

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2020, 5pm
Buffalo House

Meeting called to order at 5:14pm.

Present: Dennis Peterson, Kelly Goeb, Theresa Leopold, Jason Lagergren, Joel Anderson

1. Bylaws. At the annual meeting in November, change was made to Article VI, Section 3 to allow electronic attendance/calling in to meetings. This needs to be approved at the next two meetings. Motion by Theresa, second by Dennis, all ayes, to keep change to bylaws as recommended.
2. Safe Sport Act/Trusted Coaches. Kelly spoke with Clarence at Trusted Coaches. Cost would be \$15 per coach and includes concussion training, background check and safe sport act. They recommend at least two coaches on the field/in the dugout at all times. They offer similar training for umpires for \$30. Trusted Coaches will be able to keep track of who has completed the training. Motion by Theresa, second by Dennis, all ayes, to require coaches and all adults in the dugout, as well as umpires of 14U and older to complete Trusted Coaches or a similar program and to carry proof of completion. Communities/teams will be expected to cover the cost of their coaches and adult volunteers. AFPL will cover the cost of the umpires. Kelly will work on getting this linked to our website and notifying communities, coaches, and umpires.
3. Umpire Update
 - Reviewed all 14/16/18 umps will receive \$60 per game
 - Theresa will send flyers to local colleges, Facebook, Craig's List to recruit for the upcoming season
 - Jason is willing to offer clinics through the communities for 10/12s umps as needed
 - Jason also discussed he may be resigning as he will be moving, but is not sure if this will be before or after the upcoming season

4. Construction Update. Per Dennis, City of Duluth will be meeting on February 13 so we should have more information then. He has been told that construction on Wade 7 should not affect our season, but unknown if construction at Wheeler will.
5. USSSA/NAFA. Decision was made at last meeting to dual sanction in both organizations. Dan Pfeffer from USA has reached out to see if we would be interested in registering with USA as well. After some discussion, we decided not to register with USA.
6. Recruiting Board Members. Dennis has been attending Duluth meetings to hopefully get some representation from Duluth. We have Cloquet here. Will check with Hermantown as well.
7. Coaches Meeting and Clinic. Date set for April 26. Kelly will confirm site (hopefully Buffalo House) and let communities know.
8. Rule Changes. USSSA has recently changed pitching rule so pitchers can now step back as in high school. Will be discussed at Coaches Meeting. We will also need to review USSSA vs NAFA rules at next meeting to review any differences that may exist.
9. Future Meetings
 - February 9, 5:00 Buffalo House
 - March 8?
 - April 26, Coaches Clinic and Meeting, Registration

Topics for next meeting:

- Field Availability for 2020 season
- 8U schedule (has been suggested to lengthen season)
- Construction Update
- Review USSSA vs NAFA Rules
- Insurance (Pat to compare USSSA vs NAFA)

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Goeb, secretary