



## Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball (AYB)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025, Call to order: 6:35pm

Location: Ashwaubenon Community Center

[AYB Website](#)

Attendees (board members & guests / shaded not in attendance): Adam Lasee, Ashley Hill, Ben Perry, Brock Ploederl, David Roehrig, Donovan Miller, Heather Anderson, Jared Lemon, Jason Hill, Joe Richter, John Hurd, Jon Humphrey, John Sperber, John Wendricks, Kyle Casper, Kyle Ehrfurth, Kyle Nelson, Nathan Jeske, Tom Meersman, James Ketting, Sara Bieda, Wes Smith, Ella Senger, Keegan Bieda, Steve Hull, Josh Roethle, Bobby Paul

Approval of February's meeting minutes - Motion: John Sperber    Second: Wes Smith

Agenda	Notes/Actions
<b>TREASURER</b> John Sperber	<b>March 2025 AYB Financial Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Document:</b> See attached document for the March 2025 AYB Financial Report.</li><li>• <b>Budget Updates:</b> Donovan will continue sharing the monthly budget spreadsheet with the AYB board.</li><li>• <b>Forecasting:</b> As more data is added, we will be able to forecast more efficiently and effectively.</li></ul>
<b>PRESIDENT</b> Donovan Miller	<b>Updates from Last Month</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Beacon Athletics:</b> Donovan worked with Beacon Athletics and spoke with Kevin. Donovan was able to save \$5,000 due to a misunderstanding in net size. The nets will not be 18' wide, reducing the cost from \$12,500 to \$7,700 for all five.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Klipstine:</b> Two nets are 70' long, 14' wide, and 12' tall on a tough frame system.</li><li>• <b>Ashwaubomay:</b> Will order nets that are 55' long, 14' wide, and 12' tall, including ground cables, netting, and vinyl pitching backstops. Carabiners will need to be purchased.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Concrete Issue:</b> Kevin suggested using outdoor batting turf, which comes in rolls of 15' x 55' with padding for \$2,700 per cage (adhesive not included). Also available in 15' x 35'. Batting box mats are needed to save cleats. Consider cattle mats (rubber) for the batting area.</li><li>• <b>Orders:</b> Donovan will place an order on March 6 for hitting mats (3 mats at \$275 each) and the 5 nets for \$7,700.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Supplies:</b> A pallet of chalk and a pallet of diamond dry are coming from the Village of Ashwaubenon. Jason Hill is looking at black dirt to build the mound. Donovan will purchase a Milwaukee transfer pump and a cordless blower (with charger) for \$600. Donovan also fixed the wheel balance on the Smithco and will change the oil on both Smithco machines.</li> <li>• <b>Financials:</b> Working with Brunette on taxes. Reached out to the bank to open up spending limits for the transactions noted above. Needs an exception on the card to make the transfer pump purchase.</li> <li>• <b>Legion Team:</b> The Legion decided to go with one team. Donovan will forward the Legion schedule.</li> <li>• <b>Concessions:</b> Donovan has been in contact with Ella regarding concessions. Ella's mother will help with this role before Ella returns from college.</li> <li>• <b>Lookout Baseball Team:</b> Looking for information on dates. Nothing yet.</li> <li>• <b>Meetings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Babe Ruth meeting on April 16, after the final board meeting for the year.</li> <li>• AYB parent meeting on April 7. Starts at 6:30pm in the old auditorium.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Triple A Families:</b> Sent a note that the team will likely travel to Little Chute and Freedom for the league. One player dropped after this information was shared, but a few other players joined.</li> <li>• <b>Park &amp; Rec:</b> Will repair the plate on field four and work on the warning track at Ashwaubomay Park. Will also trim the tree around the scoreboard at Klipstine.</li> <li>• <b>Wood Bat Tournament:</b> Will not use Cornerstone Fields. Will use Klipstine instead and Ashwaubomay for the evening skills and home run competition under the lights. Moose Lodge will provide food for the tournament. An announcer will be present. A plastic fence will be used to move the outfield wall in for the home run competition.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> Jared Lemon</p>	<p><b>Parent Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> April 7</li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 6:30 PM</li> <li>• <b>Location:</b> High School, old auditorium</li> <li>• <b>Details:</b> Jared will confirm all league presidents. All set except for Single A.</li> </ul>
<p><b>REGISTRATION</b> Heather Anderson</p>	<p><b>AYB League and Tournament Team Registration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Document:</b> See attached document for AYB league and tournament team registration numbers.</li> <li>• <b>Registration:</b> All tournament team kids are now signed up for the league.</li> <li>• <b>Tryouts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year, Adam had name tags and paperwork with a list of all kids' names. Donovan will ensure Adam does this again.</li> <li>• Tryouts are scheduled for April 6 from 8-11 AM for Single and Double A.</li> <li>• Kyle will review the list to see if any non-tournament team players need to try out for Triple A.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CONCESSION COORDINATOR</b> Ella Senger</p>	<p><b>Ella not present. Additional updates from Donovan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Purchases:</b> Donovan purchased a chip reader.</li> <li>• <b>Jag Backers:</b> Donovan will contact Jag Backers regarding a food warmer and any extras they have that we might purchase.</li> <li>• <b>iPads:</b> Will activate the iPads, but not until after the next AYB meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Concession Stand:</b> Ella will take care of opening and cleaning the concession stand. She is excited to be back and ready to go</li> </ul>

