

ABA Meeting: December 11, 2011 –held at Andover City Hall.

Meeting comes to order: 6:02pm

In Attendance: Vicki K, Karla H, Brad S, Sheila S, Mike K, Joe P, Jim C, Mike S, Mike L, Patti M, Kerry R, Jim P, Jason S, Gena Z

Missing: Rich S

Guests at meeting:

Deric Deuschle representing 6/7 year olds as well as 8 yr olds would like to suggest the following things for this upcoming season.

1. Is there a way to structure the jamboree at the end of the year to be more specific as far as rules of play and who makes decisions on plays? He asked whether or not it would be possible to have umpires for this event? He understands that it is an age for players to learn the game and get the experience of being under the lights. But, he would like to see the scoreboards on and a more competitive atmosphere.

2. Would like to see if it is possible to have each coach have there own pitching machines for these games. This issue arose when coaches set up their machines differently and the other teams' coach experienced issues with machine and could not correct.

3. Guest also asked questions on surveys. How are they viewed? Mike S (in house director) responded to the question explaining that the coaches are given responses as well as directors. A thorough review any questions about the season including the jamborees are reviewed and discussed.

Board thanks him from coming and will discuss in more detail at a following meeting and get back to him on board decision.

John Stong-Boosters representative in audience to see where ABA is at with upper level play.

Mike Lentz-(administrator of Epiphany Church budget) in attendance to apply for the Treasurers position.

1st Motion: by Mike K. for his approval - 2nd by Sheila. Vote: all, no nays. Motion Passed

2nd Motion: by Sheila to pass November Minutes –2nd Karla, Vote. All, no nays. Motion: Passed

Brad reports -Update from City Council Meeting (Turf/Dome and field access to ASN) Topic of discussion was turf usage and dome. Task force will involve key people from Parks, City Council, Key and all sports organizations. Basketball not in favor of it because it does not effect them. Softball questionable.

Discuss field access issues at ASN. City looking to put gates on all access points. ABA would have ability to lock the fields during tournaments. City would also be putting signs up at the fields pertaining to the usage.

Update given on winter clinic talk with Line Drive – Joe Boyce. Same principle theme as last year, fees the same. Information on the trainers is listed on flier. They would like to use our equipment and have ABA pay for the Community Center. And then reimburse us.

3rd Motion: by Jason S for ABA to pay for Community Center fee for camp and for Line Drive to reimburse ABA 30 days from when ABA receives the invoice from the community center. -2nd Karla
Vote: all, no nays. Motion: Passed

Jim/Sheila – Booster meeting review. Updated directors on communication issues with high school levels. Some communication issues from last year revolve around what ABA supplied and what the teams wanted. Equipment was made available and declined to use.

Also, last year Sunny Jo chose to buy another set of Jerseys, bats and supplemented hotels with his pay.

Mike did receive the wish list from the boosters. Sheila, Mike and Jim will continue to stay in close contact with the boosters and Jim will continue to keep open communication between the two organizations.

Karla- Tryouts will stay Fridays - March 23th and Friday -March 30th. Pitching and catching opportunity still needs to be shored up. Board discusses the encouragement of all players to try out. A board meeting will be held on April 1, 2012 to discuss tryout results.

- **10U** - 9 and 10 year olds tryout for the 10 traveling squads and will be placed based on ability. Scores of players will drive whether ABA will have a 10A squad.

4th Motion: by Mike K for ABA to allow 9 year olds to tryout for 10U traveling and be placed based on ability. - 2nd Joe P. Vote: all, no nays. Motion: Passed.

Gena/Sheila/Patti-Update on Registration and Website, Vote on final costs needed.

5th Motion: by Sheila for volunteer fee to increase to \$150 and to allow an opt out of \$100. 2nd-Vicki
Vote: all, no nays. Motion: passed.

Gena Z: Fliers are ready to go to schools on Monday and Tuesday this week and the again in January. Gena has taken care of and has set up for distribution at elementary schools.

Karla- cost of advertising signs – 25 signs-2 sided (yellow and black) will be sending out for an online vote by the end of the week.

Mike K - Policy and Procedures - Finalizing and vote process. ABA directors did a total review of policy handout given. One motion was passed, with understanding final draft will be ready for overall vote before the end of the year.

6th Motion: by Kerry. Stated motion to pass the rewrite portion of policy for the clarification on boundaries - “resides within Andover City boundaries or be enrolled in any public, private, charter or magnet school within Andover city boundaries”. 2nd by Brad. Vote: All, no nays. Motion passed.

7th Motion: by Sheila for 15T and up getting high school style pants as part of uniform. 2nd by Mike Lee.
Vote: all, no nays. Motion passed

Jim-Baseballs have been ordered we will need to approve the purchase of new bags and supplies. Jim will be putting together an email for an online vote. Level 5 baseballs not being used anymore but we will save in hopes of a T-ball league.

Sheila: Plaque and display case for ASN on order and will be ready to go.

Vicki-ABA hosted tournament/ how many volunteers needed. Vicki has sent out to everyone the list of tournaments and how many volunteers will be needed for each. She would like to see that volunteer slots are not specific. Vicki would like to see a criteria set up for workers that would include things like, garbage pickup and bathroom cleanup, field raking etc. She would also like to see that we make sure that volunteers can be mobile in case we need help at different fields. Discussion was also held on how many directors would be needed for each tournament. Directors would need to work 2 complete weekends preferably one in house and one traveling tournament. She would like to also see that directors who are in town be on call in case of bad weather. Vicki also updated the board on refunds.

Patti- planning on having as many volunteer slots available when registration begins.

Brad- reviewed no change in status of gambling possibilities.

Motion to close meeting by Vicki -2nd by Mike S, Vote all no nays.

Meeting closes 9:30pm Motion-Vicki and 2nd by Mike S

Update:

Motion 8: by Karla via email to order 25 signs with stakes from Extreme Graphics at \$6.50 per sign. 2nd by Mike Lee. Votes on line 14 yes, 4 did not cast a vote. Motion passes

Next four meetings are as follows:

January 8th at 6:30pm (City Hall)

February 5th at 6:30pm (City Hall)

March 4th at 6:30pm (City Hall)

April 1st at 6:30pm (City Hall)