

# Apple Valley Travel Baseball Board Meeting

## July 5th, 2021 at 7:30

Board Members Present: Brian Ames, Ann Chamberlain, Jess Hodgson, Jeremy Jackson, Kate Jackson, Andy O'Brien, Ryan Tauer, Alli Weaver

Board Members Absent: Lonnie Provencher, Mac Noland

### 2022 Cooperstown Team - Brian and Jess

- Team had an informal parents meeting to discuss Coopertown and potential alternative tournaments like Branson and Myrtle Beach which cost less
  - Team is concerned over the cost of Cooperstown and the competition level
  - Since there is only one team at the 11s level, team feels like they are the default team and not a true AA level team
    - **NOTE from AVTB website:** Because the application and fundraising process is long, the teams are determined a year earlier using the final roster for the season's highest level 11U team. That team then spends the next 1+ year fundraising and planning for their week in Cooperstown.
  - Parents were sent a survey to gauge their interest in participating in a national tournament and to rank their choices
    - Rank highest to lowest: Branson, Myrtle Beach, Cooperstown
    - Seems like the team has made the decision that Coopertown is not an option
- National tournaments like Cooperstown are not necessarily about competing but more about the tradition and experience for the teams
- Concerns that need to be addressed
  - \$4k owed to the 12AA team this year. (When the 2021 team chose to withdraw, Cooperstown kept \$4K to roll into next year's team.)
    - Call Cooperstown regarding having a team for next year.
    - Can Jason send an email to get our money back?
  - How do we go about selling/leasing our certificate for 2022 year?
    - Brian to contact Jordan Damn (Burnsville) to see how they have done it in the past
    - Not sure if Cooperstown will allow us to lease certificate
    - Do not want to lose the grandfather certificate for future teams

### Pop and Water Donation by Pepsi - Ann

- Ideas on how to sell what is leftover
  - Pop has close expiration dates
    - Open Field House and sell cases (pop and water) for \$3

■ **7/22 from 6-7 @ Fieldhouse**

- We can hold on to some of the water for next year
- Possibly sell some to football program

**Apple Valley Tournaments Wrap Up**

- Overall tournaments were very successful. Great job team.
- Had to cancel the last weekend, but won't result in a lot of refunds
  - Alli to put together list of teams that only played one game and refund will be 50% of registration fee
  - Unused trophies to be inventoried and kept in cage to be used for next year
- Ideas for next year
  - Max of two weekends to host tournaments
  - Cap tournament entries of at 8 teams per division
  - 14/15A had most interest and a great money maker

**Fall Ball - Brian**

- Opened a new registration has been created and is now open
  - Cost \$145
  - Katie and Brian to send an email advertise fall ball
- Based on current numbers some teams will need to combine with players from the area at certain age levels

Meeting adjourned 8:00