

# Armstrong Athletics Board Minutes

## January 13, 2020

Members Present: Brian Shaffer, Roy Stull, Steve Gilliland, Brian Harclerode, Mike Reed, Erica Bowser, Travis Crawford, Ericka Atkinson, Todd Ashbaugh, Mike Johns, Greg Baker, Julie Pella, Mike Mills

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by President Brian Shaffer  
Agenda approved  
Minutes from last meeting approved

### Committee Reports

#### **Treasurer - Roy Stull**

Debit Card vs. Credit Card discussion. Would be safer and have some protection with Credit Card. Roy will look into collecting the debit cards and issuing credit cards to appropriate board members.

Roy also said he saw paperwork detailing AA's small games of chance license. He will look to see the particulars as to if it is still in effect and what names are listed on it.

#### **Equipment Manager - Jim Morrow (no report)**

While there was no official report, Brian Shaffer reported that Armstrong County qualifies for an equipment grant from the Pittsburgh Pirates. Brian applied for us and we should know in February. This would cover many things such as equipment, bats, gloves and balls.

### **Safety Officer - Brian Harclerode**

Brian reports he is still learning the system and that we will need to make a decision soon on the issue of concession stand workers needing clearances if they are over 18. Suggestion was brought up for Leo Club but some board members worried that it would be hard to communicate with them once school is out. Idea was to hire a teenager for pretty much the entire summer and pay him/her in after each game.

### **Coaching Coordinator - Mike Reed**

Mike and Brain S. attended the PA Coaches Clinic this past weekend. Both relayed it was a fantastic, worthwhile experience. Mike's goal is to provide each manager with a packet detailing ideas for practice, stretches, drills, and safety. Will have a mandatory managers meeting before the season begins to hand out this info. This will be a good time for the pending field maintenance person to inform managers of pre and post game duties.

### **Field Maintenance Coordinator - Vacant**

Several board members attempting to contact Jayson Elwood to gauge interest. Chad Hill's name brought up as well as a possible candidate.

### **Fundraising - Ericka Atkinson**

Ericka has an idea to have a Texas Hold 'em tournament to help support our league. Greg Baker is looking at dates for Manor Township Fire Hall for possible options. Julie Pella mentioned a lottery scratch off ticket fundraiser the softball side is organizing. She will meet with Ericka to set this up for the baseball side.

Motion to use lottery ticket fundraiser - Steve Gilliland

Second - Roy Stull

Motion passed unanimously

### **Softball liaison - Greg Baker**

Greg asked Roy to create a separate bank account for softball  
Concession stand/home field play issues worked out

Parent question about discount if child plays softball for AA but  
baseball for FCYBL.

Motion to split cost with FC for multi child discount - Brian Shaffer

Seconded by Roy Stull

Motion passed unanimously

### **Concessions - Erica Bowser**

No report

Pony Baseball liaison - Brian Harclerode

Goal is to place a team in the Pony Tournament post season  
tournament and will participate in league play in Butler this year.  
Hopeful to have at least one 16U Colt team.

### **Old Business**

#### **Intermediate 50/70 Division**

Teams confirmed: Armstrong, Apollo, Deer Lakes, Indiana, Lower  
Burrell, Lower Valley. Possible interest from Freeport and Leechburg -  
awaiting confirmation from them. Little League boundary with KESS/  
Rural Valley still an issue but Brian Shaffer has talked with Brian Myers  
and this will hopefully be taken care of soon. District administrator  
Doug Talmadge has already stated he would sign off on this boundary  
change.

13U kids will be able to play in this division along with more developed 11 and 12 year olds. Athletes can play straight 11/12 majors, straight 11/12/13 Intermediate, or double roster. The board discussed discounts for the double rostering but tabled discussion until next meeting to see what the registration numbers look like for the double roster. Some board concerns about which team would take priority and the pitching issue since kids will be technically on two different teams with different managers. The board feels this is a large opportunity to get 50-70 Little League started on this side of the state and LL administrators are thrilled we are leading the way.

### **Ongoing Field Maintenance**

Still no bids received for Pawkovich dugouts

Jud Field subdivision has some issues with the utilities and parking areas.

Motion to authorize Mike Johns as AA's point man to deal with Jud acquisition by Brian Shaffer

Seconded by Greg Baker

Approved Unanimously

FCYBA merger Update - change in president position from Dan P. to Eric Petrosky. Brian contacted Eric and said to let AA know when they are ready to continue merger particulars.

### **New Business:**

Travis Crawford - League Information and Marketing Officer

Motioned by Steve Gilliland

Seconded by Ericka Atkinson

Approved Unanimously - welcome Travis

### **Mowing Contract - Chad Hill**

The board reviewed Chad's \$1600 per month contract with the understanding that the \$1200 per month we paid last year was a typographic error on his end and he still honored the deal. Board decided to table decision until Chad has been asked about the possible field maintenance coordinator board position at Armstrong Athletics. Brian was seeing if he could check into the other bids from last year but believes even \$1600 per month was below any other bids. Several members of the board agreed that Chad's company did an excellent job with the fields last year and would love to have that continue.

**Coach Deck cards** - \$19.95 per pack. The board agreed to not buy the cards but have Mike use his discretion to place the best ideas into the manager's packet that he is creating.

**Public Meeting to discuss 50/70 Intermediate Division** - Brian will set up date and time and asked for other board members with knowledge of the division to attend the meeting as well.

**Opening Day Date** set as April 25th with rainout date back up of May 2nd.

Motion - Mike Mills

Second - Ericka Atkinson

Approved Unanimously

**End of Season Party** - Instead of Opening Day ceremonies

Will try to schedule for June 28th at the Belmont Pool

Steven Gilliland motions

Todd Ashbaugh seconds

Approved Unanimously

**Picture bids** - Ericka Atkinson will ask local photographers for a league wide bid for 2020. The entire board agrees that once this bid is accepted no one else will be permitted to take professional pictures of the teams and selling them to the parents.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 by Steve Gilliland  
Seconded by Brian Harclerode  
Approved Unanimously