

**Tea Baseball Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sept. 11, 2024 • 8 p.m. • Tea City Hall**

**MINUTES**

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

1) CALL TO ORDER 8:02 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Mark, seconded by Chris. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mitch, seconded by Kevin. Unanimously approved.

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

A. Chase The Ace: New form for the come and go tickets worked well. We should look at creating artwork for TV screens to display the QR code.

B. Proposed Tea Indoor Facility meeting Sept. 10: Rob attended. There were some complaints about taxes, location, etc. Rob talked at the end about what baseball's needs are (tall ceilings for live hitting, storage, etc.). His takeaway is that the project is still several years out.

C. Fall/winter workouts: Rob is waiting for details from trainers. The goal is to offer something once a week from October-Christmas and then three times a week from January-March. More discussion at the next meeting.

D. Tea City Council meeting: we are slated to be on the Sept. 23 agenda. 6 p.m. mtg. Rob will put together some notes about our 2025 tournament hosting request and need to have buy-in from the City.

E. Baseball Class A Agenda requests: Class A members will meet in October. TBA is bringing forward two requests to switch age divisions from birth year to grade level. This would mean: 16U — 10th Grade, 15U — 9th Grade, 14U — 8th Grade, 13U — 7th Grade (play on intermediate field), 12U — 6th Grade (50/70), 11U — 5th Grade (50/70), 10U — 4th Grade (45/60), 9U — 3rd Grade (45/60) Once you get to 10<sup>th</sup> grade, we'd return to Jr. Legion/Legion, which is birth year. The second request is for no Thursday games as part of the state tournaments to ease up travel expenses.

- F. Sponsorship committee: We need to send an email out to baseball parents asking for interest. Once we have some volunteers we can get them together to start sponsorship promotions.
- G. Cost to play for 2025: Tabled as Rob didn't have details yet as he needed to get costs from training.
- H. Varsity/JV Scheduling: Going well. Legion is TBA. If none of the Super Seniors come back, we will need to recruit. Tea is still eligible to play Class B but if players from Harrisburg or Sioux Falls are added we will have to move to Class A as we'll have to use their enrollment figures.
- I. Other Indoor facility costs: Mitch will have at next meeting.

#### 6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

- A. Player fundraising — at some point need to investigate
- B. Budget
- C. Board Members duties for 2025 — in October
- D. Homecoming: Sept. 27; TBA will participate and hand out CTA cards as well as tiny baseballs. We will create banners for our trailer that promote CTA that can then be repurposed elsewhere.

#### 7) NEXT MEETING DATE

Sunday, Sept. 29, 6 p.m.

#### 8) ADJOURNMENT 9:15 p.m.

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Cory. Unanimously approved.