

# ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

7:00 PM

Elm Crest Park, Ramsey

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Olson, <i>Commissioner</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Colford, <i>Treasurer</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Secretary</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Moore, <i>12-16U Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>6-10U Director</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Henry, <i>Tournament Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Fields/Umps Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Jen Flickinger, <i>Communications/Sponsor Director</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Karen Thinnies, <i>Uniform/Volunteer Director</i> |
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**COORDINATOR MEMBERS:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Equipment Coordinator</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Player Development Coordinator</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Spiess, <i>Youth First Coordinator</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Bangle, <i>Coaching Coordinator</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Try-outs/Assessments Coordinator</i> |
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OTHER'S PRESENT: Christina Tonda, Mick Tonda, Sara Milon, Jesse Anderson

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sonja motioned to approve the June meeting minutes, Jeff seconded, Board approved.</li> </ul>
E-mail Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Jenny sent the following voting email:  <i>"1) We are looking for opportunities to get the NorthStars name out there. Please vote YES or NO to having the 14u fall team and the 16u fall (which are formed) play as NorthStars.</i></li> <li><i>2) Due to the lack of head coach applications for the 14U Fall Ball level and in an effort to further maintain and boost numbers at the older levels, Anoka/Ramsey has the opportunity to hire a head coach who is affiliated with Anoka High School staff. The opportunity is in line with the goal of the NorthStars program. Tryouts for spring 2019 will still be held, and fall 2018 players are not guaranteed placement on the 2019 team.</i></li> <li><i>The cost for coach for the Fall Ball season is \$500. This includes 1 weekly practice, games on scheduled Sundays, Qualifiers, and State. Anoka Ramsey would cover the cost for Fall 2018. Part of Twins grant monies are earmarked for coach recruiting for our NS program. Vote YES or NO to pay for the coach.</i></li> <li><i>My opinion is that we need to invest in our program to become a competitive option that older players are seeking.</i></li> </ul> <p>6 Board members voted for, 1 voted against, motion passed</p>
<b>Commissioner Report – Jennifer Olson</b>	
Fall Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anoka Ramsey High School Fastpitch Clinic information has been sent out:</li> <li>September 15<sup>th</sup> for 8U-12U at \$40 each</li> </ul>
Twins Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the \$5000 from Twins, we need to spend 60% on marketing over the next three years</li> <li>Flyers will be made to target the 8U demographic and be sent out in school</li> <li>Will have stations at various schools open houses</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnies (agenda items emailed)</b>	
Fall Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniforms for fall have been ordered and hoping for delivery on Aug 23rd.</li> <li>10U: Black shirts with AR Tornado Logo, Twins Jr Logo, Land O Frost Logo and purple socks.</li> <li>12U: Black shirts with AR Tornado Logo, Twins Jr Logo and purple socks</li> <li>14-16U: Lime green shirts NS Logo, Twins Jr Logo and black socks.</li> <li>Coaches shirts will be black for both AR Logo and NS Logo.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here are my questions for the 2019 season:  <u>AR:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are we using the same jersey design/logo? Or come up with something new? The Twins Jr. Logo still on the back close to the neck line? Do you want the same sleeveless shirts?</li> <li>○ 6U-8U * Still the same uniform that includes: Sublimated Jersey, and socks?</li> <li>○ 10U-16U * Still the same uniform that includes: Sublimated Jersey, belt, pants, and socks?</li> <li>○ Coaches shirts- lots of feedback on the Maroon shirts* Should we go back to Black or do a Grey?</li> <li>○ AR Swag Store: Do we do this again? When do you open that? Will there be nights up at Lord of Life to display the swag store if we are not having clinics or will there be practices up there?</li> </ul> <u>NS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Are we using the same logo as Fall or coming up with something new?</li> <li>○ 14-16U * What are we offering for a Uniform? Has a budget been decided on the Uniform? What style are you looking for?</li> <li>○ Coaches shirts: What are we offering for the Coaches? And how many Coaches shirts per team? Do you want to stay with a Black shirt- could be dry fit polo or was there a different vision for that?</li> <li>○ NS Swag Store: Do we start one up? What kind of apparel would you like to see?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Will table 2019 decisions</li> </ul>
Volunteer Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have all volunteer hours assigned and Ann has the list of who didn't fulfill them.</li> <li>• New for next year 2019 season, volunteer hours have changed to 8 hours per girl, 16 hours max per family.</li> <li>• With fewer families and growing Dirt Devil needs, Jennifer motioned to change volunteer hours for 2019 from 6 to 8 hours per girl with a family cap of 16 hours, Ann seconded, Board approved.</li> <li>• At this point this would include the NorthStar families.</li> </ul>
<b>6-16U Director – Kevin Moore</b>	
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make-up assessments are done</li> <li>• Sonja is tallying scores</li> <li>• Teams will be forming soon</li> <li>• Teams other than 14/16U will not be posted until after Fall Ball season</li> </ul>
Fall Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall teams are all set</li> <li>• 2 10U teams, 1 12U team, 1 14U team, 1 16U team</li> </ul>
NorthStars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dejay Rosario has placed her application for the 2019 14U NorthStar Team</li> <li>• Kevin suggesting to pay \$2000 to include one winter dome tournament, a minimum of four pre-season practices, and summer ball</li> <li>• Amber Elliott has expressed interest as a possible assistant coach.</li> <li>• Kevin motioned to offer Dejay Rosario \$2000 to coach the 2019 14U Northstar team, Jeff seconded the motion, Board approved.</li> </ul>
<b>Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOL gyms have been secured for Friday nights 6-10pm beginning Jan. 4 through April 27th for clinics and indoor practice</li> <li>• Few exceptions when the church will not be available: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• How to use the space?</li> <li>• Would like to offer more opportunity for specialty players</li> <li>• Would like to have coaches present</li> <li>• May need to charge for clinics</li> <li>• 8U has too many games, need more practices</li> <li>• How to start 8U pitching?</li> </ul>
<b>Coaching Coordinator – Chris Bangle</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not in attendance</li> </ul>
<b>Try Outs/Assessment Coordinator – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Tournament Director – Jeff Henry</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had 8 8U, 16 10U, 12 12U teams last years</li> <li>• Would like to go to 8 8U, 16 10U, 8 12U</li> <li>• Do we keep the 8's</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
<b>Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jen Flickinger</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 10U teams will be sponsored by Land of Frost</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer – Ann Colford</b>	
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final Dirt Devil numbers \$7046.45 in profit, a little over \$1000 more made this year.</li> <li>• Green Valley fundraising resulted in \$7300 profit.</li> <li>• \$390 came in from Twin Pines for Swag Store sales.</li> </ul>
<b>Fields/Umps Director – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Equipment Coordinator – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Youth First Coordinator – Jeff Spiess</b>	
<b>Misc</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonja motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM</li> </ul>