

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2021, 6pm
Tele-Meeting via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Present via Zoom: Dennis Peterson, John Stevens, Theresa Leopold, Melissa Stevens, Kelly Goeb, Pat Shelton, Stewart Goldberg

1. 2021 Season Dates. No changes to the dates as listed below. Discussed MN high school season is delayed two weeks, finishing up around June 12. WI high school season has state at the end of June, so some WI teams may not be able to start the week of June 14 and those games will need to be rescheduled.
 - April 25. Registration due, coaches meeting.
 - May 25 week. 8/10/12s will start (off Memorial Day). Possible playoffs week of July 12
 - June 14 week. 14/16/18s will start and likely play through the end of July, possibly without playoffs.
 - 2022. Schedule will likely be back to normal with 14/16/18s starting the first week of June.
2. Financial Review.
 - We will keep registration fees the same as planned for last year.
 - 8U \$150
 - 10/12U \$250
 - 14U \$875
 - 16/18U \$900
 - Discussed that even though the cost of 16/18s is very high at \$900, that still does not cover the cost of running that age group due to insurance fees, umpire fees, field usage fees, etc, but will keep it the same
 - Also discussed teams will have the same number of games as last year, even with the later start, with the exception of possibly no playoffs at 14/16U ages. (Will discuss at coaches meeting.)
3. Umpire Update. Discussion of possible candidates to ask to fill the UIC position. Dennis will move forward with the candidate discussed, as well as reaching out to our previous UIC for an official resignation.
4. Field Availability. Should be the same as the 2019 season.

5. Safe Sport Act, Background Check. Kelly discussed this with Mike Carter, USSSA. All adults in the dugout will need to have background checks done through USSSA as well as complete the Safe Sport Act Certification through USSSA. Background checks are \$30 per person, and should be paid individually by the coach and then reimbursed by the community/organization thereafter. No charge for the Safe Sport Certification. All coaches will need to complete both of these (along with concussion training) prior to the start of the season. Coaches will need to complete the background check, which will take 2 to 3 days, and then they will be able to enter the rosters into USSSA.
6. Recruiting Board Members.
 - Theresa nominated Stewart Goldberg, Dennis seconded, to fill one of the vacant spots on the board. All in favor. Welcome to the board Stew!
 - Stew will inquire if anyone from Duluth Fastpitch would be interested in joining the board.
7. Dual Sanction. Discussion about dual sanctioning with USSSA and NAFA. Opted to just focus on getting our season up and going again this year and will register with USSSA only this year.
8. Rule changes. Kelly and Theresa will review the rules between meetings and bring to next meeting for review if needed.
 - Pitchers are now allowed to step back and/or start back this year.
 - 10U will not have a pitching machine this year. To avoid a very high score in the last inning, the following rule change will be made.
RUN LIMITS. 10U and 12U are allowed a maximum of 4 runs per inning.
 - For 12U, the last inning is an open, unlimited inning.
 - For 10U, the last inning run limit is 10 runs. If the visiting team is ahead or goes ahead by 12 runs in the last inning, then the visiting at bat is completed.
9. Next meeting dates
 - February 21 6pm via Zoom
 - March 21 6pm via Zoom
 - April 25
 - Coaches meeting, via zoom and possibly in person if able
 - Coaches clinic, will have to wait and see what the Covid restrictions are for meeting closer to that date

Meeting adjourned at 7:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Goeb, secretary