

## **Blaine Area Traveling Baseball January Board Meeting**

January 10, 2013

Blaine Baseball Complex

7:20pm

### **Board Members Present:**

Ernie Johnson – President

Rick Fanning – Vice President

Sarah Anderson – Secretary

Jason Vogel – Equipment Director

### **Board Members Absent:**

Carl Nyberg – Treasurer

Pete Riola – Traveling Director/Player Development

Carrie Folstrom – Tournament Director

**Others Present:** None

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by President Ernie Johnson at 7:23pm.

**Review of December Meeting Notes** – Board previously reviewed and accepted Minutes by email. No amendments were made. Minutes accepted and already posted on website.

### **President's Report – Ernie Johnson**

- Discussed updates from most recent SAA meetings and on Ham Lake building. Progress being made on building and it will be a great asset to all.
- Sarah requested that we get clear direction on what additional services we will share with new organization. We specifically need to define what types of administrative assistance we can request. We also need to clarify if we are going to receive a defined number of hours and/or if we will be charged for assistance. Some tasks could potentially be moved from Board position to administrative staff (registration, volunteer coordination, etc.). Ernie agreed to address with others at SBAA and will report back at next meeting.

### **Tournament Directors Report – Rick Fanning**

- Rick worked on operations document and Sarah reviewed with him. Board reviewed Task List Document.
  - Many tasks and conclusion was that we could still divide tasks even more between people. We discussed ideas of adding additional Board Members and/or to set committees.
  - Discussed what other tasks can be divided and discussed what additional tasks and resources can be shared.

- Ernie proposed by Registration time we have several volunteer jobs put together so parents can sign up. Goal will be to bring more people into the fold of the organization. This will be a great way to get others involved and utilize volunteers as well as taking some of the operational burden off the Board. Sarah will create initial list and share with others prior to registration.
- Sarah reported that we can get Internet access for Blaine Classic and will follow-up with City so we can make a more functional headquarter office at BBC during the event. This will allow us to post up-to-date weather info and scores.
- Board discussed possible duties/jobs that could be assigned to others. They included:
  - Field Coordinator to work with city, etc.
  - Scheduling Session Person – Coordinate scheduling at MYAS scheduling sessions
  - 15U Tryout Coordinator
- It was agreed that Board will set-up brainstorming session to come up with tasks that can be moved off of Board members and to decide on structure of these new positions. We will look for open dates and Board will be notified of time and location. Rick will coordinate.
- Rick reported that he is reviewing tourney rules, etc. and will report back to Board with updates and changes.

#### **Equipment Director's Report – Jason**

- Jason talked with Metro about possible apparel and they could put items together. Ideal already has a lot of what we have done in past and they are handling uniforms again this year.
- Board discussed and agreed to work with Ideal this year for Spirit Wear. Jason will also work with them to come up with one new design/logo to add to options for players and families.
- Ernie reported that all equipment is officially moved out of garage and into new building. We are still missing a few L-Screens. Ernie will contact coaches to try and find the missing equipment.
- Board discussed batting cages at new building (M, W for us) and Ernie sent out info to coaches on how to sign up for time.

#### **Traveling Director/Player Development's Report – Ernie on behalf of Pete**

- Pete will be scheduling mid-Feb Clinic with coaches for training and drills.
- Coaches' Clinic on January 24<sup>th</sup> for protocol, etc. at BBC.
- Ernie created Drop Box Account for on-line server and document storage. Ernie will set-up Board Members.

- Reviewed raffle ticket printing and Board gave approval to print so they can be handed out during registration in February.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Registration will be Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm at RMS and Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-6:30pm at BBC.
  - Talk to Kevin for at least 2 samples of all sizes – Jason.
  - Verify sizes and hat sizes, etc. with Kevin – Jason.
  - Reviewed Registration Form and need to update. Ernie will update and send out for approval prior to printing.
- **FUNDRAISING DOCUMENT** - Reviewed and approved with changes.
  - Broadway confirmed for Pizza Feast. Sarah coordinating with venue.
  - 4 tickets per player at \$11 each.
  - All families get 25 - \$1 raffle tickets to sell.
  - Soderville/Blaine Discount program – 8 discount cards and players keep 2 cards. We confirmed that our players will participate in this fundraiser.
- Board Reviewed Volunteering Commitment Information/Flyer
- We cannot help with 14AAA State Tournament at BBC due to field availability. Ernie will talk with MYAS and report back to Board.
- Discussed special table at registration for volunteering sign-up and agreed it would be great to have people sign up as soon as possible. Sarah will work on volunteer process.
- Discussed challenges with getting player numbers. Jason proposed we have coaches collect numbers and turn them into Sarah prior to Registration. Board agreed to try this method and Ernie will contact coaches.
- Ernie reported that BATBA received \$500 from the Land O' Lakes Foundation as a donation. Doug Schwab facilitated as LOL contributes for volunteer time. Sarah will send thank you note.
- Pictures will be in late March after uniforms in. Board agreed to have pictures prior to season's start. Goal will be to turn uniform sizing into Ideal within 3 days of final registration. Key will be to get all players to attend one session so no extra coordination has to be done.

**Meeting Adjourned** – Meeting was adjourned by President Ernie Johnson at 8:48pm.