

# ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Monday, July 14, 2025 8PM

Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	OPEN	OPEN, Junior House Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Leaf, Assistant Commissioner	PRESENT	Kyle Leaf, 7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Coordinator
PRESENT	Kris Collins, Treasurer	PRESENT	Julie Williams, Uniform Coordinator
PRESENT	Katie Steinbach, Secretary	PRESENT	Samantha Peterson, Volunteer Coordinator
PRESENT	TJ Lyon, Traveling Director	PRESENT	Amy Rusert, Registration Coordinator
PRESENT	Kelsie Buchanan, Junior House Director	PRESENT	Katie Hale, High School Liaison
ABSENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	PRESENT	Scott Corbin, Equipment Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Meyer, Sr House Director	PRESENT	Mike Kinghorn, Sr House Coordinator
PRESENT	Niki Olson, Tournament Director	PRESENT	Travis Grawey, Field/Facility Maintenance Coordinator
ABSENT	Leslie Roering, Marketing and Communications	PRESENT	Brandi Sharp, Concessions Coordinator
PRESENT	Davis Kreps, Fundraising Director	PRESENT	Eric Stuberg, At Large Member

## ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
<b>Meeting began</b>		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam calls to order at 806</li> </ul>	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam motions to approve</li> <li>Eric S 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>Motion approved</li> </ul>	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam motions to approve</li> <li>Eric S 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>Motion approved</li> </ul>	
Parents concerns/Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8U had an issue where a coach wasn't understanding overthrow rules in the EOS house tournament. Parent got upset and started name calling which lead into an assistant coach on opposite team confronting the parent and things got heated. Was handled right away by board members. Was given a warning and there were no other issues following.</li> <li>Parent had concerns with umpire calls and not performing properly.</li> <li>8U coaches brought up that they would like ump's for all games at EOS tournament not just championship—would help prevent the issues we've had the last few years.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent is upset about our tryout fee going up- responded with reasoning and a breakdown of the cost of tryout fee.</li> </ul>	
Field Maintenance/Upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Tarps and weights for Enloe-Eric R, TJ and Eric S will get this done within the next couple weeks</li> <li>• Dugout Additions-working on the commercial posts once we get an update on these will let us know. Hoping to be done by August/September. FBC is ready for completing the roofs.</li> </ul>	
Invoice Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Volunteer Invoice/2025 failed Payments Update</li> <li>• Not many failed payments for 2025-3200\$(23 payments)</li> <li>• Will be sending emails out tomorrow to collect these—if we do not collect by August get list of families to Adam to cross check with other sports</li> </ul>	
MYAS 13A Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fence Moves—Can be completed any time after Wednesday 7/16, Travis will check schedule on when we will be moving these. Will need roughly 3 people to help.</li> <li>• Concessions--will get spreadsheet out closer to tournaments. Had one food truck back out but has others lined up.</li> <li>• EMT—will have Dean at the fields and TJ will help out.</li> <li>• Biffys/Trash—Ordered and ready, also order hand washing stations</li> <li>• Anything Else—volunteers needed at alpine, reach out to Leslie to have her send out communication.</li> <li>• Stuberg will bring UTV to central for dragging fields</li> </ul>	
Central Park Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates</li> <li>• Central Concessions pay their staff, losing money during the week and trying to make up the money on the weekend tournaments</li> <li>• We do not receive and kickbacks from them any extra was supposed to go to grant in aid, but they aren't making any money to do this.</li> <li>• Jamie Super(Big Board) would be fine if we wanted to take this over in the future or if we want her to have a limited menu.</li> <li>• Scott has large deep freezer he is able to bring in and out for tournaments if needed.</li> <li>• Mike Kinghorn will motion to take over concessions for our 3 tournament events</li> <li>• Brandi 2<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• 16 yays 1 abstain</li> </ul>	
2026 Tryouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>• Items Needed</li> <li>• Makeup Date/ Plan--Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> 5-8p</li> <li>• Will get schedule out to board tomorrow—Will be at Enloe looking at starting at 8am and doing longer time frames for larger age groups so kids are not rushed through</li> <li>• Will need 3-4 board members to help with check in and making sure kids make it to all stations</li> <li>• Email TJ if you would like to be apart of the travel team selection and or coaches interview selection</li> <li>• Will get dates out to board for coach interview days(Adam and TJ will work on this).</li> </ul>	

