

## **Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 6, 2013

SBAA Building, Ham Lake, MN

7:00pm

### **Board Members Present:**

Ernie Johnson – President

Rick Fanning – Vice President

Carl Nyberg - Treasurer

Sarah Anderson – Secretary

Jason Vogel – Equipment Director

Pete Riola – Traveling Director/Player Development

Carrie Folstrom – Tournament Director

### **Others Present:**

Scott Gagnon; Doug Kaltved; Justin Kehner ; Cathy Coello

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by President Ernie Johnson at 7:06pm.

### **Welcome**

Ernie welcomed members and gave overview of current Board as well and explained goal of adding additional members to the Board. He then reviewed the 2013 season:

- Procedures for all tasks, events, etc. have now been developed and will make the organization run more smoothly going forward. We have more clear outlines and timelines of tasks and goals.
- Tryouts have been more formalized. Still have tweaks to make but great strides have been made.
- Fundraiser at Broadway had been successful for many years now and money goes directly back into the spring training workouts for all age levels.
- Teams have improved. We won approximately 70% of conference games this last season throughout associations. All but one qualified for State Tournament this year. Still looking for State Championship win.
- Blaine Classic Tournament was cancelled due to weather this season. This is our largest event and the cancellation had an impact:
  - We took financial hit this year as large portion of team fees had to be refunded.
  - Tournament had qualified for both State Tournaments for all age groups at our Blaine Classic. This helps to attract teams and gives tournament even more credibility.
  - Looking to move tournament date going forward to later weekend.
- 255 prospects went through our tryouts this fall.
- 13 Teams formed this year for 2014, compared to 11 last year.
- We will have 3 Spring Lake Park Teams this year.
- Thanks to Board for successful year and for all of the time put in.

Pete Riola & Carl Nyberg gave summary and wishes to Board as we move forward as both terms end this year. Both offered to continue to stay involved, if voted in for 2014 Board.

## Financial Report – Carl Nyberg

- Carl gave overview and summary of the year.
  - Revenue just under \$70,000.
  - Spent \$78,-000
    - Revenue shortfall this year but cushion coming into year.
    - \$20,160.23 Balance as of today.
- Two Projects Pending
  - BBC 1 - \$3,000 committed by BATBA along with other Blaine Baseball organizations.
  - Winter Workouts - \$8,000 estimated.
    - We will have an approximate 9,000 working balance.
    - Expecting check for about \$15,000 from fall registration and should start fall in low \$20,000 area for balance after registration money is turned over to BATBA.
  - Rick asked about communication with SBAA regarding field projects. Carl discussed cohesive program with Soderville. Mound project at BHS is example. Got volunteers and funds to re-do the mound. Collaboration between groups is key. Rick also discussed the dugout project done by families.
- Tournament/Financial Discussion
  - Board feels we need to get tournament date moved and recommend we look at possible scaling back a bit to better accommodate for possible weather delays, etc. Group discussed possible consideration of two different tournament dates so we can split age levels up. Further discussion will take place at next Board Meeting.

## Open Forum

- Question asked – Have we solicited sponsors for tournament. Carl explained current sign policy for Blaine fields. It could be possible.
- Jason brought up shortage of fields for the number of teams we have. Goal is 8 home games per team. We do have 1 extra week prior to BALL start-up, Fridley may be a possible option for field rental and will consider reaching out to them. New fields coming on line not this season but next: Aquatore and also Lexington (1 full and 1 intermediate field).
- Question: How do families hear about projects like the mound project? Ernie suggested SBAA and BATBA minutes. He also explained how quickly it came together, after a few years of talking about it.
- Rick suggested we utilize new contact from recent project and put together capital plan for future projects. Group also discussed how fields are maintained once work is done.

## Board Elections

Nominations for Board Positions were taken from those in attendance. The following nominations were made, nominees accepted and votes passed for the following open positions:

- Scott Gagnon – 1 Year
- Doug Kaltved – 1 Year
- Justin Kehner – 1 Year
- Cathy Coello – 3 Year
- Erik Fenn – 3 year
- Pete Riola – 1 Year
- Carl Nyberg – 1 Year

**Board Meeting Called to Order by President, Ernie Johnson**

**Board Agreed to the following Board Titles (ending terms below)**

President – Ernie Johnson (2014)

VP – Rick Fanning (2014)

Treasurer – Carl Nyberg (2014)

Secretary – Sarah Anderson (2015)

Blaine Traveling Director– Pete Riola (2014)

Spring Lake Park Traveling Director – Doug Kaltved (2014)

Fundraising – Erik Fenn (2016)

Volunteer Coordinator– Carrie Folstrom (2014)

Tournament Director – Kathy Coello (2016)

Assistant Tournament Director – Justin Kehner (2014)

Equipment Director – Jason Vogel (2015)

Uniform/Apparel Coordinator – Scott Gagnon (2014)

**Meeting Adjourned – 8:45pm by Ernie Johnson, President.**

**Next Meeting – Thursday, November 14, 2013 – 7pm – Location TBD**

Main Topics will include Fundraising and Preliminary Tournament Planning.