



# Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association Softball

8/8, 2021

7:00 pm Elm Crest Park

**Christina Tonda** | *Commissioner*

**Janie Killian** | *Secretary and Treasurer*

**Jim Milon** | *Player Development and Assessment Director*

**Mick Tonda** | *Volunteer Coordinator*

**Teresa Hawkinson** | *Softball Director*

**Jesse Anderson** | *Director of Operations*

**Joel Haynes** | *Field, Umpire, and Equipment Director*

## Call to Order

ARAA Fastpitch Softball Board meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Christina Tonda at 7:07 p.m.

## Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Christina Tonda, Board members Teresa Hawkinson, Joel Haynes, Jesse Anderson, Jim Million, and Mick Tonda. Absent: Janie Killian

## Approval of Minutes

Motion by Christina Tonda and seconded by Jesse Anderson to approve the minutes from July 11, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

## Fall Ball

- Jerseys need to be ordered ASAP. Going with lime green this year. Jesse working on this.
- Per Christina: Registration numbers decent for fall ball: looks like one 14u team, two 12U teams, two 10U teams. Only 4 registered for 8U-will notify parents we don't have enough.
- Teams will mostly be split according to age for the tens and twelves.
- Christina will work to secure fields, secure coaches and give out rosters
- No questions from community about fall ball
- Equipment pick up (fall ball) for coaches, Tuesday 6pm (August 10<sup>th</sup>)

- Fall ball meeting Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> in Medina-Christina to attend.

## **2021 Season Wrap up**

- Fields
  - Need fences on 5 and 6 taken down. Christina says baseball to do this. They already took down fences on fields 1,2,3,4
  - Home Plates are in need of replacement urgently on fields 3 and 6. Likely all plates are the same age and may all have reached the end of their useful life. Aaron Madsen may be looking into the plate situation with the city since he is connected.
  - Fields 1 and 3 will need new posts for bases
  - Lost all the mushroom plugs this year-uncertain where they disappeared!?
  - Need to order more; Joel to order up to 120 plugs (mushroom with tassel). Christina to check with baseball to see if they have plugs to contribute.
- Teresa handed out player report card assessments (2021 Season) for each coach to fill out. This will help with 2022 team placement. Aim to have them collected by the time player assessments wrap up.
- Consider discouraging C teams from attending NAFA in future seasons. This year we had one C team that really struggled at NAFA, and one team that did pretty well. Monsta as alternative option?
- Joel to reach out to Three Rivers Umpire to see if we will be issued a refund for games that we paid for umps, but they did not show up due to continued umpire shortages.
- Still missing part of equipment from 8U coach. Teresa will follow up.

## **Player Assessment/Tryouts**

- So far we have 51 kids signed up. Will blast more communication via FB, email, and newsletter.
- Christina to organize ahead of time with numbers assigned to registered players
- Monday, August 16 will be 10U and 12U skill assessments.
- Tuesday, August 17 will be 14U and all pitchers and catchers assessments.
- Wednesday, August 18 is the weather make-up date.
- Need all hands on deck to help with assessments. Jim to pitch, Mick/Jesse to hit infield, Virgil will help with outfield. Will ask for some older girls to help out with tasks on Monday night. On Tuesday night, Jesse to catch for pitchers, Christina/Joel to help with catchers. Skills will remain similar to Monday night with the exception of Jim hitting outfield. Teresa and Christina to fill in where there are needs. Janie to work check in.

- Jim-securing proper number of assessors from both nights.
- Make-up date August 26<sup>th</sup>. Will have a handful of kids, likely less than 10. Not advertising but fields secured. Board plans to fill in with scoring these assessments. Also can use player report cards for the 2021 season to help fill in any blanks.
- Looking to form teams in the first weeks of September and open registration at end of September for the 2022 season.
- Teresa looking to contact a former Hamline softball player of interest about coaching 14U team for 2022. More to come in September.

**Adjournment**

Teresa Hawkinson moves to adjourn, Christina Seconds. ARAA Fastpitch Softball Board meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.