



**Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2017, Call to order: 6:30 pm
Location: Community Center, Activity Room**

Attendees (Board Members and Guests): John Hurd, Julie Monfils, Michael Monfils, Marci MacLean, Leighton Crutcher, Tim Hodek, David Roehrig, Jay Krueger, Brian Amenson, Travis Bernath, Heather Schuyler, Craig Carlton
Approval of last month’s meeting minutes: Travis Bernath; Second: Tim Hodek; all in favor

Agenda	Notes/Actions
<p>COMMISSIONER John Hurd</p>	<p><u>Introduction of New or Changed Board Members</u> Brian Amenson: AA President Dave Herzog: AAA President Need T-Ball President</p> <p><u>Thoughts and Feedback from this Past Season</u> Heather Schuyler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornerstone Experience: Felt like forgotten step child. No running water. No concessions. Faulty scoreboard. Found it difficult to sign up for concessions duties (emails not accepted; signup sheets filled up too fast; had to travel to Ashwaubomay to speak with someone). Felt that concessions duties should have been reduced for Cornerstone families. • Tryouts: Son checked box for Competitive Team interest on registration sheet. Inquired about tryouts, received response (“in a few weeks”), and then three weeks later received notice that he was on Recreational Team. No tryout. • Photos: Babe Ruth did not have photo day. • General impression: Son enjoyed the season as if playing pick-up games in a park, not for a league. Feels never gets chance to play competitively or on Tournament Team; slots appear taken. Family wonders about league’s/high school’s desire to develop players. Did enjoy the coach. <p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MM: Mistakes were made with regard to concessions. No longer accepted emails due to the high volume of emails received, but should have from Cornerstone families. Will review methodology. • LK: Lower league families with a bye on photo day did not get photo session either due to lack of participation. • JH: The decision to not have a tryout was made due to numbers; it was not made by a coach. First year in Bay Area League came with a lot of hiccups. Will review. Need to reexamine photo day and perhaps have two days for T-ball – AAA, and a separate day for BR, as in the past.

Craig Carlton:

- Safety concern: Foul balls from Babe Ruth and High School teams are dangerous. Father-in-law got hit in head; gash. Can we do anything?

Response:

- JK: Very difficult. Has been a problem for years. Adding netting is extremely expensive and problematic. The problem is well noted. Will continue to search for answer.

Age Cutoff Information

Change in Little League: April 30 to August 1

Does not affect League; League is by grade. Could affect tournament teams.

Survey of 30 organizations in surrounding area indicated 90% are keeping April 30 cutoff date. AYB will stay with April 30 as well.

New Bat Requirements

There will be two different kinds of bats allowed starting in 2018.

Your son's bat must either have a USSSA stamp or a USABat stamp on it.

If your son's bat has a USSSA stamp on it, it must have a barrel size NO LARGER than 2 1/4". 2 5/8" & 2 3/4" WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

If your son's bat has a USABat stamp on it, it can be EITHER a 2 1/4" or a 2 5/8" barrel size.

No matter what stamp the bat has on it, the bat can be made of any material including aluminum, COMPOSITE or half and half.

Tournament Team players may be involved in tournaments that will allow the USSSA 2 5/8" or 2 3/4" barrel size, but that determination will be made by the tournament and the coach.

Donation of Used Equipment

Suggestion: Send it to Houston. Will talk to Rex and see if there is any softball equipment to be donated as well.

Badgerland State Tournament Host

May 4-6, 11-13, June 15-17, 22-24, July 6-8, 20-22 (10U)

Umpire issues last year. Need new tournament director (Colin will not be available).

Tentative Calendar for Next Year

- May 19 Opening Day/ Pictures
- July 10 Championship Night
- July 12-15 EOY Tournament

Suggestion from BA: Do not schedule any games over July 4th week.

Quotes for Klipstine and Field Updates

- Quotes for two Klipstine dugouts: \$39,000, \$38,000 (cinder block is donated). Suggestion: Call NWTC
- Quote for new Ashwaubomay dugout roofs: \$10,000 per diamond. Looking into other options. Financial help available from Village.
- Quote for new bullpens: \$3,000 a field

	<p><u>Committee Member Recruitment</u> Need to try to get more people involved. More hands make light work.</p> <p><u>By-Laws Update</u> By-Laws will be updated.</p>
<p>TREASURER Leighton Crutcher</p> <p>CONCESSIONS Marci Maclean</p>	<p>2017 League Net Income: \$23,779 Currently \$15,000 behind from where we were last year. Reasons: Less sponsorship, less concessions Motion to approve: Travis Bernath; Second: Brian Amenson; all in favor</p> <p>Last year: Not good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.5 rainouts (Loss of \$5,000 to \$12,000). • Cold weather. • Only had two nights with back-to-back games on big field. • Low number of teams in Badgerland tournaments at times (only \$500 in concessions for two-day tournaments). Faced many umpire issues. • Impact from change to Bay Area League: Past EOY tournaments brought in \$8,500 to \$11,000. This year: \$4,000 due to low number of games on big field. <p>JH: Will offer 50/70 tournaments to increase the number of teams in Badgerland tournaments.</p>
<p>FACILITIES Mark Whittemore</p> <p>EQUIPMENT Andy MacLean</p>	
<p>COMMUNICATION Chad Gloyd</p> <p>REGISTRATION Julie Monfils, Michael Monfils</p> <p>LEAGUE PRESIDENTS T-Ball: A: AA: Brian Amenson AAA: Dave Herzog BR: Mark Tomashek</p>	<p>Made many improvements to website last year, but website is limited. Will look into other options.</p>
<p>UMPIRE COORDINATOR Scott Storm</p>	
<p>SPONSORSHIP Tom Meersman</p> <p>TOURNAMENT TEAMS Travis Bernath</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Took a big hit last year with marathon and tournaments scheduled on same weekends as tournaments hosted by other areas. Will research calendar events in advance this year. • Big drop in 11U and 12U; they are looking for 50/70 fields. • Few umpire issues. Tournaments ran well.

<p>FUNDRAISING Tim Hodek</p>	<p>JH: Will redefine this position since AYB now hosts Badgerland tournaments.</p> <p>Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made about \$10,000; \$600 less than last year. • 10 families did not turn in cards; 7 families turned in cards without name on envelope. Could not cash deposit checks since families could not be identified. • Feedback: Families liked 2017 cards over 2016 cards. <p>Apparel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easier to work with BSN. Will plan 3 or 4 sales in advance this year.
<p>HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS Jay Krueger</p>	<p>HS: .500 in conference. Legion: Not as successful. Poor hitting at high school level; need to emphasis hitting in youth. Legion program: Need to define what we want to accomplish. Players are pulled in so many directions and have difficulties committing; hard to field a team. May consider changing to tournament. Will bring proposals.</p>
<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p>	

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Hodek; Second: Marci MacLean; all in favor
Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 pm, Recorded by: Julie Monfils