

# ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 3/8/2026

## BOARD MEMBERS Present

President–Katrina Foxx was ill

Officials Manager- Clay Foxx

Vice-President- Tom Besonen

Equipment & Facilities Manager- Tom Kalkbrenner

Secretary- Troy Smith

Jerseys/Fundraising Manager- Drew Scherber

Treasurer- Ashley Lent

Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

Mgr of Coach & Player Develop- Scott Hedlund

### ❖ Call Meeting to Order – 6:31pm after conclusion of the team roster working group.

### ❖ Review notes previous meeting -

#### ➤ [EFA Meeting Minutes 1/11/26](#)

Motion to approve previous minutes: Drew 2<sup>nd</sup>: Clay *motion carried by voice vote*

### ❖ Member Reports –

➤ President - Katrina Foxx was ill and unable to attend.

➤ Vice-President- Tom Besonen

Tom discussed strengthening our policy regarding parents requesting moving up players to the next age bracket, as well as formulating a standardized letter to respond to parents explaining the full criteria the Association evaluates for these types of requests.

Discussion was had regarding a set date as a goal when to have the rosters into Crossbar, using the close of registration and the actual registration into Arrowhead league as planning benchmarks. After discussion, Tom set the date for 21 March.

➤ Treasurer - Ashley Lent

#### ■ [2026 Jan-Feb Treasurer Report](#)

Motion to approve Treasurer Report: Alissa 2<sup>nd</sup>: Drew *motion carried by voice vote*

■ Sponsorship Letter & Form - template drafts on our drive

➤ Secretary - Troy Smith

■ Grant updates were presented for the first 6 grants submitted. 5 of the grants are still active and one was denied. For that denied grant, from an apparel wholesale company, we were encouraged to resend with a list of exact number of sizes and quantities for re-evaluation on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After discussion, the next round of Grant requests will include an attempt to fund all or part of a grooming machine, so our association actually has a vehicle to work with when we conduct field maintenance. This will be a bigger issue for the

weekend of our tournament. If partial funding is secured, Clay advised we reach out to the Esko Sports Alliance to seek additional resources.

➤ Manager of Coach & Player Development - Scott Hedlund

- Coach Meetings – was set for 4/19 @ 1:30pm in the high school foyer area.
- Background checks - who on our end will manage these? Arrowhead manages them and we will work with individual coaches with issues or as required by Arrowhead to complete.

➤ Officials Manager – Clay Foxx- Clay reported that the officials for our tournament had been reserved and confirmed.

➤ Equipment & Facilities Manager - Tom Kalkbrenner

- Lower Field Maintenance Day: After discussion, a lower field working party will be set up once the snow melts and the bottom of the fence is accessible.

- Fix fence - dugouts and backstop-

Further discussion was had discussing the conditions of the lower field specifically the heaving of the backstop poles and generally poor condition of that field. After discussion, the board committed to investing both time and money into the lower field this season, provided we can work with the school district and Community Ed to ensure all stakeholders are nested in the planned improvements. Tom indicated that he would begin looking into some options and speak to area contractors for general estimates of the cost of some of the repairs.

- Can we get bleachers?

After discussion, Tom will get quotes on bleachers for the lower field and planning for any concrete/class 5 pad would be made once the dimensions are better known.

➤ Jerseys/Fundraising Manager - Drew Scherber

- Uniforms for recreational league- REC uniforms are set, with the price locked in at DSP at \$29.50 per player.
- Uniforms for tournament team- Troy is assisting Drew on uniforms for the TT, with mockups of the design having been reviewed by the Board via chat group prior to the meeting. The initial bid for the uniforms came in as a strong bid within the projected budget. Additional sublimation jersey companies were contacted just prior to the meeting for comparison bids to ensure we are getting the best deal for the money while weighting any local businesses, hidden fees for artwork, production time, etc. Troy intends to provide an update at the next meeting with a projected order date on/around 4/1, which would be 7 weeks out from the first tournament.

➤ Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

Alissa brought up player pictures for the 2026 season and discussion reviewed issues that were conveyed from last year and other resources in the area. After discussion, it was agreed to reach out to Derek Montgomery Photography and check his availability for the dates of May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Alissa also informed the Board that she did not intend to run again for her position when it is up in September, making this her last season on the Board.

❖ **New business**

➤ Coaches Jackets- Drew presented a Coaches jacket for consideration for the 2026 season. Cost with embroidery/artwork would be \$44.00 each.

Motion to approve the coach's jacket: Alissa 2<sup>nd</sup>: Clay *motion carried by voice vote*

➤ Summer Freeze Tourney - how else to advertise? Anyone to reach out to with other programs?

After discussion, other associations were contacted right during the meeting and websites were suggested to push our flyer towards. Troy mentioned if we wanted to reach out to any area hotels to see if they want to advertise on the flyer for any out-of-town teams, and the consensus was that Spirit Mountain area hotels were likely the closest to our complex.

➤ 8U jamboree - date, raffle, food etc use letter for donations? No hard dates were set pending more info from Arrowhead involving dates for the playoffs.

➤ Parent Meeting- When and Where? After discussion, it was decided to let coaches handle their own parent meetings for their team.

➤ Maybe donations/our funds could be used for larger projects if school approves?

- -Power to lower field
- -Cement pad for bleacher at lower field
- -Update dugout fencing with shade/windblocks

❖ **Open Forum**

➤ Troy began discussion on adding a "team" bat per coaches bag at the 10U, 12U and 14U level, furthering discussion from the January meeting. For the younger players, the larger the drop in swing v. weight the better, allowing for different sized players to swing the bat. Troy was going to reach out to Elite Sports Complex, who is an Easton dealer, to see about quantity pricing. For 14U, it was believed that each player owns their own bat by that age group.

➤ A discussion was had regarding lessons from our combined tournament team evaluations this year with the following notes:

1. Either evaluate or run a station, don't try to do both- aka 'the Troy rule'.

2. Troy assisted little league and their scoring sheets offered a better scoring outcome- a known number of balls fielded and pitched to the players were both 10, allowing for an easier score both aggregate and peer v peer. Coordinate w/them for 2027.
3. Incorporate long throws to both simulate throws from the outfield as well as display overall throwing strength in addition of just throwing to a simulated first base.
4. Incorporate speed radars as part of the evaluation process both for player throws as well as pitchers, giving a hard metric for evaluation both overall and vice their peers. It is believed we have enough radar devices to incorporate this.
5. Small groups were easier to control and rotate among the stations, but may be bad for peer to peer evaluations- need to see them vice all others at their grade level at some point in the evaluation process.

❖ **Next meeting:** Post registration meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm

❖ **ADJOURNMENT**— Motion to adjourn: Clay 2<sup>nd</sup>: Drew *motion carried by voice vote*