

Ascension Athletic Board Meeting Agenda

June 12, 2023

6:30 PM

Location: AMR

Athletic Director: Teague Ridge

Assistant AD: Kristin Jansen

Treasurer: Brian Soverns

Secretary: Jessica Shaw

Members Invited: Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Brian Soverns, Jessica Shaw, Chris Gregory, Dennis Jones, Dink Horstman, Dave Baker, Darla Radcliff, Juli Evers, Louie Schweickhardt, Pam Amon, Rick Hynes, Sean Murphy, Theresa Garrett, Patrick Paris, Sara Morris, Nick Ising, Stephen Hoard, Katie Earley, Justin Amburgey

Members Present: Teague Ridge, Kristin Jansen, Rick Hynes, Nick Ising, Dennis Jones, Chris Gregory, Katie Earley, Sara Morris, Dink Horstman, Stephen Hoard

Sport Coordinators:

Girls Volleyball:	Kristin Jansen
Flag Football:	Teague Ridge
Track/Cross Country:	Dennis Jones
Soccer 3-8:	Nick Ising
Soccer JK-2:	Sara Morris
Girls & Boys 3-8 Basketball:	Dink Horstman
JK-2 Basketball:	Chris Gregory
Boys Volleyball:	Stephen Hoard
Swimming:	Juli Evers
Field Hockey:	Pam Amon
Baseball/Softball:	Teague Ridge
Golf:	Justin Amburgey
Tennis:	Katie Earley

Discussion Items:

1. May meeting not held due to member/sports/illness conflicts. Communication via email with all members; No concerns expressed.
2. 3rd-8th Grade Coed Soccer Update - Nick Ising - no new info to share at this time
3. Field Hockey Update - Pam Amon - unavailable
4. Track Update - Dennis Jones - no new info to share at this time
5. Tennis Update - Katie Earley - discussed upcoming CSAA tennis tournament
6. Golf Update - Justin Amburgey - unavailable
7. Volleyball Update - Kristin Jansen
 - a. Registration Closes June 16th
 - i. 1st/2nd - 7 currently registered

- ii. 3rd/4th - 10 currently registered
- iii. 5th/6th - 22 currently registered
- iv. 7th/8th - 7 currently registered
 - 1. Committee agreed Ascension will have one 7th/8th grade team based on numbers (may have one or two girls register).
 - 2. Committed discussed 5th/6th grade numbers, in depth. 22 are currently registered; may have one or two more register; Pending final number, committee discussed potential of having two larger teams vs. three smaller teams (if several 3rd/4th graders were pulled up). Discussed playing time implications and level of play implications for both two larger teams vs. three smaller teams. If the decision was made for three smaller teams, discussed whether the #2 and #3 teams (titled “blue” and “gold”) would be split evenly by talent or would be true #2 and #3 teams. Discussed current policy for basketball and volleyball regarding playing up. Agreed the policy needs revision to be sport-specific as it is written for basketball numbers. Agreed optimal volleyball team size would be nine players, with eight being the smallest team size possible. Committee agreed to meet again prior to tryouts to make determination on all above topics. No decision were final tonight. Agreed determination on number of teams would be based on numbers alone once final registration numbers are in. Committee also agreed to review/revise/vote on the playing up policy to be volleyball-specific at this next meeting.
 - 3. Committee agreed number of 3rd/4th grade teams will be dependent on the number of girls registered and may also be based on 5th/6th grade determination.
 - 4. Committee agreed that a returning player that is unavailable during the entire CSAA tryout window (July 10th - July 23rd) would be placed on an appropriate team based on the coaches’ knowledge of the player.
 - 5. Committee discussed returning head coaches will have rights to that team again the following year. Finalized coaching assignments will be made once the final number of teams is determined and following tryouts. This information has been shared with coaches.
- b. Tryouts July 10th
- c. First practice July 24th
- d. First games August 12th
- e. Uniforms - had received feedback for several years that volleyball jerseys could be updated; discussed new \$35 black, long-sleeve jerseys for 2023 season; libero: long-sleeve blue jersey; ordering information will be sent to parents; jerseys will be distributed prior to jamborees beginning
- 8. JK-2 Soccer Update - Sara Morris
 - a. Registration closes July 28th
 - b. 25 currently registered
- 9. 1st/2nd Coed Flag Football - Teague Ridge - no new information to share at this time

- a. Registration closes July 21st
 - b. 4 currently registered
- 10. Girls 5th-8th Flag Football - Teague Ridge - no new information to share at this time
 - a. Registration closes July 21st
 - b. 0 currently registered
- 11. Cross Country Update - Dennis Jones - no new information to share at this time
 - a. Registration closes August 22nd
 - b. 2 currently registered
- 12. If interested in playing football, contact Teague Ridge - no new information to share at this time
- 13. Athletic Photos - Brian Soverns had emailed contact info for potential photographer; will discuss again at next meeting; committee agreed Teague will continue to take/create 8th grade banners for all sports to be displayed in gym throughout the school year.
- 14. Highlighting Ascension Athletics - coordinators to continue to email ascensionsocialpics@gmail.com with info/photos to highlight Ascension athletics on social media
- 15. By-laws - Teague sent current by-laws in place as well as a summary of policies to members electronically prior to meeting; full by-laws and policies will be posted in Athletics google drive by Kristin Jansen for all board members to refer to; additional items to be included in drive will be discussed at next meeting
- 16. Gym usage for private lessons - Brian Soverns had emailed information regarding basketball and volleyball lessons; Teague has reached out to contacts; more information/discussion to come
- 17. 23-24 Meeting Dates 6:30pm in AMR - no concerns reported
 - a. August 7
 - b. September 11
 - c. October 9
 - d. November 13
 - e. December 11
 - f. January 8
 - g. February 12
 - h. March 11
 - i. April 8
 - j. May 13
 - k. June 10
 - l. July 15
- 18. Miscellaneous - all
 - a. Evaluations: committee discussed coaches evaluations; Dennis stated evaluations have been attempted to be collected for many years, however, parents typically did not respond; committee agreed to reinstate evaluations regardless of number of responses; Committee discussed perhaps administering evaluation via GameDay, but can review policy and make a determination at a future meeting. Committee agreed to have coordinators review and discuss with the board; committee agreed to have a third party review evaluations for coaches who are also coordinators

- b. Committee discussed importance of making effort to not move athletics chair cart across the middle of the gym floor. It should be moved on the blue perimeter.
- c. Fish Fry: Stephen Hoard asked for recap of fish fry from a fundraising perspective; Brian Soverns was unavailable to provide financial specifics (will be requested), however, Teague shared that Theresa stated 2022 fish fries made more revenue than in many years past. Teague discussed that athletic board is financially in great shape. Specific report can be provided by treasurer at future meeting.
- d. Concessions: Teague shared Theresa had reported athletic concession revenue tripled in 2022-2023 school year.
- e. Committee discussed utilizing money to improve soccer/field hockey fields; goal post and football tower removal have been discussed in buildings and grounds committee
- f. Committee agreed to include concession stand remodel on next month's meeting agenda.

Next Meeting: Committee will not meet on July 10th, as originally scheduled. Kristin Jansen will send email to committee members with new date, time and location prior to volleyball tryouts.