

Arrowhead Fast Pitch League Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2019, 6:00pm  
Buffalo House

Meeting called to order at 6:00.

Present: John Stevens, Dennis Peterson, Pat Shelton, Kelly Goeb, Melissa Stevens, Theresa Leopold (at 6:15)

1. Review of 2019 Season

- 8U recommend no more than 12 batters per inning and continue coach pitch (no machine)
- 10U recommend no pitching machine
- 12U encourage communities to find strong umpers at all ages as we had some complaints about younger/weaker umpers
- Emphasize rescheduling games is up to coaches at ALL age levels. Need to streamline the process for rescheduling 14/16/18 games with field availability and umpers, but is still ultimately up to the coaches
- Consider 14U leadoff jamboree happens regardless of number of teams, much disappointment this past season when we did not have it. Need to find a coach willing to help schedule it.
- For 2020 season....Thunder Bay has inquired if we have any teams that would like to travel to Thunder Bay for a weekend of softball
- MN Blast teams will be moved up a level, regardless of petitions.
- Very few exceptions will be allowed in 2020 season for scheduling requests

2. Finances.

- We finished in the positive this season, +\$4171.24.
- Keep registration fees the same for the 2020 season. Motion by John, second by Pat All ayes, carries.
  - 8U \$150
  - 10/12U \$250
  - 14U \$875
  - 16/18U \$900
- Motion by Dennis, second by Pat to give \$250 each to Kelly and Melissa for extra work this season. All ayes, carries.

3. Coaches Survey.
  - 14U leadoff. Ask how we can get more teams involved. Should it happen regardless of number of teams? Are any coaches willing to take charge of scheduling?
  - 12U leadoff. Are any teams interested? Would be the first weekend of June, so season would have already started.
4. Umpire Survey.
  - Did you enforce the zero tolerance rule this season, if so can you explain?
  - What more can we do to assist with troublesome coaches, parents or fans?
5. USSSA/NAFA. Question of dual sanctioning came up late last preseason. Kelly will check with Stewart Parker (NAFA) and Mike Carter (USSSA) to find out pros and cons.
6. Safe Sport Act 2017.
  - Every adult in dugout will need to have it completed
  - Cost will likely fall on the community
  - Kelly will check with USSSA to see if they offer any programs
  - John will check with Sports Engine and other programs to see what they have to offer
7. Umpire Review
  - Umpires will be paid \$60 per game at 14/16/18s level. Motion by Theresa, second by John. All ayes, carries.
  - Umps at 14/16/18 will be paid \$20 if they arrive at a field and then find out game is cancelled/postponed.
  - Concerns of umpire scheduling. Questions from coaches and umps if scheduling was equitable as not all umps had similar number of games or umped the same age group more often. Will see if spreadsheet or google doc would be helpful for scheduling.
8. Future Meetings
  - October 13, 6:00
  - November 3, 6:00
  - December no meeting
  - January 12, 5:00
  - February 9, 5:00
  - March 8?

TO DO NEXT MEETING:

Review surveys

Streamline process for rescheduling 14/16/18 games

Discuss possible construction for 2020 season at Wade and Wheeler (Fields 2,3,7)

Leadoff. 12 and 14s?

Coaches meeting discussion:

Rescheduling or cancelling games is up to coaches at all age levels, need to inform all parties, including field and umps.

Thunder Bay would like to host a 12U team to play there for a weekend.