

Armstrong Athletics Board Meeting
September 8, 2019

Present: Brian Shaffer, Jennifer Johnson, Jim Morrow, Todd Dosch, Todd Ashbaugh, Ericka Atkinson, Erica Bowser, Tom Scheeren, Gabe Lash, Mike Johns, Mike Mills, Brian Harclerode, Dave Zablocki, Hillary Morrow, Steven Gilliland

Meeting called to order by Brian Shaffer at 7:05

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Todd Dosch
Seconded by Jim Morrow
Approved Unanimously

Approval of Minutes: Motioned by Todd Dosch
Seconded by Brian Harcelrode
Approved Unanimously

Old Business

- Brian shared results of phone call with Dan P. (Ford City Youth Baseball)
- Seems like merger talks will be serious down the road
- Most likely not an option for next season
- Executive board decision that we will talk with with FC when they decide to approach AA

- Bases were damaged during Montebell renovations
- Contractor has agreed to have cost of bases removed from his bill
- Jim Morrow ordered bases and will connect with Jenny regarding bill

- Bank accounts will be started anew with the following:
- Armstrong Little League, Armstrong Athletics Auxiliary, Armstrong Athletics General

- Ford City fields for softball
- Julie will check with Ford City to remove the "S" for softball from its logo
- Some FC parents wanted more games at FC fields but concessions weren't going back to AA
- Mike Johns states that was not true, field time wasn't offered at FC
- Plus AA does not have insurance on the fields at FC
- Board decides that all games will be played on AA fields for now
- Softball Player Agent needed

New Business

- Erica Bowser nominated by Ericka Atkinson for concessions coordinator
- seconded by David Zablocki, passed unanimously

Pony Boards/LL Boards need created

- T.J. Scheeren and Brian Harclerode offered to be Pony liaisons to Armstrong Athletics
- Mike Mills will head the Little League board with Steve Gilliland
- Board meetings will be held and officers elected
- Both Baseball boards and softball board will defer to AA in the end

Player agents needed for both baseball and softball

- Jayson Elwood and Travis Crawford brought up as possible options on baseball side
- Julie planning on looking for softball representative

Formations of Committees tabled until next meeting

Machine Pitch vs. Coach Pitch

- Armstrong Athletics board agreed that 8U should be using the machine for fall ball as it will still be used in the spring.
- Todd A. mentioned that the biggest problem is scheduling games in D26 (coach pitch) but playing the end of the season tournament in D7 (machine). The board realizes this puts AA 8U teams at a disadvantage in scheduled away game D26 games but feel it will the pros outweigh the cons when it comes to the end of the season tournament and to prepare the kids for the move from 8U up to 10U.
- Jim M. and Todd A. offered to show 8U coaches how to use the machine in the correct manner if necessary
- AA needs to have specific rules in place for next spring in house games regarding the in game adjustments to the machine (Todd A. will help 8U division manager establish these rules next spring)

Field Improvements

- Dugouts at Pawk are in very bad shape, walls bulging, roofs showing wear.
- most likely will need major work before next spring
- block dugouts suggested
- Jim M. going to check out companies for bids
- Civic center infield was overgrown with grass
- T.J., Brian H. and Brian S., and Mike C. and boys worked for days to fix the field and make it playable
- outfield fence needs replace/repaired. AA going to check with civic center to see if \$500 yearly fee can be applied to fencing for next year
- TJ and Brian plan on organizing a field day at CC before weather turns

Tractor Sprayer, Late Registrants issue, Work Day incentives agenda items postponed until next meeting

Judd Field Survey and handover to AA

- Todd D. and Brian S. working with Ty Heller on survey specifics

Community Park Baseball and Softball Improvements

- List of needs should be presented to Kittanning Borough
- our input in financial, they will provide the labor
- Free usage for AA, playing rights exclusively for AA. There are concessions, water, electricity, etc.

Kittanning Township Fields

- the board discussed taking the money used for KT fields and putting toward Community Park project
- tabled discussion and decision to pay KT until the spring season

Scheduling coordinator

- AA needs a field scheduling coordinator to be a "one point of contact" for all fields - nominations pending

Spirit wear, uniform timing, hosting of summer tournament, work recoupment of part of registration fee, and picture bids for spring season all tabled until next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Brian Shaffer at 8:09 PM

Seconded by Todd D.

Unanimous decision

Next meeting is October 13th at 7:00 at the Allegheny Mariner

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Ashbaugh