <li>• Plan heavy field prep Saturday morning</li> <li>• Karen to send previous DD Dibs and this year's Dibs</li> <li>• Will have fields prepped Friday night and have three workers right away Saturday morning</li> <li>• Would like to staff up the concession stands – 2 people on the grill</li> </ul> |
| <b>12U-16U Director – Kevin Moore</b>                              |   |

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| Big West Meeting   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling meeting went well</li> </ul>  |
| Northstar Coaches  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay for hotel for out of town tournament?</li> <li>• Kevin motion to pay \$350 for the 14U non-parent NorthStar head coach for hotel stay during Mankato tournament, Jeff seconded, Board approved, motion passed</li> </ul>   |
| <b>8U-10U Director – Christina Tonda</b>                     |   |
| <b>Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson</b>     |   |
| Indoor Practice  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall, going well</li> <li>• Catching instructor has missed 2 of the 3 sessions</li> <li>• 1 due to surgery on wrist, 2<sup>nd</sup> running late from HS Practice</li> <li>• Dan motioned to cancel the last indoor practice due to it being Good Friday, Vote 4-3 to cancel practice.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Coaching Coordinator – Chris Bangle</b>                   |   |
| <b>Assessment/Dome Ball Director – OPEN POSITION</b>         |   |
| <b>Tournament Director – Jeff Henry</b>                      |   |
| Dirt Devil   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will have concession trailer down by Fields 5-6</li> <li>• Getting rakes from Alpine</li> <li>• Park permit should be approved soon</li> <li>• MOA and NAFA berths</li> <li>• Still working on food</li> <li>• Umpires have been handed off to Joel –</li> <li>• EMT is lined up – Michael Jordan</li> <li>• Garage/Port-a-potty's</li> <li>• Ann ordered Medals</li> <li>• Vendors: Violet Victoria, Cotton candy, Tornado Alley,</li> <li>• Volunteer name tags/coaches packets</li> <li>• Need DQ coupons</li> <li>• Will reach out to Youth First</li> </ul> |
| <b>Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson</b>                          |   |
| <b>Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jen Flickinger</b>  |   |
| Picture Night  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 29<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Sportsline would like Field lights on</li> <li>• Bathrooms will be questionable</li> <li>• 14U/16U teams will be later, communicated to coaches and Sportsline</li> <li>• Dan – Youth 1st intro 6pm and 630pm</li> <li>• Coaches have schedule</li> </ul>   |
| Chipotle Night   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 4th 5pm – 9pm</li> <li>• Will do Buffalo Wild Wings as well</li> </ul>   |
| 8U/10U players for Sr. Night May 17th                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A lot of players will have tournaments that weekend</li> <li>• 8U players</li> <li>• AR Fastpitch are doing concessions</li> <li>• Would do drawing for bat girls</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Treasurer – Ann Colford</b>                               |   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• League fees are paid</li> <li>• All teams are signed up for tournaments</li> <li>• Dan to turn in Green Valley</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Fields/Umps Director/Equipment Director – Joel Haynes</b> |   |
| Balls  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balls for Dirt Devil: 8U-10U will have 68 games, 12U - 34 games</li> </ul>   |
| Fences   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New fences have arrived</li> </ul>   |
| Equipment  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will order dozen Bownets, dozen tees</li> <li>• 2 dozen rubber base plugs, NOT foam</li> <li>• Jenny Olson has first aid kits</li> <li>• Kevin and Joel to empty church Friday night and bring to the shed</li> </ul>  |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kevin to share equipment contacts with Joel</li></ul> |
| <b>MISC</b>   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dan motioned to adjourn, Sonja seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM</li></ul> |   |