

# Armstrong Athletics Board Minutes

## February 9, 2020

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

Previous Meeting Minutes and current meeting agenda approved

Special New Business:

Motion to install Chad Hill as Field Maintenance Coordinator - Brian H.  
Seconded Tom S.

Motion passes 12-1

Treasurer Report - Roy Stull

Process of transferring accounts from Nextier to Northwest. Debit cards for the league will be coming. Insurance was paid, Little League charter fee paid, Dumpsters, Post Office bill, and Ace Hardware account paid. The operating account is sitting near \$26,702. Roy is carrying funds in the Nextier account until he is certain everything has cleared.

Softball account - \$638

Pony account - \$638

Little League account - \$650

Equipment manager - no report

### Safety Officer report - Brian Harclerode

Created an injury report form that will be on file at all concession stands, manager will complete forms in the event of an injury. Good number of volunteers to coach and be team moms coming in. State police clearance will need done yearly - PATCH. Looking into badges or lanyards for cleared staff to wear while on field

### Player Agent - Steve Gilliland

Registration is going great. The January discount really helped. Checking on residency documentation for new registrants to the league and shredding personal information as it expires or child no longer plays for AA. 213 kids signed up as of the meeting.

### Coaching Coordinator - Mike Reed

Making the manager packets and will put a copy of Brian's incident report page into it so it will be able to be previewed at the managers meeting. Noted that ALL practices and games must occur on AA fields for insurance reasons. Waivers signed by parents to practice/play in other areas are not acceptable. Mandatory coaches meeting will be set for Sunday, March 1. Info will go out via Facebook posts and email.

### Fundraising - Ericka Atkinson

Scratch off raffle tickets are printed and ready to go. Ericka reports that these should be easy to sell. Talk about banner sponsorships and team sponsorships and what might be the best deal for the business who wants to help out. Brian and Ericka will meet and hash out sponsorship pricing tiers for this upcoming season. Julie Pella mentioned the Community Park Grand Slam Bingo fundraiser will take place on March 21st and she has tickets if needed.

### Concessions - Erica Bowser

Erica will keep the Sam's club system of ordering the same as it has been in the past for this year at least until she learns the system and works out any issues that may arise. The board agreed that whatever is easiest for Erica's schedule should be what is enacted.

### Softball - Greg Baker

Greg asked the board to switch the order of the evals to have the older girls going first due to the athletes who will be playing up. That way they can decide if they are able to play up and have them be eligible for the draft that will take place right afterwards. The board agrees and Brian/Travis will be sure to send announcements via email and Facebook. Mike Johns and Julie Pella report the shed is sinking due to it not being on a concrete pad of any sort and that the roof is leaking. Mike Johns is still finishing up details of property line and site donation of Jud Field to AA.

### OLD BUSINESS

50-70 Division is a go. Confirmed organizations are Armstrong, Apollo, Deer Lakes, Freeport, Indiana, Latrobe, Lower Burrell, Lower Valley, West Point, and possibly West Shamokin.

Dugout Issues at Pawkovich still remain. Bid for \$13,850 involves the excavating, concrete shell, and backfill but quote and discussion was tabled to find out more about roofing and fencing in the front part of the dugouts.

Erica and Steven are taking care of school reservations for indoor practice times. Brian is in negotiations with Armstrong Indoor Athletics for purchasing time there as well but there are issues with how to schedule the time for each team and what times would be available

from AIA. The board agrees that these indoor practices should not take place until after the baseball draft.

FCYBA - no communication from Ford City about the proposed merger at this point.

Grant Submission Pirates Charities/Tull Foundation. \$4500 of equipment will be awarded between two pickup dates. The board will decide on how the equipment will be used once it is in hand. The Pirates would like a couple families to come onto the field to accept the equipment/voucher. Brian S. also just submitted two additional grants for Armstrong Athletics.

## NEW BUSINESS

Little League boundary update - West Shamokin not sure they will agree to boundary change. Brian has sent a letter to the assistant director of Eastern Regional detailing the issue. This will still be a big issue even if the merger with FC happens this fall as proposed

District 26 Manager's Meeting. AA was awarded the 11-12 All Stars Championship game on July 13th. We were also awarded the 11-12 Section Two Tournament taking place from July 18-July 22nd.

The District 26 scheduling meeting will be Sunday, March 29th

Little League has requested AA to start a Challenger Program to give all children a chance to play baseball. The board thinks this is a fantastic idea. There were some board questions about ADA requirements at our existing fields and how the concession stands would be staffed. It was brought up that Ford City currently has a PONY challenger program and that if the proposed Fall 2020 merger goes through that we will take on their program instead. Challenger program discussions will be tabled pending merger talks with Ford City.

Sunday March 1st Mandatory Managers' Meeting - details coming soon  
Friday March 6th deadline for people deciding to be managers  
Saturday, March 7th - Manager selection meeting

No retaliation policy and Concussion Protocol policies need put into place

Field Work Dates will be set at next meeting when Chad is present. The board talked about a possibility of a financial incentive to get volunteers

Bid for team pictures - tabled

Travel Team Requests to use Armstrong Athletics facilities - tabled

Spirit wear offer from Turney Luke/700 shop - tabled

Change of day of the week for board meeting - no other option presented. Board acknowledges that no one day is going to be good for all and that during the week will be impossible for some once the games start. No vote taken, day with remain the same for next month's meeting

Motion to adjourn at 9:37 PM by Erica Bowser  
Seconded by Todd Ashbaugh  
Passed unanimously

**Next Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 8th, 2020**  
**Crafthouse Gastropub**  
**7:00**