

Armstrong Athletics Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2020

Members present: Brian Shaffer, Todd Ashbaugh, Roy Stull, Ericka Atkinson, Julie Pella, Stephen Gilliland, Brian Harclerode, Erica Bowser, Tom Scheeren, Gabe Lash, Greg Baker, Mike Reed, Chad Hill, Travis Crawford

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Brian Shaffer

Old Business - Suspended

Committee Reports - Completed in individual exec sessions last week

New Business:

Little League currently suspended until May 11th and has canceled the Little League World Series. Leaving it up to individual states and district administrators after that.

PONY has canceled their World Series as well.

By Governor's order - no practice, games, or any organized sports until the county turns "green"

District 26 Administrator Doug Talmadge is recommending that all LL teams cancel their spring seasons. West Shamokin, Latrobe, and Leechburg have canceled with the others soon to follow. Even if we would try to play we would have no one to play outside of our in-house games. Biggest problem if we did play would be providing insurance and having all families sign a in depth waiver to avoid liability.

Board members are in verbal agreement that Armstrong Athletics will cancel PONY and Softball seasons all at the same time if/when it is clear that LL will be canceled. This announcement won't be made until AFTER the original May 11th suspension of play date.

If spring season is canceled we should be able to recoup costs for insurance already paid (or possibly credit for fall ball/next year)

Refunds or roll over registration into next season: The results of the parent survey were shared regarding refunds for parents this year or rolling over registration costs for next year. The board discussed ideas for parents who keep their money with us until next spring:

1. Possible voucher for a session or two at Armstrong Indoor Athletics
2. Small gift card
3. No charge for registration for Fall Ball
4. AA will be sure to not raise registration rates for any family who rolls over registration to next spring

The board is aware things are going to be financially thin going into next season due to the fact that we are losing sponsorship money and concessions money this season.

Thanks to all board members who bought and sold Mother's Day Raffle tickets. Extra special thanks to Ericka Atkinson who not only organized the fundraiser but sold many, many of these tickets on her own. Thank you Ericka.

Softball report - Nothing new or official from ASA or USSSA as far as pushing back start dates or cancelation. The board feels that these organizations, along with PONY will extend the delay to start the season. Legends fast pitch tournament originally scheduled for June will be rescheduled until later in the summer/early fall.

We have put a league wide moratorium on spending until the fate of the season is decided, other than paying for grass cutting.

The board held discussions about other alternatives if the season is canceled such as pick up games, Whiffle Ball Wednesday, Home Run Derby, etc. using social distancing guidelines

Also an idea was discussed to reach out to FC if they cancel to see if pick up games or a small season be played in the mid to late summer. Insurance issue with this idea would have to be addressed.

Pittsburgh Pirates Equipment Grant presentation is still going to happen. Receiving of the grant items will take place at a later date.

The board agreed for Roy to change the PO box from the Worthington Post Office to the Kittanning Post Office for the sake of convenience. Our new address is:

Armstrong Athletics
PO BOX 118
Kittanning, PA 16201

Field Usage for 2020 if Armstrong County goes yellow - signs will be taken down and individuals will be able to use the fields again in small family unit groups

Field Usage for 2020 if Armstrong County goes green - travel teams associated with AA will be able to use fields (per previous agreement) as long as they carry their own insurance and defer field usage to any activity/function planned by the board of Armstrong Athletics.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM by Brian Shaffer

