



Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball (AYB)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024, Call to order: 6:34pm

Location: Ashwaubenon Community Center

Attendees (board members & guests / shaded not in attendance): Adam Lasee, Ashley Hill, Ben Perry, Brock Ploederl, David Roehrig, Donovan Miller, Heather Anderson, Jared Lemon, Jason Hill, Joe Richter, John Hurd, Jon Humphrey, John Sperber, John Wendricks, Kyle Casper, Kyle Ehrfurth, Kyle Nelson, Nathan Jeske, Tom Meersman, James Ketting, Sara Bieda, Wes Smith

Approval of October's meeting minutes - Motion: Kyle Casper Second: Kyle Ehrfurth

Agenda	Notes/Actions
TREASURER John Sperber	John handed out AYB November 2024 Financial Report and provided overview of each line. See attached document for details. Received letter for IRS thanking for inquiry. Need additional 60 days to make determination. No other info needed right now. Expecting to owe roughly \$3,000. Paid Village for umpires and concessions payroll. Will receive utility bill soon as well as invoice for field maintenance supplies (diamond dry and clay).
PRESIDENT Donovan Miller	Jason, John, John, Wes, Jared, and a couple players took down the Ashwaubomay batting cages, rolled up the wind screen. Two newer cage nettings were stored. Three old ones were disposed of. Will be looking to purchase three replacements for Ashwaubomay and two more for Klipstine. Had conversation with Joanne [REDACTED] who had made a donation for new batting cages. Not able to proceed because of issues with the land. Will use the existing frame. Once all netting put away, John Hurd contacted company that made wind screen to talk about wear and tear – took a few photos – waiting to hear back on replacement pieces. Should be at no cost – still under warranty. Cleaned sheds out – a lot of old, dated stuff has been tossed. Water is shut off at Ashwaubomay – no more restroom usage until spring . Will look into adding an extra wind barrier between both light pulls to lessen the stress on the printed wind screen.
VICE PRESIDENT Jarrod Lemmons	Jared has been finding a solution for AAA league over the last month. Reached out to different organizations in the area. Good fit with Freedom and Little Chute to make a 10-team league. They are having their board meeting right now (November 6). Play Tuesdays and Thursdays. Very similar to AYB league rules. Late April early May for start. If they approve to accept our teams, we will likely proceed with further discussion on scheduling and eventually a motion to proceed. Pulaski's structure would not mesh with ours. Would need to know who the three AAA coaches are as

<p>REGISTRATION Heather Anderson</p>	<p>soon as possible if/when move forward. Kyle E. will adjust registration info for AAA to let parents know there may be some travel for league play.</p> <p>Not present. Heather sent registration numbers ahead of time. See attached document for details. Heather reached out to t-ball coaches from last year, asking if they knew of families interested in tournament play for the upcoming season. Has not heard back from anyone yet.</p>
<p>CONCESSION COORDINATOR Vacant</p>	<p>Vacant.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATIONS Kyle Ehrfurth</p>	<p>Legion registration just went out. Will put up on website. Has been contacted by Crossbar website salespeople. Seem to be targeting SportsEngine customers. Kyle stated there would be a cost-savings if we made a change. Will keep us posted as he learns more. Kyle would like to step out of this role at the end of the next baseball season. Would consider stepping into the scheduling coordinator role.</p>
<p>UMPIRE COORDINATOR Kyle Casper</p> <p>SPONSORSHIP Tom Meersman</p>	<p>Five umpires are signed up for next year. Will get more once Legion registration goes through. For tournaments, have reached out to our regular umpires with dates for upcoming season. 7U & 8U tournaments looking to have 14U umpires.</p> <p>Not present.</p>
<p>TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR James Ketting</p>	<p>We have not raised the certified umpire rate for tournaments in years. Currently \$60/game. Looking to increase rates to \$70/game. Kyle Casper will do research on rates in the area. Will continue to discuss.</p> <p>Updated fees for tournaments. Suggesting the following: \$350 for 7 & 8U. \$450 for 9-12U, and \$500 for 13 & 14U. Motion: Adam Lasse & Second: Kyle Casper. All in favor. Motion passes.</p> <p>Rates to be same whether spring or summer. If we charge these rates, we are looking at about \$12,000 in net profit. Don't know why we would need to set different rates for spring versus summer. All guaranteed three games for spring. Summer would be guaranteed five or six games. As an example, Plover charges \$495 for 9U and \$535 for 12-15U for spring tournaments.</p> <p>Still looking at 13U wood bat tournament – looking at having six teams. Last weekend in July or first weekend in August. First need to hear back from Dick's Sporting Good on a donation. Field 4 might be difficult to hit the ball out of the infield with a wood bat. Homerun derby would be on Field 2 or 3.</p>
<p>FUNDRAISING Wes Smith</p>	<p>No updates. Still looking to get in contact with Craig (former fundraising coordinator). Looking for guidance on opportunities. Simply need to ask the correct people for approval.</p>
<p>FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT Nathan Jeske</p>	<p>Not present. Adam Lasse stepping in. Looking at uniforms for tournament teams. We have a good number of leftover hats, especially for older kids. Possible jersey contest. Comment made to have nicer hats available for parents to purchase and smaller sizes for siblings. Also suggested to get nice vehicle stickers – different than the standard yellow or green paw.</p>
<p>PARK & REC David Roehrig</p>	<p>Not present.</p>

HIGH SCHOOL Jason Hill	A big 'thank you' to all that came out for the fall clean-up. Was much smoother than years past. Not just all on the high school program. Many more people now know how to put up and take down cages/nets. Jason is working with Nick Senger to move second cage upstairs. Still could be two cages. Will not be room to walk-through, though. As spring approaches, will finalize date to get everything back up.
LEGION Ben Perry	Not present. Opened registration and schedule close to being completed.
STRATEGIC COORDINATOR Ashley Hill	Not present.
MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR Kyle Nelson	Not present.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Review Survey: Theme of more practices, especially for the older kids. More consistency between coaches and more training for coaches. Discussion of finding a balance between development/practice and games. Potentially build-in three or four practices throughout the season. Could double as rain makeup days. Could/should we go to a hard ball for single A? We are using USA bats. Bring ideas to the next meeting to be discussed, motioned, and voted on. Set a clear boundary on chirping pitchers, once the pitcher sets, no chirping. League baseball if for the kids and individual development and tournament baseball is more focused on success of the team. We can be more consistent with sending surveys, asking for continuous feedback. We could send a league survey within a week of the league championships.</p> <p>50 Year Anniversary: AYB could be turning 50 this year. Not sure, though. Donovan will check with Rex for confirmation. Possibly have uniform patch on jersey. The Village could put a commemorative bench at Ashwaubomay potentially? Special on apparel.</p> <p>Other Business: Notes that are non-approved will be share within one week of the meeting ending. Final notes will be posted after approved at the following meeting.</p>

Motion to Adjourn: Kyle Ehrfurth, Second: Kyle Casper
Meeting Adjourned at: 8:34pm Recorded by Joe Richter