

ARAA Baseball Board Meeting

Sunday, March 2, 2025 6PM

Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS			
PRESENT	Adam Byrd, Commissioner	OPEN	OPEN, 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
PRESENT	TJ Lyon, Traveling Director	PRESENT	Amy Rusert, Registration Coordinator
PRESENT	Kelsie Buchanan, Junior House Director	PRESENT	Katie Hale, High School Liaison
PRESENT	Eric Roering, Coach/Player Development Director	OPEN	OPEN, Equipment Coordinator
ABSENT	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"> Adam called to order at 602 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Kyle L 2nd Motion approved 	
Secretary's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam motions to approve Leslie 2nd Motion approved 	
Castle Field Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board meeting update Don Gawreluk new president Would like us to use the field more—negotiating price for use per game. We would be willing to pay cost—looking into that. Thursday July 3rd is their Anniversary event—would like our help with promotion and possibly volunteers if we are willing 	
Big Board Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen Niska stepped down as Vice President, Jenna Dorst voted in at the last meeting Ben Sieben stepped down at commissioner for football and Mitch Lonnee was voted in at last meeting 	

Parent Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mom at house evals is going to email Kyle and Mike due to a coach concern for her son this year. 	
Travel Team Registrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams are registered through MYAS Child who scored well in house evals was pulled up to 12A travel team due to them only having 10 kids 11A coach is going to pull from house evals as well—more to come 	
Field Assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14AAA and 14AA Enloe 1&2 14A Central 7—will share with PACT 13AAA Alpine 4 13A Alpine 3—will share with a house team at this level 12AA and 12A Alpine 2 11AAA and 11AA Alpine 1 11A Ward 1—need mound and fence 10AA Bonnell North 9AAA and 9AA Ward 2 	
Sr House Eval Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went well—turn out was good! High School players did amazing, very thankful they were there to help Have booth set up for tryons at house meeting as well for those that couldn't make it. 	
15s VFW Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anoka highschool is not running the VFW this year. Numbers are down for 9th grade high school tryouts We need to look into numbers for our 15s teams 	
2024 Volunteer Payments and Receivables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on Non-Payments and failed payments 8-10 families did not complete volunteer hours and did not pay volunteer requirement Multiple families have failed payments for this years registrations Get emails out with information on how to pay before season starts or help them get in touch with grant and aid if needed. If there are still non payments from these families we will have to discuss what to do going forward. 	
Concessions/Food License Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving in the right direction with trailer insurance Advised to wait until after April to apply for license so we only have to pay for one season vs two—Jamie Super is going to send over necessary documents Might need a water source—Brandi would look into this if needed 	
2025 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Got a large chunk of this done, it is in the google drive LOOKS AMAZING-thank you Kris! Do we want to make traveling program self sustainable? Currently losing money on this. Could raise registration cost to do this. Will discuss at a future meeting. 	
Equipment Catalog	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at doing a donation bin at the end of the season to provide players in house and traveling for next season with gently used gear/equipment if they need it—will put a communication out to have people bring things to the upcoming parent meetings 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City needs to fix the base posts at central and alpine • The home base on central field 3 needs to be fixed, it is totally crooked • Bonnell sprinkler on 3rd baseline needs fixing and hole in right field that needs to be fixed • Ward 3 had glass all over field • Ward 1 needs to be dragged for large rocks • Still waiting on softball to give us dates for possible tournaments so we can solidify our house tournament date • Castle field association is going to put on a clinic hosted by the twins—Bring up at April meeting 	
Board Business		
Open Positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior House Coordinator • Equipment Coordinator • At-Large Coordinator(Uniforms) • Assistant Commissioner(opening soon) 	
Board Tournaments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midsummer Classic June 20-22 • Gopher State July 25-27 • All Star August 2 • House Tournament TBD(usually 2nd weekend of July) 	
Reports		
Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was brought up at evals that travel teams on the website and in the google drive do not reflect any changes that have been made.—Byrd got the google drive updated so I updated the website to reflect changes made. 	Katie Steinbach
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February financials will be coming soon 	Kris Collins
Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARAA Newsletter will go out this week • Focused on promotion of house baseball over the last month • Need to confirm details for parent meetings and then I'll get those out • Will push little ballers in March. Confirm tshirt order timeline with Julie. • Will send out info on lightly 	Leslie Roering
Registration Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All levels of registrations are active. Need clarification on when House (all levels) should be closed. When should Little Ballers close (April?) and 15U should be open until at least May? • Sr house close day before draft 	Amy Rusert
Uniform Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board member apparel order form - https://forms.gle/hBLWtMTH15JieEYJ7 • Parent Meeting - House player and coach try-ons and TA and Anoka Baseball Sales • Travel uniform assembly - Wednesday, March 19th, 6pm - Julie's House 	Julie Williams
Equipment Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will check on baseball order, typically the baseballs arrive end of March • Will ask a couple people to help with putting bags together and have their dibs cleared for the help • Will need to order some things for first aid kits to replenish (ice packs, band-aids)—Davis is going to try and get this donated by Allina—will let us know soon. 	OPEN

Tournament Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates Tournament signups are in google drive for board members 	Niki Olson
Fundraising Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emailed Mauer Chev will give us a donation in the next month Let Green Valley know we will not be doing the fundraiser with them this year Working with businesses in the area to bring in sponsorship money for the program for various needed items We need invoices for wish lists to provide companies or grant opportunities Look at sponsoring a 14s team to play on castle field is an idea 	Davis Kreps
High School Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 24 Youth Night - please make an effort to get your teams there! We had nine high schoolers at House Evals I am reaching out to the softball team captains for help with Little Ballers Adam and I went to CFA meeting, planning on figuring out how to get our three 14s to play. Will discuss price; it's expensive so we are brainstorming ways to negotiate price. Other ideas are make it a sponsored thing. Davis and Eric? 😊😊😊 Player/Parent meeting March 25th; house first then travel, 6-9 slot (House will be 6-7 and Travel 730-9)—slides need to be completed and sent to Eric R to make slideshows for meeting Anoka HS baseball is NOT running VFW this summer. Legion stays the same. Low registration numbers for 12th grade and 9th grade for high school so they will probably pull up a few 10th graders for JV. They are still are waiting to see what they will do for 9th and 10th grade teams. Looking into a baseball clinic during the winter run by the highschool teams Anything you need me to do, send me an email :) 	Katie Hale
Coach and Player Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinic is going well—next year might push it a little later Have some more clinics in the works coming up 	Eric Roering
Traveling Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	TJ Lyon
7th-9th Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cory Justice is not able to coach Tom Wilberg may be willing to coach Eric Eckman may be willing to coach 10 kids currently registered 	Kyle Leaf
Senior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 or 4 kids registered wrong Katie S wrote it on check in sheets from evals—Kyle needs to get this information to Amy so this can get sorted out. 	Kyle Meyer
Junior House Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing coach requests and team buddy requests as they come in. Will email in March to remind coaches that Little Ballers is on their game changer, and to have their whole team available to help. Looking for a coordinator! 	Kelsie Buchanan
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need list of to dos 	Travis Grawey
Concessions Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Got a new register for the season that will work better for concessions Working on obtaining insurance for trailer so we can sell better food out of it. 	Brandi Sharp

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also working on securing food truck vendors for tournaments 	
Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates 	Samantha Peterson
Next Meeting Date:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 13th, 2025 6pm at MCDUFFS! 	
	Meeting Adjourned at 850pm-, Mike Motioned, Amy 2nd	