

# Armstrong Athletics Board Minutes

## December 8, 2019

Members present: Dave Zablocki, Gabe Lash, Todd Ashbaugh, Brian Shaffer, Roy Stull, Mike Reed, Steve Gilliland, Greg Baker, Jim Morrow, Brian Harclerode, Tom Scheeren, Mike Johns, Mike Mills

Called to order at 7:08 PM by President Brian Shaffer

Agenda and previous minutes approved

Motioned Brian Shaffer

Seconded Brian Harclerode

Unanimous vote - Yes

Nomination of Roy Stull as treasurer by Jim Morrow

Seconded by Steven Gilliland

Unanimous vote - Yes

Treasurer report - none

Equipment manager report - none

Safety Officer report - Brian H.

Would like to see badged, patched, or pinned volunteers who have their clearances - shows to us and community that they have been vetted. Board discussed no kids in concession stand at any time, even scoreboard operators at this point until we figure out clearance regs for stand volunteers.

Field Maintenance Coordinator needed to oversee all fields and delegate responsibilities

Fundraiser Coordinator report - No report

Coaching Coordinator report - Mike Reed

Mike and Brian are attending the PA coaching clinic in January. Mike will prepare a packet for all coaches about safety, form, proper warmup, drills, practice plan ideas, etc.

Concession Coordinator - no report

Old Business - None

New Business

Meeting with FCYBL

Todd, Jim, Steve, and Brian were asked to go to Ford City's board meeting. They proposed that they would like to merge our two leagues in Fall of 2020. Positive attitudes from both AA and FC to try to meet and iron out details that would make it work. Executive boards will meet again to iron out details and a vote will be brought back to the general board.

Player Agent vacancy - Possibly Jason Elwood. Steve Gilliland is going to talk to him to let him know what it entails and to see if he is still interested after the conversation. If so, will be voted on at next meeting.

2020 Player Evals - March 14th and 15th at Armstrong High School. Cost will be \$384 for both days to have school opened and closed.

Motioned: Steve Gilliland

Seconded: Jim Morrow

Unanimous Yes vote

Gabe Lash will consider volunteering to be the alternate/assistant treasurer for banking account that Roy cannot officially administer. A role that he previously held.

## Field Improvements:

Pawkovich - No bids received for dugout work

Jim talked to Jason Merriman. Poured concrete estimated at \$10K without excavation. Block with possible materials donations will be around \$7500 without excavation. Terry Bellas has block that can be donated, he will be contacted by Brian. Board floated ideas of the possibility of a low interest loan or a possible community fundraiser specific for the dugouts (possible naming rights).

## Montebell

Quote coming from Chad Hill about hydro seeding which appears the best way to go. It is less expensive than sod and may be ready in time for spring play. Mike Mills gave the idea to not cut dirt paths between home and first and home and third. He said that he's seen it hold up pretty well at other places and cuts down on maintenance issues. The board agrees this is an interesting idea although we would need a line sprayer at Montebell for the baselines.

## Civic Center

Brian S. talked to the people at the Civic Center about the outfield fencing and was asked to come to their next meeting

## Jud Field

Excellent work by Mike Johns coordinating the efforts with the surveyor and borough to have Jud parceled and donated to Armstrong Athletics. The property corners are being set and this is close to being a done deal. Thank you Mike.

## Community Park

The board agrees that AA does not have the funds at this time to help financially with this project but does feel that this would be a vital resource for our league and community. Idea to form a community group to help raise funds. Julie Pella has already got the ball rolling in this venture. Community Park Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 at the Wick City Saloon

## Mowing Contract

Still waiting on quote from Chad Hill for 2020 mowing

## Divisions of Play

Freeport, Apollo, Indiana all very interested in 50/70 Little League play for 11/12. Tentative meeting in January with all interested leagues. Looks like it will happen. Little League national is very excited to have this happen as it will be the first on this side of the state. The board thinks that AA could actually help teams host their home games since our fields are set up for this type of play and that AA would take all concession \$\$\$. For athletes not ready for this level of play there was discussion about AA creating registration available for 11/12 Standard Little League play as well.

## PONY Baseball Zone Meeting - Brian H.

- AA should put someone in 13/14 PONY tournament this year
- The ARL did not comply with age cutoff change and is not eligible to send to PONY tournament
- Anyone who deals with the children, including concession stand workers must have clearances.

- Umpires who work Little League games must also get PONY background checks

Proposed Bylaw revision regarding managers choosing one coach to help with team - motion withdrawn by Steve Gilliland after discussion. Discussion will continue about using non biased evaluators to rank and slot managers' own children to keep the draft fair and equitable and all age levels.

\*\* Treasurer Roy Stull was given permission from the Armstrong Athletics board to move Armstrong Athletics bank accounts to Northwest Bank.

Fundraising/Pictures/Garage Sale discussion tabled until next meeting

Motion to adjourn - Steve Gilliland  
Seconded - Jim Morrow  
Unanimous Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Next meeting: Sunday, January 12th at 7:00 (Crafthouse)