<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS</b> Kyle Ehrfurth</p>	<p><b>Communications and Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emails:</b> Sent out a bunch of emails last month.</li> <li>• <b>Website:</b> Updated the website with the registration late fee starting GB Blizzard game, high school apparel sale, and HOPE Clothing email (sent on March 5).</li> <li>• <b>Upcoming Tasks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle has reminders for camp registration closure.</li> <li>• T-ball registration will remain open.</li> <li>• Parent meeting information will be sent out within the next week or so.</li> <li>• Once tryout details are finalized, information will be sent out to individual groups by age.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Website Vendor:</b> The vendor continues to connect with Kyle to discuss their platform. No changes are planned for the upcoming season. If interested, we can explore a call with them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>UMPIRE COORDINATOR</b> Kyle Casper</p>	<p><b>Umpire Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outreach:</b> Kyle has reached out to all umpires from last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmed:</b> 26 umpires (9 new, 17 returning).</li> <li>• <b>Pending:</b> Waiting on responses from five umpires.</li> <li>• <b>Coverage:</b> Should have no issues filling games.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tournament Umpire Schedule:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 17-18:</b> Need one more umpire for the 17th.</li> <li>• <b>June 27-29:</b> All slots filled except for two.</li> <li>• <b>July 11-13:</b> 13u bracket covered. Will use youth umpires for the younger group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Umpire Clinic:</b> Working with Nick R. from Manitowoc to conduct an umpire clinic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Format:</b> Considering one long night or two shorter nights.</li> <li>• <b>Payment:</b> Sent Nick payment afterwards last year. Will have a check ready for him on the day of the clinic this year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Umpire Pay:</b> Shared memorandum outlining umpire pay rates between De Pere, Pulaski, and Bay Port (see attached).</li> <li>• <b>Kyle Recommends Increase:</b> tournament umpire pay to \$60 for 9/10u, \$65 for 11/12u, and \$75 for 13/14u. Motion: Kyle Erfurth Second: John Sperber, All in favor. Motion passed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SPONSORSHIP</b> Tom Meersman</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Updates from Donovan re: Sponsorship &amp; Uniforms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sponsors:</b> Tom has secured 20 sponsors for the upcoming season. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs to know the numbers and breakout of teams to understand the current status.</li> <li>• Feels we are in a good spot.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Uniforms:</b> Jeske and Lasse need numbers ASAP for uniforms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR</b> James Ketting</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Donovan Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tournament Rules:</b> James would like coaches to review tournament rules and submit changes prior to the April AYB meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James sent the rules out after the February meeting.</li> <li>• Donovan will ask James to send a reminder.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>FUNDRAISING</b> Wes Smith</p>	<p><b>Fundraising Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GB Blizzard:</b> Currently in 9th place. The home opener is on March 28. Kyle will send out another email blast with a reminder.</li> <li>• <b>Raffle Cards:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wes received the raffle card template from AJ.</li> <li>• Need to determine the frequency and amount of winners to make it more worthwhile for purchasers.</li> <li>• Heather Anderson suggested bigger payouts with fewer winners.</li> <li>• Plan: 1,250 tickets to be sold at \$10 each, with 50 winners total across 5 drawings a week.</li> <li>• Wes will send this plan to the board for any objections. If none, he will move forward as planned.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Rockers Stars of Tomorrow</b> - schedule forthcoming for tournament teams to sign up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kids warm up on the field and throw out the first pitch.</li> <li>• Players and coaches get in for free.</li> <li>• AYB receives \$7 for every ticket sold to guests accompanying players.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Bat Raffle:</b> Connected with Play it Again Sports for a bat raffle. Wes will raffle an Icon and a Hype bat in two different sizes. Bats will stay behind concessions. Winners can exchange for sizes and drops at the Ashwaubenon location.</li> </ul>
<p><b>FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT</b> Nathan Jeske/Adam Lassee</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Donovan Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Team Numbers:</b> Need numbers for teams. Donovan will get the amount of teams to Nathan and Adam.</li> <li>• <b>Legion Jerseys:</b> Working with Ben on Legion jerseys.</li> <li>• <b>Catchers' Gear:</b> John Wendricks asked about a set of catchers' gear. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jared recommended instituting a formal process for requesting/ordering equipment.</li> <li>• Wes Smith recommended knee savers for Single A catchers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Baseballs are on order.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PARK &amp; REC</b> David Roehrig</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Donovan Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cornerstone Usage:</b> ISA has Cornerstone again beginning late April. We will use it when we can.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HIGH SCHOOL</b> Jason Hill</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Donovan Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open Gyms:</b> Open gyms are in full swing on Wednesday nights.</li> <li>• <b>Tournament Teams:</b> Schedule to come out for tournament teams to join varsity players for introductions and the national anthem. Typically, this will be on a weeknight at 4 PM.</li> </ul>
<p><b>LEGION</b> Ben Perry</p>	<p><b>Not Present. Donovan Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Team Formation:</b> Going with one team for the older age group.</li> </ul>
<p><b>STRATEGIC COORDINATOR</b> Ashley Hill</p>	<p>Not present.</p>
<p><b>MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR</b> Vacant</p>	<p>Not present.</p>

