

# ARAA Fastpitch Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

7:30 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melanie Dusterhoft, <i>Fields/Umps Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Flickinger, <i>Communications/Sponsor Director</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Thinnies, <i>Uniform/Volunteer Director</i> |
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**COORDINATOR MEMBERS:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zach Hunter, <i>Equipment Coordinator</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonja Abrahamson, <i>Player Development Coordinator</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Try-outs/Assessments Coordinator</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> OPEN POSITION, <i>Volunteer Coordinator</i> |
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OTHER'S PRESENT: Jeff Spiess, Chris Bangle, Brad Thinnies

Topic	Minutes (Action items in BOLD)
Jennifer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM	
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• motioned to approve the March Minutes, *** seconded, Board approved</li> </ul>
E-mail Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Commissioner Report – Jennifer Olson</b>	
Summer Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To best accommodate summer game nights we will change dates/times:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sunday, May 6: 7pm</li> <li>○ Sunday, June 10: 7pm</li> <li>○ Sunday, July 8: 7pm</li> <li>○ Sunday, August 12: 7pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
High School Varsity Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergoing seeding so unavailable for the season</li> <li>• Teams have been reassigned</li> </ul>
Green Valley Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final night for 7-8pm at Ramsey Caribou</li> <li>• Checks will be cashed on April 20th</li> </ul>
High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School clinic has been moved to Friday, April 27th</li> </ul>
<b>Uniform/Volunteer Director Report – Karen Thinnies</b>	
Dibs: 8U Umpires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IBS posted Monday April 9th</li> <li>• More will be released</li> <li>• Wednesday night Central Park Concessions likely to be made available as well</li> <li>• May 19th Section 4 HS Tournament- usually needs 32 hours of concession/fields</li> <li>• 8U Umpire DIBS? Only needed for 8U Anoka vs Anoka game – usually only 1 or 2 of those games. Melanie to check schedule and let Karen know.</li> </ul>
Uniforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To coaches on the 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• All player registration fees must be paid in full before player can receive her uniform</li> <li>• Ann will review who may have a potential uniform held up due to non-payment/underpayment</li> </ul>
Swag Store	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now closed. 39 orders received. May re-open again late May for another round if parents are interested.</li> <li>• \$80 made in extra socks sold with uniforms</li> <li>• \$263 in extra pants sold.</li> </ul>

<b>6-16U Director – Kevin Moore</b>	
League Registration & Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was last night all went well</li> </ul>
Changes for 14U – 18U	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With diminishing numbers for older teams we're in preliminary talks to hire coaches and draw from bigger area to field competitive teams</li> </ul>
Coaching Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 coaches attended Sunday's clinic with Sean Hall</li> <li>• 2 coaches attended Twins coaching clinic</li> </ul>
Pitching & Catching Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would like to get Pitching and Catching coaches to the fields for AR coaches to attend</li> <li>• Sonja to reach out to McKenzie Stone, Amber Elliot, and perhaps Peyton Zak</li> </ul>
Coaches Development Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris has been asked to come back to the board as the Coaches Development Coordinator</li> <li>• Position to be added to the handbook</li> <li>• To add a Coaches Corner to the website, with security only for coaches</li> </ul>
<b>Player Development Coordinator – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
LOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gyms are unavailable April 6th and April 20th</li> <li>• <b>Sonja to reach out to LOL for other gym options for practice</b></li> </ul>
<b>Try Outs/Assessment Coordinator – OPEN POSITION</b>	
<b>Tournament Director – Jeff Henry</b>	
Dirt Devil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting April 18<sup>th</sup>, location TBD</li> <li>• Down to 2 openings 8U, 1 for 10U and 12U is full with 1 extra team</li> <li>• Confirmed that Dirt Devil will be a Youth 1st Tournament</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary – Sonja Abrahamson</b>	
<b>Communications/Sponsorship Director – Jennifer Flickinger</b>	
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made \$200 from Chipotle fundraiser!</li> <li>• Can do similar event at Buffalo Wild Wings that lasts all season</li> <li>• If family mentions AR Fastpitch, AR Fastpitch earns 10%!!</li> <li>• Can track sales per team</li> </ul>
Pictures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Coon Rapids AMC is donating 2 bags of popcorn on photo night</li> <li>• Hot Cocoa will also be provided</li> <li>• Sponsorship jackets will be handed out</li> <li>• Teams will get banners</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer – Ann Colford</b>	
<b>Fields/Umps Director – Melanie Dusterhoft</b>	
Umpires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Rivers has already sent invoice for the season</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment Coordinator – Zach Hunter</b>	
<b>Youth First Coordinator – Jeff Spiess</b>	
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth first in attendance at picture night and will hand out fridge magnets</li> <li>• May 11<sup>th</sup> grant paperwork is due</li> </ul>
Fun Night	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kit provided for each team</li> <li>• Teams determine theme</li> <li>• Photos taken will be voted upon by the Twins</li> <li>• Could do as "Home Opener"</li> </ul>
Misc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded, Board approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM</li> </ul>