

Armstrong Athletics Board Meeting  
October 20, 2019

Members Present: Brian Shaffer, Todd Ashbaugh, Jennifer Johnson, Jim Morrow, Steven Gilliland, Erica Bowser, Ericka Atkinson, Julie Pella

7:02 Meeting called to order by President Brian Shaffer

Softball items:

- Greg Baker and Jess Riggle from softball committee were present
- Greg agreed to be the softball committee liaison to AA
- Softball player agent decided upon - Chris Savinda
- agreement that softball managers will schedule Ford City and AA home games on 50/50 basis for things to remain fair for concessions.
- Ford City facilities need added onto AA's insurance certificate

Motion to make Greg Baker softball liaison made by Jim Morrow

Seconded by Todd Ashbaugh

Passed unanimously

Motion to add Chris Savinda as softball player agent by Todd Ashbaugh

Seconded by Ericka Atkinson

passed unanimously

Treasurer Report - Jennifer Johnson

- all bills are currently paid
- Chad and Amanda Hill have one outstanding invoice they are sending
- Pony/Softball account \$1,276.00
- Little League account \$631.00

- New Auxiliary account \$1008.05
- Old Auxiliary account \$15,037.00
- Jenny reports that the league is financially stable at this point

Equipment Manager - Jim Morrow

- reports Fall Ball managers returning equipment should drop of downstairs at Montebell concession stand

Safety Officer - Todd Dosch resigned due to health reasons  
Jamie Baum is interested and a strong candidate to be nominated

Field Maintenance - Todd Ashbaugh Montebell  
Banners coming down soon

Fundraising - no report

### Old Business

Pony/Little League board report tabled

Division of Play

- AA will most likely have to play Little League from 12 years old and down next season. Discussions with Indiana districts for a 50/70 playing field for 11 and 12 years olds and then either a 50/70 regional tournament to end the season or AA will field an All Star team to play at the old distances. Discussions with Indiana are ongoing.
- Formation of Committees from community members - no response
- Civic Center - outfield fence very bad, huge safety issue. Civic Center is responsible according to contract. Jim Morrow states that this fencing project may be more than \$6000 and that AA will never get back on field usage reimbursements what we will have to pay into it if

we are asked to help. Games at that age level may possibly have to be moved to Kittanning Township big field. Reports that the concession stand at the civic center actually belongs to AA.

### New Business

- Hillary Morrow resigned as concussions coordinator, replaced by Erica Bowser
- Todd Dosch resigned as safety officer, Jamie Baum offered as an excellent candidate

### Spring Registration

- Big issue with late registrants last year. Some were for the wrong reasons to get their children with a particular coach.
- Motion by Ericka Atkinson that deadline for any player registration is when the team managers sit down to draft the teams. After the draft takes place, no registrations will be accepted. There will be exemptions on a case by case basis by the AA board in a situation of hardship and if the late registrant is not for athletic intent.

Seconded by Todd Ashbaugh - passed unanimously

- Motion by Julie Pella to offer early bird registrations from January 1st - January 31st and offer a \$25 per family discount. Fee goes to regular price starting on February 1st.

Seconded by Ericka Atkinson - passed unanimously

Ericka Atkinson will contact Armstrong High School for possible player evaluation dates

- Motion by Julie Pella to continue the practice of having smaller opening day type activities at each of the fields and have an organization wide end of season party much like this year.

Seconded by Todd Ashbaugh - passed unanimously

- Motion made by Todd Ashbaugh to have each family pay Armstrong Athletics (in addition to registration fee) a \$50 check before the season that will not be cashed and will be returned to the family by either the team manager or team mom once all team concession stand duties have been fulfilled.

Seconded by Steven Gilliland - passed unanimously

## Field Improvements

### Pawkovich

Jim Morrow contacted Jason Merriman and found the estimate to complete concrete work on both dugouts at Pawk would be near \$10,000. This would create a safe and solid structure that would last for years. The board discussed material donations for this project and Jim was going to check with Jason to see the cost on a block dugout if we could get the block donated. Fundraising options would be needed to pay for this expense. This discussion was tabled until Jim finds out about the cost for block structures. The board agrees that these dugouts need replaced as soon as possible.

## Montebell

Discussion over replanting grass or sodding the infield. The board agrees that the field does look nicer with grass. Brian will investigate cost of sodding with Chad Hill. If not dirt placement and grass planting should commence soon.

## Jud

Backstop is still in bad shape. Possible welding or netting like what was done at the civic center. New bases are needed as well

## Community Park

Community Park is most likely out for the short term due to expensive projects at other field locations

## Kittanning Township Fields

Agreement by the board to continue relationship with Kittanning Township fields as it was this past year

Annual Budget - tabled

Purchasing Policy - tabled

Uniforms and Spirit wear - stays the same as this year

Pictures contracts/fees/bids - tabled

Chad Hill offering new lump sum contract - tabled until \$ is given

AA baseball tournament - tabled

## Tournament Team Field Usage

Board agreed to continue this past year's relationship with the Legends organization at the same financial agreement. Board agreed to Ashbaugh/Andryka 9U and Ashbaugh/Shaffer 10U travel teams organizations at the same agreement as last year in which AA gets a \$100 donation from each team and 100% of all concessions from Northern 6 home games.

Breghenti family donation - tabled

League garage sale, used equipment donation discussion - tabled

Motion by Steven Gilliland that the bylaws to be changed regarding managers picking assistant coaches from the pool of players that he/she has drafted TO managers having the option to pick one coach before the draft to help with his/her team. TABLED until next meeting to have all the requirements in place to change an existing bylaw.

Motion to adjourn by Todd Ashbaugh at 9:23

Seconded by Steve Gilliland

Unanimous decision

Next Meeting is Sunday, November 17th at 7:00 at the Craffthouse