



BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

November 9th, 2017 at 7pm

Blaine Baseball Complex

Board Members in Attendance

Jeff Amelse – President

Tom Jensen – Treasurer

Jim Conlee – Blaine 13-15U Traveling Director

Rick Fanning – Facilities & Equipment Director

Jerome Balsimo – Uniform & Apparel Director

Kristy Powers – Fundraising Director

Absent:

Scott Sonmore – SLP Traveling Director

Visitors – Sarah Anderson

Al Gottschalk – Vice President

Andrea Puder – Secretary

Luke McLain – Blaine 9-12U Traveling Director

Jaymi Greseth – Volunteer Director

Chad Sweno – Tournament Director

Traci Payne – Communications Director

Call to Order --7:02 by Jeff Amelse

Treasurer's Report *Tom Jensen and Jaymi Greseth*

- Tom and Jaymi met to discuss details of transitioning Tom into his new role as treasurer. Tom's name will be added to the bank account.
- Tom presented the board with a detailed treasurer's report.
- All 2017-2018 training time at NSC has been paid for in full.
- Tom is going to investigate potentially reinstating EIN. This most likely expired after three years of inactivity.
- Generous donations have been made to BATBA by Anchor Bank and Walters Recycling and Refuse. Thank you!
- Discussion about tryout expenses included the cost of t-shirts. Possible cost saving options include finding a new vendor for the shirts.

Registration Updates *Andrea Puder*

- Blaine has 153 players registered and we expect the final one player to be registered in the next couple of days.
- SLP has 80 registered, and is missing three players' registrations.
- A final deadline of Monday, November 13 at 5 pm has been set for all registrations. Players will lose their spot on their team roster if not registered at that time, unless extenuating circumstances.
- Andrea will ask Corryn at Soderville to officially close registration on November 13 at 6pm.
- Andrea and Traci met with Sarah Anderson to discuss transition of Secretary and Communications duties.

Committee Reports

Tournament Update Chad Sweno and **BATBA 2018 organizational MBT strategy**

- The date has been set for the Blaine tournament. May 18-20, 2018.
- Much debate about which state tournaments we will by a qualifying tournament for due to the changes in bat standards for MBT. The decision was made to be a Gopher State qualifying tournament, and an

MSF qualifying tournament. Statistically we anticipate losing 25% of teams due to the fact that we will not be an MBT qualifying tournament. One option to make up for this loss is to add one or two younger age groups.

- A preliminary logo has been created for tournament apparel.
- Traveling Directors will advise coaches on bats for MBT tournaments.

Facility and Equipment Updates Rick Fanning

- Final registration dates have been set for January 23 and 30 from 5-9pm at NSC Grand Hall.
 - Jerome will talk to Cane's and Chipotle about donating a percentage of their sales to BATBA on our final registration nights.
- Coaches clinic dates TBD.
- Rick and crew have completely moved BATBA equipment out of the Soderville building, and into the upper level of the Lexington barn.
- Four team equipment bags are yet to be collected from coaches. Rick has been in contact with each coach.
- Peterson dugout screens have been completed. Total cost was \$1900.
- Rick will meet Josh to discuss screen options for Lexington. Plans for this are complicated by the fact that there are not fences behind the benches to connect screens to.
- Rick brought a preliminary draft of a plan for adding two batting cages and four bullpens at Peterson park.
 - Materials for the cages estimated at \$6400.
 - Materials for the concrete apron estimated at \$5,000
 - Total cost for cages estimated at \$12,000.
 - Total cost for bullpen estimated at \$3,000.
 - Total cost for project estimated at \$15,000.
 - Rick will present to Jerome Krieger to further discuss details.
 - Options are: adding turf with varied placement of home plate in bullpens, and adding short toss nets to the side of the cages. These options allow the need for only one mound per bullpen, and maximize functionality of the space.
 - Donations from Anchor Bank and Walter's are allocated for these improvements at Peterson.

Uniforms/Sprit Wear Jerome Balsimo

- Spirit wear fitting event is happening on Sunday, November 12 from 3-5pm at BBC Building. Jerome will have samples available for players to try on.
 - Online links are live and have been published on the website. Andrea will send a reminder email to the association, which includes these links.
 - The online ordering window will close on November 26th.
 - Apparel will be available for pick up the week of December 18th.

Technology Updates Chad Sweno

- NSC training times will be added to the scheduling app and Jim will coordinate with coaches.

Fundraising Activities Kristy Powers and Jeff Amelse

- Fundraising event at Bowlero will occur on March 24, 2018.
- Kristy will meet with Jen Gottschalk to transition into fundraising director position.
- Jeff will meet with Sysco to ask for a donation to BATBA.

Player Development and Training *Al Gottschalk, Jeff Amelse and Jim Conlee*

- All unwanted training times at NSC have been sold in November and December.
- Catcher's Clinic with Bryan Guse is scheduled to begin January 5, 2018. All sessions will be held from 5-7pm. Six, two-hour sessions will cost \$300.
- Jim secured The Cages for hitting from 8-noon on Sundays for \$60/hour.
- Jeff has spoken with Cody Beam, former player who was drafted to MLB and suffered an overuse injury. Cody is now interested in kinesiology and has agreed to put on a 45 minute presentation for freshman and coaches to talk about stretches to help avoid injury.
- Jeff has spoken with Jeff Dainty and Joe Boise about a potential pitching clinic in February/March building pitching mechanics and possibly held at DaVinci Academy.
- Jeff has spoken with the BHS 9A and 9B coaches about running daytime practices for the 15s. They will draft a proposal for review.

Volunteers *Jaymi Greseth*

- Jaymi is at the beginning stages of planning the most efficient and effective way to use volunteers this upcoming season. Things to consider include whether or not individual teams should be responsible for the maintenance of a specific field.

Administrative Activities *Jeff Amelse*

- Updated BATBA Bylaws have been finalized. Andrea will post to website.

Jeff motioned to adjourn, Jerome seconded.

Adjourn –8:42 by Jeff Amelse

Minutes submitted by Andrea Puder, Secretary