

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2019, 6:00pm  
Buffalo House

Meeting called to order at 6:10.

Present: John Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Melissa Stevens, Theresa Leopold, Dennis Peterson  
(at 6:30)

1. Survey Review

- Many survey comments were related to community specific concerns and not league concerns, ie “more access to practice fields or pitching machine for practices”. We will try to forward that information to community leaders.
- Suggested better training or consistency for 8/10/12s umps. We will work on a training session very early in the season geared to the umps of the younger age groups.
- Suggested no electronic equipment on the fences (for video purposes)
- Suggested girls playing down be identified to the opposing coach at the start of each game
- Comments from coaches at older ages regarding umpires not getting out on the field for calls at second base, arrogant behaviors, inconsistency in umping and strike zones, and having the same ump/s for 18s every week.
- Comments from 14/16/18 ump survey of same umps doing the 18s games, not fairly scheduled among all ages
- Two names were brought forward as possible board members. Kelly will reach out to those folks.

2. Leadoff Jamboree. After much discussion, board decided to offer this to 12U only. Older ages are still often involved in high school playoffs. Plan for May 30 with May 31 as rain day. Will need to confirm site. Will change name to “Arrowhead Jamboree” as this will be after the season begins, so not really a leadoff. Also consider using this as an umpire training session with more experienced umps present to help the younger umps.

3. Streamline Rescheduling for 14/16/18s. We will work on setting up a couple of designated nights for makeup games during the season and put those on the schedule. If teams are not able to play those nights, then they will be responsible for setting up makeup games themselves.

4. Construction Update. Dates of exact work are still unknown. Plan by City of Duluth is for some renovation of Wheeler 2&3 and Wade 7, but the extent and dates are not yet known. Dennis will continue to be in touch with Nick Budnick from the city.
5. Point System. For 14/16/18, discussed going to a point system instead of win/loss percentage for playoff seeding. This will encourage teams to make up games that may have been cancelled or postponed. (The board reserves the right to award win/loss if teams have reached out to each other but can't find a makeup date. President will be the determining factor.)
  - Win - 3 points
  - Tie - 2 points
  - Loss - 1 point
  - Not played - 0 points
6. USSSA/NAFA Dual Sanction. We will plan to dual sanction in both leagues to streamline the process for teams playing at NAFA, to encourage additional Cities' teams to participate in the Northern State Tourney, and to allow us to compare insurance policies.
7. Safe Sport Act. John will continue to look into different companies that offer this. Trusted Coaches seems to be a good option for us. ALL adults in the dugout will need to participate, at all ages. Will need to have 2 certified coaches on the field at all times. Cost through Trusted Coaches is \$18 per person with additional discounts at 150 coaches or more.
8. Umpire Update. Dennis will talk with Jason about concerns brought up thru the survey.
9. Future Meetings
  - November 3, 6:00 ANNUAL MEETING. Will need to discuss if speaker phone is OK for participating in regular meetings.
    - Up for Re-election are VP (John)
    - Treasurer (Melissa)
    - At-Large 3 (vacant)
    - At-Large 4 (Theresa)
    - At-Large 5 (Pat)
  - December no meeting
  - January 12, 5:00
  - February 9, 5:00
  - March 8?

Adjourn at 8:09

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Goeb, Secretary