

Armstrong Athletics Board Meeting – August 18, 2019

Present: Jim Morrow, Hillary Morrow, Gabe Lash, Todd Ashbaugh, Julie Pella, Mike Mills, Ericka Atkinson, Brian Harclerode, Dave Zablocki, Hillary Morrow, Mike Johns, Brian Shaffer, Todd Dosch, Shawn Shaner

Financial Report:

- Auxillary Account: \$1650
- Little League Savings: \$6709.53
- Little League Checking: \$1482.21
- West Armstrong: ?

Board Changes:

- Mike Mills resigned as president. Mike nominated Brian Shaffer for president, Todd Dosch seconded. 9 board members voted yes, 2 voted no.
- Gabe Lash resigned as vice president. Gabe nominated Steve Gilliland for vice president, Mike Mills seconded. Rest of the board all voted yes.
- Julie Pella resigned as secretary. Todd Ashbaugh was nominated as new secretary. Todd Dosch was 1st, Jim Morrow seconded. Rest of the board all voted yes.
- Kristen Peat resigned as treasurer. Ericka Atkinson nominated Jennifer Johnson, Brian Shaffer seconded. The rest of the board all voted yes.
- Hillary Morrow resigned as concession coordinator. Erica Bowser has shown an interest. Hillary will talk more about the position with her and it will be discussed further at next meeting.
- Executive Board for 2019 – 2020 season:
 - President – Brian Shaffer
 - Vice President - Steve Gilliland
 - Secretary – Todd Ashbaugh
 - Equipment Manager – Jim Morrow
 - Safety Officer – Todd Dosch
 - Player Agent – Steve Gilliland
 - Concession Coordinator – TBD
- Smaller boards for softball, Pony and Little League will be established. There will be a player agent and equipment manager from softball to work with executive board player agent and equipment manager. There will also be a treasurer from the Little League board who will work with the executive board treasurer. One person from each of the smaller boards will be a liaison between them and the executive board.
- Still need to confirm with Andy Miller and Mr. Rizzo if they want to remain on the board.

Bylaws:

- New bylaws were reviewed and revision requested. Mike Mills motioned to add that Armstrong Athletics has voting control of what divisions of play the organization will participate in. For example: ASA, Pony Ball and Little League. Todd Ashbaugh seconded. The rest of the board all voted yes.
- Armstrong Athletics executive and general board will not exceed 17 members.
- Brian Shaffer made a motion to accept the new bylaws pending revisions. Todd Dosch seconded it. The rest of the board all voted yes.

Field Updates:

- Montebell – grass infield has been removed. New bases can be put in.
- Pawkovich – 60 foot bases will be set next week.
- Mowing went well this year with Chad Hill. Todd Ashbaugh motioned to offer him the contract for another year. Todd Dosch seconded. The rest of the board voted yes.

Fall Ball:

- Hillary Morrow made a motion to use Pawkovich only for baseball and Jud Field only for softball. Julie Pella seconded it. All other board members voted yes.
- As of today the numbers for fall ball are:
 - Baseball – 7/8 (17 players) in house, instructional play.
 - Baseball – 9/10 (11 players) 1 team
 - Baseball – 11/12 (13 players) 1 team
 - Baseball – 13/14 (10 players) 1 team
 - Softball – 8u (7 players) 1 team – Greg Baker, manager
 - Softball – 10u (11 players) 1 team – Mike Shumaker, manager
- Scheduling meetings:
 - Softball – 8/25 Natrona Heights Softball Complex
 - Baseball – 8/29 Lower Burrell ABC Fields
- Armstrong Fields will not be available on Oct 4, 5, 6 for fall ball games.
- Practices can start on 8/26/19
- Games can start on 9/3/19

Softball:

- Questions were asked if FC is planning on taking softball out of their name and if FC would be ok with all softball games being played at Armstrong fields. Julie Pella reported that she would ask the FC people.

Baseball:

- Discussion started regarding moving 11/12 to Little League 50-70 if other teams and leagues are interested in District 26 and possibly District 7. Dave Zablocki asked about merging with with Ford City baseball and playing Pony instead. Motion was made by Gabe Lash to talk to FC first before exploring 50-70 Little League, seconded by Todd Ashbaugh. The rest of the board voted yes. Brian Shaffer will reach out to Ford City Youth Baseball to gauge their interest in a 2020 merger and report back next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

- Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:44pm by Todd Ashbaugh and seconded by Mike Johns.

Next meeting: Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Craffhouse