

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
6:00pm Blackwoods Proctor
September 14, 2025

Called to order at 6:05pm

Present: Kelly Goeb, Jacque Volk, Theresa Leopold, Jessica Larson. Guest via zoom: Chris Metzger

1. Summary of 2025 season. Comments/concerns

- Overall season went well.
- Concerns of teams having non-regular players during playoffs and regular season, perhaps pulling from other teams to be more competitive. Suggested remedy: have all teams turn in a roster with all players at beginning of season via google docs or similar. Final roster/changes are due by July 1. All coaches in that age group will have access to the roster throughout the season for viewing only. Chris Metzger agrees to work on a plan/outline to achieve this.
- Competitiveness. Some teams at 12s and 14s are very strong, and some are not. Goal is to keep the games competitive with teams with similar abilities playing against each other while also respecting travel time for 12s teams. Consider the following, which will be asked in postseason survey:
 - 12s teams play a four week regular schedule, then a new schedule is created for the final three weeks based on record after four weeks. Teams would be split, similar to playoffs, into gold/silver/bronze divisions. Pros: keeps teams of similar abilities playing against each other. Cons: May increase travel time, schedule/travel for the last three weeks will be unknown until after week 4 though would stay on Tuesday nights, difficult for families to schedule.
 - 14s teams play a four week regular schedule, then a new schedule created for the final three weeks based on record. Would split into gold and silver divisions. All games are in Duluth so location would be known for the last half of season, but not times or nights as some teams play Wednesdays and some Thursdays.
 - 10s. No changes this year. If desired and works well for 12s, then could be considered in the 2027 season.
 - 16/18s. Not enough teams to split the schedule as of now.
- Jacque will work on end of year survey that will be sent out prior to our next meeting for further input and discussion

2. Financial Review.

- The 2025 balance is + \$6461.11 this year compared to the deficit of \$4526.62 of 2024. This is due to increased team registration fees implemented for the 2025 season.
- Breakdown by age bracket was reviewed at the meeting.

3. Board members/recruitment. Chris Metzger is interested in becoming a board member. We have one from Barnum and another from Northwestern that may also be interested. Annual elections are during the November annual meeting. Stewart Goldberg has officially resigned.

4. Changes to rules for 2026. Further discussion at the next meeting. Will need to add air quality index to each age group rules as was previously discussed. (No play if > 200.) We will need to determine which website to follow.
5. Changes to fees for 2026. No recommended changes at this time. Will confirm at the next meeting.
6. Softball Promotion
 - We continue to look for ways to promote the sport of softball. Theresa will look into having the teams from the Northwoods Softball League, perhaps Mankato Habeneros, play a game at Wade Stadium to bring higher end softball to our area.
7. Dates for 2026. Next meeting
8. Future meeting dates
 - Plan to hold meetings the third Sunday of the month at site TBD...Buffalo House or Blackwoods
 - October 19, 6pm
 - November 16 at 6pm, starting with Annual meeting/election
 - January 18 at 6pm
 - February 15 at 6pm

Adjourned at 7:06pm

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Goeb, secretary/treasurer