Succession Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Board Positions</li> <li>• Would like to find someone to start training in the new commissioner if anyone is interested(term ends October 2026)</li> <li>• Kyle leaf looking to have someone to take over assistant commissioner(will think about staying til October 2026)—Mike Kinghorn interested in this while maintaining Sr House director and 7-9<sup>th</sup> once Kyle M leaves.</li> <li>• Davis(Fundraising Director) has decided he will be done after this term(October 2025)</li> <li>• Julie(Uniform Coordinator) has decided to be done when her term is up( October 2025)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14AA did not get to play on castle field due to scheduling conflicts—we could reserve donated funds for next year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Board Business</b>		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior House Coordinator</li> <li>• At-Large Coordinator(Uniforms)</li> </ul>	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gopher State July 25-27</li> <li>• All Star August 2</li> </ul>	
<b>Reports</b>		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Updates</li> </ul>	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan-Jun P&amp;L attached</li> <li>• Bank balance: \$80,000</li> <li>• Receivables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$8,500 for 2024 (emails going out tomorrow)</li> <li>○ \$3,200 for 2025 (emails going out tomorrow)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Payables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$36,000 to Game-One (there was a mess-up with invoicing)</li> <li>○ \$450 to Football</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Kris Collins
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tryout post on Facebook today - cross shared on Ramsey and Anoka community pages. Email will go out later this week (spreading communications out so they don't get lost).</li> <li>• Little Ballers survey went out today</li> <li>• I would like to get the big survey out this week. <b>NEED: Confirmation of all teams at Jr. House, Sr. House and Traveling level. NEED: Any suggestions for survey questions.</b></li> <li>• I will continue to send reminders to volunteer over the next few weeks</li> <li>• I still owe Davis his website...sorry Davis!</li> </ul>	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitching Clinic was created with 17 registered</li> <li>• 2026 Tryouts created - low registration so far and handful of questions about make-up date which were directed to TJ</li> </ul>	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-star jerseys are complete and have been picked up by Mike. Thank you, Mike!—will talk at joint meeting with Andover who will be providing shirts for next year sounds like they may have made shirts for all the teams this year but we informed them we were doing our own shirts.</li> <li>• I'll start working with vendors in August for planning 2026 uniforms. If you have any thoughts or ideas for next year's uniforms, or vendors you'd like me to reach out to please let me know.</li> </ul>	Julie Williams

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If anyone is interested in taking on the uniform role, I'd love to have them be a part of these meetings and start transitioning the role over.</li> </ul>	
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will get equipment return scheduled—will chat with Amy to figure out how to do this and what worked well in the past</li> <li>Can we ask coaches to clean gear before turning it in? <b>Yes very reasonable to ask coaches to wipe down gear.</b></li> <li>Shed is cleaned out of all trash</li> <li>We donated over 3000\$ worth of gear to united hero foundation that we do not use anymore.</li> </ul>	Scott Corbin
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with MYAS last week for the upcoming state tournament 7/25 weekend.</li> <li>They will have hats and t shirts for us to sell this year. \$25 flat, can be check or cash made out to us and then they prefer we cut a check to them if possible, at the end—<b>look more into this and decide how we want to do this.</b></li> <li>Very important that the umps know to mark the good sportsmanship correctly. If there was even a fan out of line for the team, they want it marked as a NO.</li> <li>There will be new scoring cards with all the rules for the umps on the back of the cards.</li> <li>They have no WARNING cards that we will be responsible for giving to fans, players if they are out of line. 2nd time, they are kicked out of the remaining of the tournament.</li> <li>Someone will have to meet the MYAS site director on Friday if I am not able to make it due to Adriana having state. They will give us the scoring cards, balls, warning cards, and shirts/hats to sell.</li> <li>Porta Potties and garbage cans are lined up for the tournament.</li> </ul>	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to get a post out through social media about the fences going up at sunny acres</li> </ul>	Davis Kreps
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Updates</li> </ul>	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitching Clinic is halfway done. Turnout was okay, I was hoping for more.—<b>look at timing of this for next year to try and get more prticipants.</b></li> <li>Turning attention to Winter training and will be running the training with Blizzard again along with specialized training for pitching and catching.</li> <li>Have a couple people reaching out to partner with us for training/clinics(millers and Ballpark)—will get info over to Eric</li> </ul>	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates other than tryout information</li> </ul>	TJ Lyon
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasons are wrapping up</li> <li>Both teams did great appreciate the coaches that stepped up to coach these teams</li> </ul>	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House Tourney was a success; I haven't heard any complaints.</li> <li>Championship rings were a huge hit with the kids</li> <li>Minor Parent/Assistant Coach issue at the 8U level, coaches and board members handled it right away.</li> <li>I have ideas about next year. I wouldn't mind starting the discussion and brainstorming now for the EOY Tournament.</li> <li>All-star game is Tuesday 7/15</li> </ul>	Kyle Meyer

Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need equipment return date for T-ball and Coach Pitch—Amy emailed about this already.</li> <li>• When do I send out an end of year survey?—Leslie will do this.</li> <li>• Thanks to everyone helping me out on my first year as director!</li> </ul>	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any field needs for remaining events we're hosting?</li> <li>• Starting to prep for closing fields for the season</li> <li>• Eric Stuberg will get the gator winterized</li> <li>• If coaches are going to do a fall ball we need to be very clear about what expectations are for field maintenance(need to contact city to prep fields-due to it not being ran through ARAA.</li> </ul>	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates on my end. :)</li> <li>• I'll send the vendor spreadsheet for food trucks closer to the next tournament.</li> <li>• Need 2 new coolers for concessions trailer</li> </ul>	Brandi Sharp
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaches meeting should clarify that if you are coaching all your dibs are covered even if you have multiple children registered(3 coaches total-1 head coach 2 assistant coaches covered)</li> </ul>	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 10, 2025 6pm Willy McCoys</li> </ul>	
	Meeting Adjourned at 1015pm-, Adam Motioned, Mike 2nd	