

ESKO FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES 3/22/2026

BOARD MEMBERS Present

President–Katrina Foxx

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 – 5:02pm

❖ Review notes previous meeting -

➤ [EFA Meeting Minutes 3/8/26](#)

motion to approve: Tom B. 2nd: Ashley

motion carried by voice vote

❖ Member Reports –

➤ President - Katrina Foxx

- Field/Gym contract was discussed. The contract gives us 10 hours of gym time free vs. having to pay for it. Because of this, we will have to check times for the coaches meeting and the upcoming gym time to ensure it is both still on the schedule as well as getting used by the EFA when it is reserved.

➤ Vice-President- Tom Besonen

- Final rosters submitted to Arrowhead. Need to pay Arrowhead \$3300 in check form. Arrowhead recently emailed directions for the payment process this season.

➤ Treasurer - Ashley Lent

- [2026 Jan-Feb Treasurer Report](#) - Already approved at 3/8/26 meeting.
- Refunds for 2 - 16U players have gone out. Refund for Arlyne Haney is pending decision from Arrowhead.
- Players moving up have been invoiced for the difference in registration fees, emailed confirming the change and all have paid.
- An email was received from a parent of a new 8U player who missed both the registration and the late registration period. Motion to deny registration: Tom B. 2nd- Drew

motion to deny carried by voice vote

➤ Secretary - Troy Smith

- Tournament team uniforms update- Troy discussed where things stand for the tournament team uniforms, with vendor selection down to three options- an online retailer, BSN, or a local provider whose bid is still incoming.

Tournament team custom socks- Discussion was had regarding changes to the design. Motion was made to change from the full logo on the front of the sock to just have the word ESKO vertically on both the front and the back.

motion to approve: Tom B. 2nd: Ashley *motion carried by voice vote*

- Donation letter template was approved with no changes requested.
- Grant Update was provided by Troy.

➤ Manager of Coach & Player Development - Scott Hedlund

- Team names: 10s/12s "Blue" and "Gold", 8s: "Pickles, Elephants, Stealers, Eskoalas "
- Background Checks/Concussion Training: discussion was had regarding who on our board will be making sure these are complete. This was a change last year with Arrowhead unless they changed their policy again this year. Ashley agreed to handle the issue since she must cut the reimbursements anyway. It was then agreed that the age-level coordinators would assist in reminding coaches as needed. 8U- Ashely, 10U- Drew, 12U- Scott

➤ Officials Manager – Clay Foxx

- 14U Team Update - Decision on the request to Arrowhead to have Arlyne Haney (16U level player allowed to play 14U with other girls in her grade. Motion to approve: Tom B. 2nd: Ashley

motion carried by voice vote

➤ Equipment & Facilities Manager - Tom Kalkbrenner

- Tom provided information for custom padding behind the backstop to address the issues at the lower field. Discussion was had about the height of the padding and the options available. After discussion, Tom K. will price out the 2 foot option for that backstop before further action.
- The cage for the field chalking supplies inside of the dugout on the upper field was approved by Superintendent but we have to work with Huff to ensure proper placement. After discussion, Ashley will reach out to Huff and Tom K. will be responsible for getting us a quote from a fence company.

➤ Jerseys/Fundraising Manager - Drew Scherber

- 2026 Jersey – Jerseys were ordered for the season.
- DSP Online Store - What do we have currently? What additions/deletions do we want to make? Drew reported that the items were the same as last year. Discussion was then had about lowering the prices to remove our fundraising percentage and pass that on to the parents/players.

➤ Communications Manager- Alissa Osvold

- Tournament team Update – the results of the tournament team survey indicate that 1 player will be missing each tournament for the 12U team. Because of this, the issue of rostering 12 and cutting 1 player who attended tryouts versus rostering 13 was discussed. Due to the results of the survey, the 12U TT coaches agreed to roster all 13 players who attended tryouts.
- Photography- Derek Montgomery is good to go for both dates for team/player pictures.
- Alissa will begin reaching out to find volunteers for the board for the upcoming fall election.

❖ **New business**

- Esko tournament Update (July 18th-19th)- our tournament is open on our website and on the Arrowhead site. Discussion was had on how to reach out to other associations/teams to generate interest. Troy mentioned contacting Frozen Mosquito apparel that handles the Hermantown tournament for making apparel for our tournament. Troy will contact. Troy also discussed reaching out to Elite Sports Complex trying to get a bat donated for a raffle in exchange for some table space in the building for them to sell merchandise during the tourney.
- Lower field - Backstop, bleachers, dirt, dugout- after discussion, we will conduct a maintenance day once the snow clears.
- Tournament team rosters - We need to finalize these. Discussion was also had about the tournament team expectation letter- Tom B. indicated that he would clean up the letter in the next week.

❖ **Open Forum**

- Clay returned from the Arrowhead meeting and briefed the following key details for the season:
 - Air quality will be an added factor this season. The home team coach will decide at 3pm, with the threshold of a score of 175 or below (on the official gov website) will equal a game cancellation.
 - Arrowhead has decided there will be no walk-up music for REC leagues.
 - 14U leagues will play the first four weeks, then be divided by brackets for the remainder of the season.
 - Arrowhead stressed parent behavior for this season, with the team's coach responsible for the conduct of their players' parents. Games will be stopped by the umpire to get unruly parents to act accordingly, with the parent's team potentially facing discipline if the coach cannot get things in order.
 - Arrowhead put our hard guidance on the size of the 8U teams for 2026 and beyond. This was done with the idea of having less kids per team. Based upon that guidance, discussion was had to change our 8U teams for 2026 from the current number of 4 to 5 teams.

Motion to approve: Tom B. 2nd: Drew *motion carried by voice vote*

- Troy brought up the idea of placing a profile onto the online donation site Benevity.com. After discussion, Troy was given permission to create an account for us.
- 8U teams for 2027 and beyond. With the rapid growth of our 8U teams, discussion was held about how to handle these teams in the future. Pulling them from Arrowhead and instead switching to an internal

“developmental league” either by themselves or with another association would save the costs of registering the team and still provide the same product since 8U have limited rules. Hermantown was contacted and indicated that they would be interested in joining the effort to have a 8U internal league between our associations.

❖ **Next meeting: 4/19/2026 at 5pm**

❖ **ADJOURNMENT— Motion to adjourn: Tom B. 2nd: Clay**

motion carried by voice vote at 7:03pm