



**Board Meeting Attendees**

<b>AABA Board Member Participants:</b>	
Steve Radtke	President (Present)
Bob Booth	Treasurer (Present)
Christy Caspers	(Present)
Brian Stockert	(Absent)
Robert Davis	(Absent)

<b>AABA Board Member Participants:</b>	
Larry Novotny	(Present)
Mike Lucas	(Present)
David Setterstrom	(Present)
TBD	(Absent)

**7:00 PM: Call to Order**

1. **Discussion Topic:** Treasurer Report:

Bob Booth updated members on the current financial status of the league. Topics and discussions covered the income & expenses involved with the 2009 season as well as some speculation as to the potential league expenses that may be incurred during the 2010 season.

**Action Item:** Bob Booth to update appropriate paperwork reflecting changes in board members.

2. **Discussion Topic:** Sponsors and Potential Fund Raisers:

We reviewed the 2009 seasons approach involving the use of sponsors and the resulted benefits to both the donor & the league. Thoughts & comments were shared regarding fundraisers. Previous approaches to generating addition funding for the league were also discussed.

**Action Item:** Christy Caspers to review and update past sponsors & donors to the league. Topic to be further discussed during future board meeting.

3. **Discussion Topic:** 2010 Season Target Dates:

Discussed and proposed milestone dates for the Beetle & Minor leagues 2010 season.

- Decisions:**
- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Kick off w/Parent Meeting & begin to accept registrations.
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> - Tryouts (skills review) for Beetles & Minor leagues.
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> - Official registration ends (late registrations w/late fees will continue to be accepted).
  - April 29<sup>th</sup> - Coaches meeting (Expected to be held at the Arrowwood resort).
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> - Beetle & Minor league players draft.
  - May 15<sup>th</sup> - Super Saturday (w/alternate date of May 22<sup>nd</sup> pending weather conditions).

4. **Discussion Topic:** Administrative Manager (Mark Ripley):

Reviewed current workload of our administrative manager (registration process, draft coordinator, website updates, league photographer, Etc). Reviewed compensation for services provided. Discussed feedback from participants involved in the 2009 season regarding photos (team & individuals).

**Decision:** Ask Mr Ripley to attend our next board meeting to review workload, compensation & photography related opportunities. The board will also wish to express our appreciation for his efforts and our desire for his continued involvement with the AABA organization.

5. **Discussion Topic:** Board Member Vacancy Created by Jarrod Hammerback (3 Year Term Expiration):

Reviewed individuals whom have expressed interest in serving on the board or a potential candidate (yet to be approached to verify availability / interest). List was generated with a vote on who should be approached first.

**Decision:** Steve Radke to officially invite potential candidate to participate in our next board meeting.

**Decision:** 3 year term limits will continue.

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6. **Discussion Topic:** Board Member Assignments & League VP's:  
League VP's were assigned and addition members were tasked with projects.  
**Decision:** League VP's to be a shared resource and assigned as follows:  
**Beetle League VP's:** Brain Stockert & TBD.  
**Minor League VP's:** Larry Novotny & Robert Davis.  
**Major League VP's:** Mike Lucas & David Setterstrom.  
**Decision:** All VP's to be responsible for released equipment.  
**Decision:** Christy Caspers to be the go to person regarding the drafting of any league related letters or special documentation.  
**Decision:** David Setterstrom to be the go to person regarding the drafting and submitting of meeting minutes.
7. **Discussion Topic:** Creation of a VP of Umpires:  
Discussed proposed idea of creating a new office specifically focused on supporting our umpires throughout the entire season as well as being a direct liaison to the board regarding umpire related activities.  
**Decision:** Approved the creation of a VP of Umpires for the 2010 season.  
**Decision:** VP of Umpires **PROPOSED** roles and responsibilities.
  - Select an umpire to take on the responsibility of being the master scheduler.
  - Assist with the hiring of the 2010 season umpires.
  - Assist with the creation and managing of our 'On Call' designated backups for a given week.
  - Primary contact for coaches & fans regarding any umpire related issues or conflicts.
  - Primary contact for umpires regarding any coaches or fan related issues or conflicts.
  - Coordinate the delivery of any umpire related materials & equipment.
  - Coordinate umpire meetings & training sessions as required.
8. **Discussion Topic:** Umpires:  
Board discussed status of available umpires for league games including the confirmed and potential candidates who expressed interest is participating as umpires in the league. Also discussed last years highlights (including what went well and what needs to be improved upon  
**Decision:** Add responsibility of verifying distances between pitchers mound & bases prior to start of games.  
**Decision:** Schedule a meeting to get feedback regarding their experiences & interpretations of the rules.  
**Action Item:** Provide umpires with first aid kits (w/ice packs).  
**Action Item:** Look into costing for umpire shirts and additional umpire related equipment (ball bag, brushes, Etc).
9. **Discussion Topic:** Grounds Keeper:  
Mr. Billy Krivanek has expressed interest to continue as our grounds keeper for the 2010 season. .  
**Decision:** Approved.  
**Decision:** Reviewed grounds keeper roles and responsibilities.
  - Chalk lines (foul & batters box).
  - Location of pitchers mound (distance from home plate).
  - Location of bases (distance between)
  - Garbage collection.
  - Infield preparation.
  - Outfield fences.
  - Sprinkler systems?
10. **Discussion Topic:** YMCA:  
Steve Radke provided an update on the YMCA and status of any discussions regarding their potential ball fields.

