

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

MINUTES

Board Members:

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

Not present: Cory Olson

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

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mark, seconded by Kevin. Unanimously approved.

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

No one present

5) REPORTS

- A. Chase the Ace
- B. Make-up/14U Tryouts
- C. Tryouts
- D. 2025 Volunteer Coaches/Paid Coaches
- E. Sponsorships Committee
- F. 2025 Tea Tournaments
- G. Coaches Payment
- H. Fields Update

- X. Chevy photos
- Y. Indoor Facility
- Z. Legion Triathlon

A. Chase on Friday, Aug. 9, pot at \$13,630; need to get Legion sign: Aug. 23 is football scrimmage — draw at 7 p.m.

B. Make-up Tryouts and 14u tryouts: Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 8:30-10 a.m. with check-in starting at 8 a.m. Teams will be announced within a few days of the make-up date.

C. Tryouts: Overall the process went well. Evaluators did a good job; things were separated pretty well with age groups and the rankings worked how it was supposed to do. For future tryouts: have a sign noting what fields each age group is at. Also have two separate lines for walk-ups and pre-registered to help collect information easier.

D. 2025 volunteer coaches/paid coaches: Nate Babb is willing to be back in 2025; heard nothing but good things from parents. Need to look ahead to hiring more paid coaches for other age groups.

; he received his final payment. \$2600. Need to push forward with hiring more paid coaches. Nate stressed being with the same team next year. Not sure that that team will have its own team. Asked him to stay at 14u. Need to blast 12u-16u age groups. Nate said it was tough by himself and had some parents willing to help. Having another paid coach would help even more instead of bouncing between parent volunteers. 2 coaches for 14u, 1 coach for 13u; 12u not doing SEBA and instead ask State A to have games; Mark suggests MinnDak would satisfy rec/competitive for Minors/Majors — Rob wants Minors/Majors to stay with Harrisburg.

E. Sponsorship Committee: Briefly talked about this and doing more in the off-season.

F. 2025 Tea Tournament: TBA would like to host up to three tournaments at the athletic complex, allowing for each age group to have a home tournament. We would need access to all fields and buy-in from the City to assist in maintenance. Because we only have one Field A, 16u, 14u and 13u would all have to take place on separate weekends; one of those age groups could be paired the same weekend as the other age groups using the other fields. To host a 9u-12u tournament, we would need 8 fields. Rob will contact Justin with City about getting TBA on September agenda to get approval from the Council. We need to put some dates together for conflicts to avoid.

G. Coaches payment: need to budget for more paid coaches in 2025.

H. Field update: Field A is being manicured currently. Small improvements. Rob met with Justin 8/6 to ask what we can do to help Field A get better. Justin was going to talk to Confluence to see if there were some options to do things this year and some things next year for Field A. Wait to hear from him on that. He hopes TAHS partners with City to create champion softball field. He was confident that the next phase of 2 additional fields wasn't going to happen soon — maybe by 2030.

Field D was a discussion with the City to get more teams to utilize it. Justin wants Rob to go in front of Park & Rec board to adjust the base plates. Rob will go to the Park & Rec Board to make the request to adjust the distance. Rob would also see if Tea Park & Rec would purchase more portable mounds.

X. Chevy photos: Rob was contacted by Chevy as they would like photos of things from the 2024 baseball season/things TBA was a part of.

Y. Indoor facility: Mark shared info from a “focus” group type meeting he attended. The City and consultants are aware of ideas submitted by TBA and will keep TBA involved, baseball wise. Lots of sports are expected to use the proposed facility.

Z. Legion Triathlon: Legion is hosting this annual event Sept. 28. They are looking for teams and silent auction donations and looking to TBA to assist in sharing that information.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

A. Player fundraising — talk about in the future

B. Cost to play — maybe having one cost for kids to play HS and summer; once we have teams established figure out what it costs to play

C. Look at Board member responsibilities

7) NEXT MEETING DATE: Aug. 21, 7 p.m., Tea City Hall

8) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Rick, seconded by Mark. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned, 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Smolik