

Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association

April Board Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: April 8th, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Location: Conference Room BHS E109 & Zoom (for those unable to attend in person)

CALL TO ORDER Time: 5:37 pm CDT

1. Roll Call

Present: Andy Campbell, Mike DeRosier, Chris Velasco, Phil Berg, Nate Olson, Matt Castle, Corey Johnson, Jeremiah Piepkorn

2. Approval of past meeting Minutes, attached

Motion made by:

Seconded by:

Motion carried

3. Additions to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Corey Johnson

Seconded by: Nate Olson

Motion carried

4. Open Forum: none

5. President/VP Report – Chris/Corey

a. Thank you's

A huge thank you to all those who helped with tryouts this year. All the volunteers, in particular Coach Fairbanks and his staff, for helping out our Association!

6. Treasurer's Report – Matt C.

a. Quick Review

- finances strong & healthy

b. Finalize Fees

- 9AAA - \$295
- 10AAA / 10AA - \$350/\$295

- 11AAA/11AA - \$350 /\$295
- 12AAA/12AA - \$350
- 13AAA - \$350
- 14AAA - \$450 (includes the reimbursement for SlumpBusters in Omaha) – if team adds a 3rd away tournament cost will be parents' responsibility or team account

Motion to approve 2024 travel baseball fees made by: Nate Olson

Seconded by: Matt Means

Motion carried

7. Secretary – Andy

a. iPad Discussion

- Discussion on whether to purchase iPads for teams to run the GameChanger app to run book, keep stats, stream games, etc. versus purchasing Premium subscriptions and providing those subscriptions to Team Managers to run off their own devices.
- Motion made to purchase up to 9 yearly premium subscriptions made by Corey Johnson. Chris or Matt Castle will set up accounts and distribute log in information per team.
- Seconded by Nate Olson
- Motion carried

Old Business:

1. Handbook Vote of Approval

- Discussion to clarify Team Manager role as defined in the Handbook as well as updating spelling errors & typos.
- Motion to approve proposed 2024 handbook made by: Matt Castle
- Seconded by: Jeremiah Piepkorn
- Motion carries

2. Sign Contract with Brainerd for use of power equipment on fields

- Matt Means made a motion to allow Chris Velasco to sign
- Seconded by Matt Castle
- Motion carried

3. Bendson Exception Length

- Decision to table this discussion until later in the summer to determine a more permanent solution on how to handle these types of situations

4. Google Workspace

- Phil provided his thoughts on the Association using a Google platform to run all Association-related digital activities & document sharing/storing.
- Phil and Andy will collaborate to finalize plan

New Business:

1. Tryout Review

- Open discussion on how the Board thinks things went. Potential changes to the scoring methodology (i.e. going from 5 to 10 in scoring range), discussing with Coach Fairbanks on how to get better in evaluating players.
- Potentially reducing the allotted time for each age group from 2 hours to 1.5 hours as all kids were done with their tryouts early this year.
- Also ensuring kids that miss the initial tryout date are not lumped together on the makeup date. Unfair to evaluate 12, 13 or 14 year old players in the same group as 9's and 10's. Due to weather this year, we feel this was likely an anomaly.

2. Equipment Needs? Or are we good?

- Mike DeRosier provided an update on team needs. Suggested the Board needs to discuss how they plan to approve requests made by coaches for equipment. Each team will receive 4 dozen new baseballs (not included tournament balls).
- Chris suggested that each coach needs to turn in their equipment at the end of each season for condition evaluation of equipment and inventory management purposes.
- Mike confirmed that he had received a mixed bag of responses from coaches on what they had and what they needed. He will send an email to all coaches to bring their final list to parent meetings this week.

3. Field Use

- Chris provided an update on how scheduling of fields is going to work. We are going to use an app called "Band" to schedule fields. Coaches will have access to the app to do their scheduling.

4. Team Meetings

- Request to have all Board members at least one if not both parent meetings.
- Recruiting from the younger teams to have parents run for the Board.

- Uniforms try-ons will occur per age group.
- Team day at Warrior varsity baseball games announced.

Motion to adjourn made by: Nate Olson

Seconded by: Matt Means

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously