

Arrowhead Fastpitch League Board
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2018

Called to order at 6:05 pm

Present: Dennis Peterson, Todd Marunich, Theresa Leopold, John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Pat Shelton, Sherry Mottonen, Scott Janigo, Jon Niksich

1. Finances. Sherry presented finances from last year, broken down by age group. We lost more than \$2000 over last season, mostly due to umpire and insurance costs in the older age groups. Members had much brainstorming about **possible** ways to improve our finances this upcoming season, including:
 - increasing registration fees
 - terminating the lead off games
 - shortening the season by one week
 - cutting back on use of Braun or Wade/Wheeler due to cost, however we are charged by the season, not by the game, and need both complexes to get all game played

After much discussion, we decided to increase registration costs by 20% across all age groups (see below). Other options resulted in fewer games for the players, and therefore were not agreeable.

2. USA vs USSSA. We would like to keep our umpers and league under the same organization. We again discussed USA vs USSSA after finding out the USSSA would offer us a league discount for team insurance, which makes that more economical. We also have had a good relationship with USSSA with the State Tourney in July which is also a qualifier for NAFA. USA and NAFA no longer work together so switching to USA would make it more difficult for some teams to play in the NAFA tourney. Motion made by Todd, second by John to keep USSSA for our league and move our umpers to USSSA. Kelly will be in touch with Jason Lagregren and Mike Carter to let them know.
3. Coach and Umpire Surveys. Reviewed. Summary will be emailed to board members. Brief points:
 - Umpires are ok with USA or USSSA, but would prefer just one organization, not both

- Majority of 10U coaches would like to keep pitching the same
- 10/12U coaches would like to keep league north/south
- There is some interest in an 8U league
- 14U would like to split the league based on ability ranked by coaches
- 16/18U would like to keep league as last year, together
- 14/16/18U did not see a conflict with switching nights

4. Field Costs and Availability

- Costs of Braun and Wade/Wheeler reviewed
- Hermantown available at no cost with same availability as last year
- Proctor has new turf field, not yet known if this will be available for summer program

5. Umpire Costs. Plan to continue same as last year. \$60 for 16/18 and \$40 for 14U

6. Registration Costs and Nights of Play (approx. 20% increase)

Motion by Todd, second by John as follows:

- 8U Mondays \$150
- 10U Wednesdays \$250
- 12U Tuesdays \$250
- 14U Wed/Thurs \$875
- 16/18U Mon/Tues/poss Thurs \$900

7. Diamond Scheduler. Kelly, Sherry, and Melissa will meet prior to next meeting to work on trial schedule, one year cost of \$99.

8. Facebook. Kelly/Sherry will work on adding “like us on Facebook” to our website.

9. Next Meeting

- February 11 at 6:00 at Blackwoods **Review rules**
- March 11 at 6:00 at Blackwoods
- April 8 Coaches Meeting at PACC (will pay for use of room)
 - i. 10U/12U 5:00-6:30
 - ii. 14/16/18U 6:30-8:00

Motion to adjourn by Todd, second by Pat. Adjourned at 7:50.