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11. **Discussion Topic:** Training / Clinics:

AABA's role in sponsoring / coordinating training clinics. Utilize our local talent (individuals or the Northwoods league (Beetles)) to cover the typical topics such as baseball fundamentals (pitching, catching, hitting & base running). Additional topics may include more formal training for our umpires, possibly offering umpire certifications. Coaching fundamentals for coaches willing to spend time with our youth but have limited experience acting in a coaching role.

12. **Discussion Topic:** Status of Existing Equipment and Uniforms:

Round table discussion on known equipment needs based on last years evaluations. League currently looking to replace at least (Qty 1) sets of uniforms in the Beetle league & (Qty 2) sets in the Minor League.

**Decision:** Intention to replace the Loggers uniforms (Beetle league) prior to start of season.

**Decision:** Intention to replace the Volcanoes & River Dogs uniforms (Minor league) prior to start of season.

**Action Item:** VP's to evaluate addition team needs and replacement equipment for each league.

13. **Discussion Topic:** Status of Lincoln & Fillmore Fields:

Round table discussion on known maintenance issues with our ball fields.

**Action Item:** David Setterstrom to contact District 206 regarding preferred approaches to address batters box foundation related issues.

**Decision:** Board will be looking into alternative options for batting practice. League will be eliminating the practice of soft toss if it involves the hitting of balls directly into the fencing. Fencing at the Lincoln fields has been repaired with the understanding that our league will step up and help the school district maintain these facilities by simply eliminating activities that would be considered destructive (short or long term).

**Action Item:** Dugouts. Inquire on some options for painting & the addition of some house keeping features such as racks for bats & helmets.

**Action Item:** Outfields. Inquire on some options for the application of weed control, watering & grass seed.

14. **Discussion Topic:** Background Checks on Coaches:

Discussed costing & benefits regarding the implementation of background checks on all our coaches and coaches assistants. This process is becoming more of a norm in our surrounding communities and similar organizations.

**Decision:** League to move forward with the implementation of background checks on our volunteer coaches & coaching assistants.

**Next Meeting Targeted for:** February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

<b>Board Action Items Recap:</b>		<b>DUE DATE</b>	√
	Bob Booth to update appropriate paperwork reflecting changes in board members	2/23/10	
	Christy Caspers to review and update past sponsors & donors to the league	2/23/10	
	First aid kits (w/ice packs)	5/1/10	
	Costing for umpire shirts and additional umpire related equipment (ball bag, brushes, Etc)	5/1/10	
	VP's to evaluate addition team needs and replacement equipment for each league	3/31/10	
	Contact District 206 regarding batters box foundation related issues	4/17/10	
	Dugouts: Discuss painting & house keeping features such as racks for bats & helmets	5/1/10	
	Outfields: Discuss watering, weed control & seeding of grass	5/1/10	