



## FARMINGTON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION | BOARD MEETING

**DATE: September 7**

**LOCATION: Rambling River Center**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Hilden - Travel Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Megan Tesmer - Tournaments Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Wilson - Community Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Spelman - Travel Tryout Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Chant - Assistant Travel Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Faux - Umpire Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristy Cranor - Assistant Community Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Fulsaa Uniform/Apparel Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Laabs - Finance Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Burmeister - Volunteer Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aimee Morgan - Communications Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Heidbrink - Community Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN - Concessions Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Mucha - Community Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Simon - Equipment/Field Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Boyum - Community Coordinator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brandon Chant - Offseason Training Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Roberts - Community Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Gabbard - Registration Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jen Peterson - Assistant Volunteer Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kayla Gillispie - Scheduling Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cathy Haukom - HS Summer Teams Uniforms & Community Tournaments
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamie Schmode - Community Uniform & Team Pictures	

- **Call to Order:** 6:16 Motion Schmode / Second Burmeister
- **Open Forum Public:**
  - **Special Guest:** Staci Hutmacher
    - Providing treats for us - here on part of the school district to answer any questions about the upcoming levy
    - Mark Mense - Would like to run for the Off-Season Training Director position
    - Ryan Jahnz - Would like to run for the Assistant Travel Director position
- **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion Faux / Second Schmode
- **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Cranor / Second Gillispie



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- **Elections**
  - Round table of what people are running for / introductions
    - The following people were voted in

<b>Travel Tryout Director</b>	Adam Simon
<b>Communications Director</b>	Aimee Morgan
<b>Assistant Community Director</b>	Andrew Robers
<b>Tournament Director</b>	Angela Mucha
<b>Travel Director</b>	Anthony Hilden
<b>15U+ Summer Director</b>	Anthony Hilden
<b>Off-Season Director</b>	Brandon Chant
<b>Finance</b>	Brian Laabs
<b>Volunteer Director</b>	Cathy Haukom
<b>Website/Data</b>	Gina Burmeister
<b>Uniform/Apparel Director</b>	Jamie Schmode
<b>3rd - 8th Grade Director</b>	Jen Peterson
<b>K-1 Director</b>	Julie Boyum
<b>Scheduling Director</b>	Kayla Gillispie
<b>Community Director</b>	Kristy Cranor
<b>2nd Grade Director</b>	Lynn Heidebrink
<b>Concessions Director</b>	Megan Tesmer
<b>Assistant Travel Director</b>	Ryan Jahnz
<b>At-Large</b>	Scott Wilson
<b>Equipment/Field Director</b>	Tim Vanderline
<b>Umpire Director OPEN</b>	

- Mense did not win the vote for off-season director, but was offered the umpire director role which he declined.
  - **Board Members Rolling Off**
    - Gabbard; Fulsaa; Faux
  - *POST BOARD MEETING NOTE: The board voted in Tim Vanderline for the Equipment Director role, Adam Simon moved to the Travel Tryout Director Role, John Spelman stepped down from the board*
- **Treasurer Report:**



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- Laabs: \$6K in checking / \$10K in savings / \$50K in CD - will be coming due in October
- Hilden - we do have money coming in from tournaments that we have hosted late summer/fall.
- Wilson is asking if we should be spending down any money to bring down our net income for end of year tax purposes

### **General Business:**

- Budgets - make sure to start submitting these to Hilden ASAP so we can start working on the 2026 budget
- Committees
  - Fundraising Committee: 'Cooperstown' team at 11AAA level; bringing some structure around that with the board's involvement. This would be a way to utilize FBAs non-profit status to help with fundraising.

### **Travel:**

- We will need to start registering for 2026 travel tournaments starting in November/December
- Travel 2025 recap: overall 43.1% win rate; some levels struggled this season; 15U+ ended with a 50.4% win season. This is a lower winning percentage than we have seen in previous years.
- Travel Survey Results: 97 / 204 families responded
  - Overwhelming response for field improvement requests
  - Pitching/catching at tryouts is a request

### **Community:**

- Wilson end of season:
  - The weather was an issue this year
  - The second-grade tournament championship was a little heated; the umpires handled it very well. Otherwise, it went great.
  - The 3-8th grade tournament; we hosted 4-5 and the 3rd grade championship (due to rain)
- Survey results:
  - Dibs issues this year; numerous comments about it
  - A lot of praise for the coaches



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- **Round Table:**

- Laabs: Tier 1 A updated - tough season; they did better than they did last year, but still could improve. Tier 1A is for a 17-19-year-old team that did not make an HS team. There were 22 kids on the team this year, and they are hoping to keep this team going
- Gina: We still have 30 players that have not completed their dibs - 4 are only 1 hour away.
- Julie: thankful that we voted the correct levels at 11U; removing the AAA made this a fun season for the boys
- Kayla: Fall ball/scheduling - we are not hosting games this year, they get 1 practice a week.
  - We need to get dates on the schedule for parent meeting; off-season; coaches meetings; etc
- Jamie: Pictures should just be condensed to 1 day
- Adam Simon: Mounds at Dodge - those are practice mounds. They are about \$4K/mound to replace. Possibly rent out our mounds to other communities.
- Chant: Wants to find better ways for early-season indoor practices due to weather-related issues early in the season.
- Spelman: March 21-22nd Travel Tryouts
  - Tryout T-shirt again? Yes but we need to make some adjustments
- Morgan: Competitive/Fair Play needs to be addressed for next season.
- Hilden:
  - Exit Interviews: Wants to do exit interviews with coaches to see what their opinions of coaches for how competitive/fair play.
  - At - Large Spots: some people asked for these spots; Scott was an exception because he was in mid-term and would help train in the new community roles. Also, it's really hard to say 'yes' to at-large spots when we have open spots on the board.
  - The Fundraiser Director role is possibly being added back to the board next year.
  - MBL: They are adding 9A level to the program; 14/15A will likely be going away.



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- Lawyer / Levy Update: Levy is coming up for a third time. As FBA - we do NOT take a stance. If the levy does not pass; there could be numerous implications to sports / baseball.
- October Meeting: October 12th
- **Adjourn: 8:09 Motion Wilson / Second Chant**