

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, February 2, 2025 6PM

Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	OPEN	OPEN, Junior House Coordinator
ABSENT	Kyle Leaf, Assistant Commissioner	ABSENT	Kyle Leaf, 7 th -9 th 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
PRESENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	OPEN	OPEN, Equipment Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Meyer, Sr House Director	PRESENT	Mike Kinghorn, Sr House Coordinator
PRESENT	Niki Olson, Tournament Director	ABSENT	Travis Grawey, Field/Facility Maintenance Coordinator
ABSENT	Leslie Roering, Marketing and Communications	PRESENT	Brandi Sharp, Concessions Coordinator
PRESENT	Davis Kreps, Fundraising Director	ABSENT	Eric Stuberg, At Large Member

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
Meeting began		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam calls to order at 608 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Kelsie 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Kyle 2nd Motion passed 	
Parents concerns/Input	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Alpine/Central Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legacy usage update—season ends 2nd week of May There was an agreement worked out with Legacy if city declines that is their call—Legacy will be off the fields by 530, they are required to rake and tamp fields. Not allowed to use gator. PACT will use central field 7 	
Travel Registrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel registrations open Feb 3rd--Adam and TJ will register \$6185 in total 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send email out to head coaches to let them know not to pay invoice to MYAS if they receive it—Eric will do this 	
2024 Volunteer Bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to discuss what to do with those that didn't pay volunteer bonds for 2024 season Should the big board decide the process for this so it is uniform across all sports? Kris will reach out to those that did not pay their invoice from non completed DIBS, to attempt to collect and will come up with a list of those that still do not pay. Communicate to parents that others can complete their DIBS for them if they are unable, the parents just need to communicate with the board about that. Have Katie H get a list of kids in HS people can call to complete DIBS for those who are unable for a small fee so they aren't charged \$500. 	
Castle Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle Field president change Send ideas to Adam or Katie for things we could use field for and partner with Castle Field usage Possibly try to get the 14s/15s on for a game(this would come with a fee-still working on this) 	
Extra Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City wants us to help with Aglime for central fields 1-6 Each dump load is \$1200 Adam motions to approve 1 dump load \$1200 for Central Kelsie 2nd 13 yays, 0 nays Motion passes Brooklyn Park possibly hosting a coaches clinic presented by Twins staff. Will get info out if this is an option 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen Niska stepping down as VP of Big Board if anyone is interested. Joint powers meeting to discuss fields March 6th 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior House Coordinator Equipment Coordinator At-Large Coordinator(Uniforms) 	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Midsummer Classic June 20-22 Gopher State July 25-27 All Star August 2 House Tournament TBD(usually 2nd weekend of July) 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I sent out the picture day information to all the head coaches on what days each travel team is slotted for. Once I know house teams, I will get the exact times out to everyone as it gets a little closer. We will be using Alpine 4 this year due to the possibility of 3 teams sharing Alpine 1. 	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will finish budget this week Roughly 60k in bank Owe LOL remainder of payment for house evals Need to pay Tornado Alley for uniform things. 	Kris Collins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to pay Blizzard for clinic registrations 	
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final emails went out for hitting and pitching clinic. I will send reminders to those who registered. Big board newsletter will go out with updates this weekend Lots of website updates and emails will go out in the coming weeks. 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All registrations are open and working on 15U registration with questions out to Adam and Julie Need to send out communication to register for house, numbers are low currently 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel uniforms and coach apparel orders have been placed, secondary order going out in March for any additional Planning to have travel uniforms and travel coaches apparel at the parent meeting in March Try on size kits have been ordered for House try ons at evaluations March 1st We'll need a few board members to help with try ons March 1st and organizing travel uniforms for the parent meeting in March--I'll be sending out sign ups in February Secondary travel order, for player and coaches that were not on the original order, will be placed in March 	Julie Williams
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Updates 	OPEN
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Updates 	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dave from Go Green wants the catchers gear. Need to get out to the shed and send him a pic of gear/totals so we can determine is total "donation" to us. Can figure out a presentation for parent meetings to see if any businesses would like to donate towards needs for the program. 	Davis Kreps
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don Gawreluk is the new president for the Castle Field Association (CFA). Adam and I are going to the CFA meeting on February 26th. We've reached out and he is very excited to connect with us! This is a great step forward - let me know if you have ideas! High school try-outs are March 17th-18th (I'll get times soon). High school is hiring two new coaches, so if you have people who are interested, let me know and I'll connect you. I am working to get high school students signed up for Little Ballers. Is there a signup google sheet I can give them with dates? Reminder: Youth Night is April 24th. Senior night is May 16th. Anything else? Let me know. :) -would like HS coaching staff presence if possible, have a HS player come talk at the meeting to talk commitment levels as the kids get older. High School is looking for a 9th and 10th grade assistant coaches 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches clinic is booked for Wednesday Feb 12th and 19th 6-8pm at the high school for all traveling and house coaches. I'm also going to work on booking a coaches practice clinic in March for all traveling and house coaches. Hitting and pitching clinic starts Sunday the 9th for 8 weeks (skipping the 16th). We will send out email correspondence this week to all families that signed up. Eric will get Kelsie a list of travel teams each weekend for little ballers 	Eric Roering

Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent meeting will either be March 25 or 27—Katie H will figure out a date with HS 	TJ Lyon
7 th -9 th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low numbers for 7th-9th looking into options 15s travel team numbers are slim as well especially if they pull up kids to HS 	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Evaluations on March 1st. 9:00-4:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up sheet on the drive for volunteers – Will pass around hard copy and will put names down Will work with Amy to get any items needed from shed Meeting w/ Solderville & Andover went fine. Clarifications on a couple of rules added to rules sheet. Olivia from the Andover board updated the master rules and shared them out for us to deliver to the coaches Registration to close on March 1st, day of evals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform try-on's will be there (Julie) Team formation will be week of March 17th (targeting 3/19, McDuffs – need to reserve) Parent and coaches meeting to be set for end of March/early April – HS reservation; same night as travel? Sam and Davis will be there to talk about their pieces. Leslie will send out communications for evals/coaches meetings 	Kyle Meyer
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued filing team and coach requests in a folder on the drive. ALSO, scouting for a JR. HOUSE COORDINATOR. 	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contacting vendors once dates are finalized for tournaments (softball and baseball have a conflict right now so I've paused on this) Discussion on vendor who can provide us with Anoka gear for concessions (tumblers, hats, etc)—get a list of items we could possibly get and sell at the travel/house meetings. No update on the trailer yet from Jamie 	Brandi Sharp
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Update 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2nd, 2025 6pm 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 748pm-, Adam Motioned, Mike 2nd	