



**Ashwaubenon Youth Baseball
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2018, Call to order: 6:30 pm
Location: Community Center, Activity Room**

Attendees (Board Members and Guests): John Hurd, Julie Monfils, Tim Hodek, Andy MacLean, Chad Gloyd, Jason Fonder, Jay Krueger, Tom Meersman, Nathan Jeske, Marci MacLean, Craig Treichel, Steve Jacobs, Amenson, Leighton Crutcher, Rex Melburg, Tee Simms, Jeff Swanson, Tom Meersman, Chris Hermann, Allison Swanson, Kevin Buckley, Travis Bernath, Mark Kirst, Bob LeMeiux, Dave Herzog, Mark Whittemore
Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Marci MacLean; Second: Chad Gloyd; all in favor (Change: \$15 per bowler)

Agenda	Notes/Actions
<p>COMMISSIONER John Hurd</p>	<p><u>Dates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration: January 1 • Tryouts: March 11 • Badgerland Tournament: May 4-6 • Badgerland Tournament: 11-13 • Opening Day / Pictures: May 19 • Badgerland Tournament: June 15-17 • Badgerland Tournament: June 22-24 • Badgerland Tournament: July 6-8 • Badgerland Tournament: July 20-22 • Championship Night: July 10 • EOY Tournament: July 12-15 <p><u>Klipstine Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dugouts: NWTC estimated materials for masonry work, and will submit the estimate in January. Dugout construction will start mid-March. Roof work is yet to be determined. <p><u>Opening our Borders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with Park & Rec about allowing outsiders to play for AYB. Conclusion: Not allowed due to co-sponsorship (financial help given by Ashwaubenon property tax dollars). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meersman: What if we maintained an 80% level of Ashwaubenon players? Response: Most likely would not be approved. If numbers become non-viable, partnering with another league/municipality may be an option. • Met with presidents of other local league organizations. Discussed including 11 and 12 year olds in Bay Area League. No interest yet. Other organizations still have good numbers. <p><u>Open Gym Times</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will start Sunday. Chad/Julie will generate and distribute a tournament team interest report weekly to ensure players interested in tourney will be invited to practices.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment available in back hallway. Don't hit balls on main gym floor.
TREASURER Leighton Crutcher	Cash: \$45,000 Upcoming bills: Insurance, Best Built, Umpire fees (\$10,000) Approval: Brian Amenson; Second: Tim Hodek; all in favor.
CONCESSIONS Marci Maclean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs approximate number of league teams to prepare for new baseball year. • Badgerland Tournaments: We need a tournament director. Paid position. Must be there each tournament weekend, the entire time.
FACILITIES Mark Whitemore	
EQUIPMENT Andy MacLean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will purchase baseballs with Park & Rec funds. • Concluded that bat purchases for Babe Ruth are not a good investment due to the changing regulations.
COMMUNICATION Chad Gloyd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is up and running. • New commissioner announcement issued. • March 24/25: Dick's Promotional Weekend. • Promoting Bowling for Baseball. • Working on fundraiser.
REGISTRATION Julie & Michael Monfils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration is now open. Numbers are the same as last year: 41 registered as of today. • Postcard idea did not work out due to excessive costs.
LEAGUE PRESIDENTS T-Ball: A: AJ Vanden Hoogen AA: Brian Amenson AAA: Dave Herzog BR: Mark Kirst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Kirst checked with Bay Area League, and was told a player can play on both competitive and rec teams, as long as the player is not an ace player. • Bay Area League schedule will be set in spring.
UMPIRE COORDINATOR Scott Storm	
SPONSORSHIP Tom Meersman	
TOURNAMENT TEAMS Travis Bernath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount allotted per grade level for tournament games: Roughly \$1,200, but depends on the number of teams in the grade level. • No. of tournament games to be played as of today: 12U: Four tournaments 10U (10/11 players): Four or five tournaments.
FUNDRAISING Tim Hodek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MACS fundraiser: AYB members do work and MACS provides kickback. Looking into it. • Apparel: Will have mid-registration sale in February.
HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS Jay Krueger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser: Bowlathon, January 20, 11:00-1:00. Cost is \$15 per bowler. • Open Gym started. Twice per week starting February. Doing strength & conditioning. • Equipment night: February 6 (get players sized) • March 12: Pitchers and catchers first practice • Varsity: Myrtle Beach planned. • April 4: Games start • Legion: 17U & 19U meeting planned. Booking games. Schedule will be complete Feb. 1.
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>Discussion: Players playing with other organizations</u>

Village perspective

- AYB is a cosponsored recreational league, which means the league must be open to everyone (all Ashwaubenon residents and school-choice families).
- AYB should not worry about pitch counts, etc. Parents are responsible. As an organization, AYB can educate parents.
- Suggestion: Change by-laws and toughen up rules so that if a player does not make a practice or a game, play time is reduced.

Points made by parents in attendance

- Outside organizations offer training not provided by AYB.
- Joined outside organization with the intention of still continuing league.
- Outside organizations such as ISA encourage players to play in community leagues and make up practices on a different day.
- AYB failures (lack of encouraging more players to try out for tourney teams, not allowing kids to try out for a tourney team of a different grade, etc.) have made families turn to outside organizations, and to not allow such players to play in league is unfair.

Points made by coaches/board:

- The consequence of a player not showing up is not limited to that one player.
- The communication between AYB coaches regarding AYB tournament players (pitch counts, etc.) is very good, but how will we communicate with coaches of other organizations?
- AYB coaches are volunteers and to keep track of such players as well is a lot to ask.
- Such players may get baseball fatigue, or talk about their other team with AYB players, negatively affecting the dugout.
- Will such players miss Opening Day or the Year-End Tournament, causing a team to forfeit a game?

Comments by Jason Fonder (new commissioner):

- Whatever the answer is, it will not be clean. In general we need to do better. Perhaps AYB should do tryouts in fall for tournament teams.
- Jason Berken (owner of ISA) has encouraged kids to play league baseball. Until he proves otherwise, AYB has no reason to doubt him.
- Would like to tour ISA. Would like Jason Berken to attend a meeting. Interested in a partnership.
- AYB needs to strengthen bylaws to protect kids. Should go to a pitch count.
- Use this year to collect data.

Motion to reopen a discussion and have a new vote: Mark Whittemore, Second: Tim Hodek; all in favor

Closed meeting

Amenson: Motion to approve that any outside organization player be allowed to play in our league organization: Brian Amenson, Second: Mark Whittemore; all in favor

Motion to approve that any participant of AYB league baseball be allowed to try out for a tournament team: Mark Whittemore, Second: Mark Kirst; all in favor

Discussion: Tournament team fees

Amenson would like to change the tournament team fees to a graduated system to encourage younger players to play tournament. Will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Commissioner

Motion to install Jason Fonder as the new commissioner/president: John Hurd, Second: Mark Whittemore; all in favor

Motion to Adjourn: Brian Amenson; Second: Chad Gloyd; all in favor

Meeting Adjourned: 8:51 pm, Recorded by: Julie Monfils