**NEW BUSINESS****Co-sponsor Meeting Update –**

Met on third Monday of February. Donovan spoke on behalf of AYB. Stated we are interested in this, except if we lose in-kind services. Swim and wrestling were very prepared for the meeting. The board as a whole seemed to receive the feedback very well. Seemed to understand where we were coming from with lower participation numbers. March 18<sup>th</sup> – Park Board vote. Donovan will recuse himself from the vote. Anticipate this will move to the full Village Board the week afterwards.

**League Schedules -**

T-ball – five teams (Monday & Wednesday evenings) Start May 12

Single A – four teams, unless we have late registrations (Monday & Wednesday evenings) Start May 12

Double A – five, maybe six teams (run this past the coaches) Jared will send email to coaches for their input. (Tuesday & Thursday evenings) Start May 13

Triple A – three, maybe four teams. Donovan will craft email to offer the opportunity for current 13u Babe Ruth Rec participants the opportunity to play one additional season at Triple A. (Tuesday & Thursday evenings) Start May 6 or 13

Babe Ruth Rec – one team

Legion – one team

**Parent Meeting –**

Please ask AYB members to review their slides. The main focus should be on the league in general, with less emphasis on tournament teams. Jared will provide updates on the direction of our T-ball program. Additionally, Jared is interested in holding a coaching clinic to discuss practice strategies and areas of focus/emphasis.

Motion to Adjourn: Kyle Casper Second: Jared Lemon  
Meeting Adjourned at: 9:20pm Recorded by Joe Richter