

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, August 11, 2024 6PM

Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	PRESENT	Kelsie Buchanan, Junior House Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Leaf, Assistant Commissioner	PRESENT	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
ABSENT	TJ Lyon, Traveling Director	PRESENT	Amy Rusert, Registration Coordinator
PRESENT	Kayslee Kemp, Junior House Director	PRESENT	Katie Hale, High School Liaison
PRESENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	PRESENT	Dustin Panek, Equipment Coordinator
PRESENT	Kyle Meyer, Sr House Director	PRESENT	Mike Kinghorn, Sr House Coordinator
PRESENT	Niki Olson, Tournament Director	PRESENT	Travis Grawey, Field/Facility Maintenance Coordinator
PRESENT	Leslie Roering, Marketing and Communications	PRESENT	Brandi Sharp, Concessions Coordinator
PRESENT	Davis Kreps, Fundraising Director	PRESENT	Eric Stuberg, At Large Member

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Topic	Minutes	Attachment/ Actions
Meeting began		
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order at 604pm 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Eric Stuberg 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Kelise 2nd Motion approved 	
Residence Eligibility Waivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MYAS Residency Policy <p>"The Gopher State Baseball League is a community-based program. GSBL teams are comprised of players who are from the community in which their parent or legal guardian resides or in which they attend school. The GSBL will recognize a team if they are derived from a bona fide association (consisting of multiple teams of perpetual nature) or a school program within their boundaries according to their bylaws. Generally, association boundaries are based on a city's limits or a high school district attendance area. The GSBL will not knowingly allow an independent teams and/or all-star teams to participate in this league. These rules are established to maintain a community-based orientation. The GSBL Board of Advisors reserves the right to rule on any questionable situations. For more</p>	

	<p>information on MYAS/Gopher State organization guidelines, please visit Coaches Corner under Gopher State Baseball on www.myas.org."</p> <p>Spoke with multiple other neighboring organizations about how they deal with waivers. They all came back with the same response and do not give out or accept waivers to their organization</p>	
Parent Waiver Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Driscoll and Triana Driscoll came to appeal the board's decision to deny their child a waiver. • Wasn't happy with having to play AAA baseball, didn't have fun with baseball and the quality of play. • Looking for a waiver out for player. <p>1 to Overturn, 17 to Uphold Decision, 2 Abstained Appeal for waiver is denied</p>	
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Eligibility-Tabled till next meeting <p>1 member not eligible due to attendance per bylaws</p>	
Special Guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marco Solt <p>-Would like his son to play with 11U instead of grade level 12U. -Need to look at all the numbers between the 2 levels to make informed decision -This will be left up to the traveling team selection committee and will make a decision that has the least adverse effects for the program as a whole. -If decided to allow him to play at 11s one more year without detriment to program this will be the final year.</p>	
Parent Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tryouts timing and dates • Parent from 11U tryout wondering if player can redo final station due to it getting dark during last station. 	
By laws Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Playups/Play downs Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Travel team selection committee is formed and discuss what we are doing as a board for teams including playing up/down. -Putting players at certain levels may be needed to not cut large numbers of kids from traveling baseball-this is left up to the traveling team selection committee. -Moving forward we will be going based off grade versus age. -If we allow exceptions, where do we draw the line? Also have to think about how it affects the other players in the corresponding levels. • Residency Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Waivers for playing elsewhere • Adam makes a motion to vote to add these 2 items into the bylaws • Kyle 2nd • Motion approved <p>Leslie will work on verbiage for these to items to add to the bylaws and a vote will then happen to approve wording and adding them in officially.</p>	

Next Meeting Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hoping to have coaches/teams fully selected by mid September <p><u>Things to add to next agenda</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table conversation about voting eligibility-what is included(attendance, Tournaments, events board members are needed) Vote on how many tables we will sponsor for the ARAA sponsorship dinner next meeting Need to figure out how we want to schedule volunteers for little ballers Pricing for registrations 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior House Director(October) Junior house Coordinator(October) Equipment Coordinator(October) At Large Member-Uniform Coordinator help 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<p>I've attached the Profit & Loss statement for Jan 1 - Today (so as to include income and expenses through the All Star Series)</p> <p>A few items of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I didn't have time to trace the fundraising income/costs to be able to properly split it between House & Traveling, so I placed it all in General for now. We need to determine large expenditures through the remainder of the year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexxball (\$5,800 (already pad \$1k down)) Baseballs (2023 was \$4,600) Probably some invoices from the City of Ramsey coming up 15AAA & 15AA coaches? ARAA Football for concessions \$2,200 Biff's \$3,700 Uniforms (2023 Aug-Dec was \$8,600) Anything else? Do we expect any money from Gambling? There should be some \$\$ coming in October for those who didn't complete DIBS <p>Also, our cash situation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current bank balance: \$30,800 Deposits going in tomorrow: \$10,900 Total: \$41,700 <p>Will look into how many people completed fundraising vs buyout</p>	Kris Collins

Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results are complete and will go over in September meeting 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traveling - will get registration going once have uniform cost and can get a registration cost. Also need consensus slush fund added to registration 15U will be separate registration 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with GameOne, Zephyr, P5, and Tornado Alley regarding uniforms for 2025 Requests for proposals will go out to these vendors this week Vendors for travel, house, and coach uniforms, and online store items will be selected in early September 	Julie Williams
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amy provided the logo for the balls we will be ordering for next year 2025 seasons baseball. Emails have been sent to travel coaches, senior house coaches and jr house coaches for equipment return. Slowly getting equipment back and updating the google the drive and putting the bags back in the shed once gone through. <p>Will be leaving the board after term is up in October</p>	Dustin Panek
Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Davis Kreps
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	TJ Lyon
7 th -9 th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14/15 Rec won state!!! Kyle motions to reimburse their State tournament (\$350) Leslie 2nd Motion approved 	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House season officially complete Rec state tournament has concluded Maybe a fall ball team or 2 will be needing to keep equipment 	Kyle Meyer
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Ballers <p>--Reviewed survey results, nothing surprising. We need more help consistently throughout the program. Also, the field location - there isn't a bathroom near the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T Ball <p>--Reviewed survey results, nothing worth noting (need more shade at Sunny Acres - haha)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach Pitch <p>--Reviewed survey results, some complaints on how teams were formed. One team had more 1st graders than others (mostly due to</p>	Kayslee Kemp

	<p>requests), maybe in the future there are no requests? I will take some responsibility... I did spread out the girls to each team but probably didn't do a great job this year reviewing ages. So, just a reminder for future to review ages as well and making sure each team is more evenly created.</p> <p>--A good review of rules for the age group and make some rules more clear (just a suggestion), this is the only year that I received any complaints (it was just one coach) about the rules.</p> <p>--Adam had the idea of painting that line for outfielders to stand behind, so maybe we put that somehow in the rules - and have them go X amount of feet behind bases, VS feet from grass for regular season games.</p>	
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking into winterizing Picking weeds at alpine batting cages(maybe post DIBS) 	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	Brandi Sharp
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75 people did not complete dibs 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 8th, 2024 6pm Willy McCoys 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 911pm-, Niki Motioned, Kayslee 2nd	