

ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15th, 2018

7:30 PM

Elm Crest Park, Ramsey



BOARD MEMBERS:

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zach Hunter, <i>Equipment Coordinator</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Player Development Coordinator</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Try-outs/Assessments Coordinator</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Volunteer Coordinator</i> |
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OTHER'S PRESENT: Jeff Spiess, Brad Thinnes, Tammy Barrett, Tom Hornsby

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM	
Parent Concerns	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sonja motioned to approve the November meeting minutes. Karen seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed. Sonja motioned to approve the January meeting minutes. Karen seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.
E-mail Communications  Fwd_ High School Varsity renovation R	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email received from ARAA Booster president, Jeff Rustom, requesting donation of \$2500 to the Anoka Softball Boosters – see below
Uniform  Email 020518 Uniform Pants.pdf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen followed up with pants options – see below
6-10U Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melina Kissel has resigned her position - Kevin Moore to assume responsibilities
Commissioner Report – Jennifer	
6-10U Director Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melina wasn't able to attend key meetings due to other responsibilities and has resigned her position Kevin to assume responsibilities Sonja motioned to accept resignation, Ann seconded
High School Sponsored Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School Fastpitch will be hosting a skills clinic on April 28th from 9am to 12 pm at Central Parks Fields 1 and 2 Registration will be \$35 registration and will include a T-shirt – profits go to the Booster Club Participants will then be invited to the Under the Lights game scheduled for May 11th High School is requesting help with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotional Flyer - Flick Equipment - Zach

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online registration - Jenny, Ann ● Central Park fields 1 or 2 have already been reserved
Anoka Booster Donation Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (See email attachment above) ● Anoka High School Booster Club is requesting a donation of \$2500 to go towards the maintenance of the Varsity Field ● Jenny is proposing to table request for one month until we have a firm idea of registration and available funds
Fall Assessments for 2019 season	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Due to the overlap of sports seasons, it's becoming increasingly difficult to have players attend assessments and adequate space is hard to come by ● Board should consider assessing players after spring season but prior to fall season
Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnes	
Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fittings are scheduled for February 23rd, March 2nd, and March 4th ● Will go with same pants as last year ● Waiting on sock design from Dustin ● Possible swag store – looking into another vendor
PhD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Helmets and Bat sizing tomorrow from PhD at clinics
6-16U Director – Kevin Moore	
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to determine how many are unable to attend assessments ● Need assessors – have reached out to Midwest Speed ● Need to firm up a make-up date: February 23rd ● Andover FP may help with assessments ● Kevin to send Sonja evaluation spreadsheet ● Times were adjusted: 14U arrive @ 8, 12U arrive @10, 10U arrive @ 1230
Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson	
Winter Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Going well – about 75 girls each night ● Biggest demographic is the 10U ● Number of pitchers and catchers are down
Youth First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth 1st is an organization that encourages youth to be the best they can be in terms of conduct, character, and community ● In the past two years we've had two teams recognized by this organization ● Those recognized receive an award, are published in the local paper and are invited to a Twin's game where all award winners are announced as they walk around Target Field ● Great opportunity for girls – and would like to consider a partnership for the Dirt Devil ● Board agreed, Sonja to invite Mark to next Board meeting March 13th
Try Outs/Assessment Coordinator – OPEN POSITION	
Tournament Director – Jeff Henry	
Dirt Devil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MOA National Berths will be offered winners of the 10U and 12U Gold bracket ● Medals will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place ● Sonja to utilize google sheets for brackets ● Will offer concessions vs. hosting Food trucks ● Donuts will be available Saturday and Sunday mornings ● Melanie to run Fields and Umpires ● Bathroom will be cleaned/prepped by the City ● Tornado Alley will be onsite ● Heather Schultz has commitments from Violet Victoria Jewelry, Cotton Candy, Port-a-potty, dumpsters, and EMT ● Jeff to get DQ Certificates from Phil ● PhD will be onsite ● Fire Department will be onsite ● Would like to have announcers at the Championship games ● Tammy Barrett offered her assistance to run concessions ● Registration is now open ● NAFA would offer berth at no charge

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will offer both to winner(s)
Women's Gopher Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-season kick off for teams?
Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson	
Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jenny Flickinger	
Sponsorship Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 confirmed sponsors at \$750 each • Banner for each team, "these tornados are sponsored by...", Plaque for sponsor, and jackets for the girls • Working with Flick on sponsors logos to get to Rebyl Sports • Received donation from MHVI of \$300 for 15 First Aid Kits
Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To go out tomorrow
Treasurer – Ann Colford	
ARAA Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised from \$10 to \$15 to be reflected in 2019 season
Fields/Umps Director – Melanie Dusterhoff	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not in attendance
Equipment Coordinator – Zach Hunter	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boombah (\$300), and Dicks (\$239) for catchers gear • Tees did not have life time warrantee • Will need to order equipment soon
Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM