

# ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8th, 2019

7:30 PM

Elm Crest Park, Ramsey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Olson, <i>Commissioner</i><br><input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Tonda, <i>6-10U Director</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Henry, <i>Tournament Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Fields/Umps/Equipment Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Flickinger, <i>Communications/Sponsor Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Thinnies, <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"/> Jeff Spiess, <i>Youth First Coordinator</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Bangle, <i>Coaching Coordinator</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Assessment and Dome Ball Coordinator</i> |
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OTHER'S PRESENT: Joel Haynes

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonja motioned to approve the December Meeting Minutes, Kevin seconded, Board approved minutes.</li> </ul>
Email Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Waalk is unable to coach skills clinic. Sonja has secured Jeremy Chell to coach clinics for the price of \$1800.</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioner Report – Jennifer Olson/Dan Franzwa</b>	
Field/Ump/Equipment Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kevin motion to appoint Joel Hayne as the Field/Ump/Equipment Director. Board unanimously voted "aye". Welcome, Joel!!</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnies</b>	
<b>Uniforms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going with Rebyl for both AR and Northstars</li> <li>• Will be under budget</li> <li>• Extra pants will be available for \$20</li> <li>• Will need sponsor logos by February 1st</li> <li>• Fittings are scheduled for February 22 and March 1 at LOL</li> <li>• Sonja to make sure extra tables are available at the church</li> <li>• ABC Signs drafted a few options for car decals to sell for \$5 at clinics (will also get one for Northstars)</li> <li>• Jenny said all Board members effective today get one for free for their service</li> <li>• Will order 200 AR and 50 Northstar decals</li> <li>• Uniform order by March 4</li> <li>• Finalizing Swag Store Items</li> <li>• Will have an AR store and a Northstar Store but open at different times</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteer Hour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All hours for the Dirt Devil are done</li> <li>• Won't know about possible State Tournament bid until later</li> </ul>
<b>12U-16U Director – Kevin Moore</b>	
<b>8U-10U Director – Christina Tonda</b>	
8U League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do we want to stay with Soderville or investigate other options?</li> <li>• Cons: Doesn't allow for practice, lots of games</li> <li>• Big West League is machine pitch (good) but more travel</li> <li>• Big West informational meeting February 18, 6:30-8:30 PM at Medina</li> <li>• Big West: \$100 per team plus \$100 for State</li> <li>• Soderville: \$250</li> <li>• Could use 16U or High School players as Umps</li> </ul>

<b>Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
Pitching/Catching Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kent has agreed to due Pitching Clinics for 8U and 10U, 4 weeks for 2 hours at \$750.</li> <li>• Peyton has agreed to “wander coach” depending on her schedule</li> <li>• McKenzie has agreed to “wander coach” depending on her schedule and for Catching Clinic for 8U and 10U</li> </ul>
Winter Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For some reason not all 14U are pulling from NGIN registration list</li> <li>• Last minute coaching turn over. Girls worked with Tony Acketz from St. Catherine’s University Fastpitch running drills – HUGE opportunity for coaches and girls!</li> <li>• Need more coaches participation not just showing up to chat – this needs to be strongly communicated</li> <li>• Will track coaches attendance in the gyms</li> <li>• Coaches should be encouraging girls to attend – getting top of line coaching for FREE!! Typically clinics like this run for \$250 a player</li> <li>• Would like to have friendly competition between teams for attendance – winning team gets a pizza party?</li> <li>• So far team Hunter is in the lead with 9 in attendance!</li> <li>• 62 total: 30 in first session, 32 in second session</li> <li>• 14U: 4, 12U: 23, 10U: 23, 8U: 7</li> </ul>
<b>Coaching Coordinator – Chris Bangle</b>	
<b>Assessment/Dome Ball Director – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Tournament Director – Jeff Henry</b>	
Dirt Devil Field Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed proposed field use and bracket build</li> <li>• Jeff to post tournament online for registration</li> <li>• Christina is going to investigate possible Cadet Umpires for 8U games to better foster youth development</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
Proposed Handbook Revisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page 3: Revision of Field/Ump Director to Field/Ump/Equipment Director</li> <li>• Page 4: Merge of Equipment Coordinator with Field/Ump Director</li> <li>• Page 5: Addition of Registration Coordinator and Dome Ball to Assessment Coordinator along with definition of Coordinators roles. Revision of anticipated 2019 meeting dates.</li> </ul>
<b>Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jen Flickinger</b>	
Sponsorship Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking for \$500 sponsors</li> <li>• Team will get a banner with sponsor’s logo</li> <li>• Need 3 more sponsors</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer – Ann Colford</b>	
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dean is reviewing financials</li> <li>• Sonja to send W9 to Ann</li> </ul>
<b>Fields/Umps Director/Equipment Director – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Youth First Coordinator – Jeff Spiess</b>	
Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you to Jenny for all you’ve done for Anoka Ramsey Fastpitch!!</li> <li>• Flick motioned to adjourn, Karen seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM</li> </ul>