

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, August 8, 2022

Meeting Time: 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

8:05 pm

Present:

Co-Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Matt Means
Director	Chris Valesco
Director	Mandy Vanek

Absent:

Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tournament Updates: Steve Hanson
 - a. Tournaments went very well. Having new people to help was a key component to successes and will be for next year's events.
 - b. Room blocks at Arrowwood are already in place for next year (no discounts)
 - c. Feedback shared by Chris:
 - i. Rules will need to mirror MSF (Minnesota State Federation) and Gopher State's, especially if our tournaments are to be qualifiers. (Example: curve ball and sliding rules). Reaching out to contacts ahead of time to shore-up this component will be beneficial.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's report: Matt Castle provided an update on the account balance (this year vs. last), along with an overview of the following:
 - a. Income:
 - i. Player registration fees
 - ii. Donations
 - iii. Sponsor Fees
 - iv. Fund-U (Association share)
 - v. T-Shirt revenue
 - vi. 9U Concessions
 - vii. 15U tournament
 - viii. City Grant
 - ix. Media Guide

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- b. Expenses
 - i. Tournament entry fees
 - ii. Home tournament expenses (t-shirts, field usage fees, field maintenance fees)
 - iii. 15U tournament
 - iv. Gym rental expense (winter skills, tryouts)
 - v. Equipment (Steve and Matt will work on dividing out by team)
 - vi. Uniforms
 - vii. Refunds to teams who backed out of tournaments
 - viii. Sports Engine (per team registration fee, website fee)
 - ix. Team expenses

Board will need to determine fund amounts to defer to specified accounts for future needs (example: equipment shed, portable mounds, etc.) and expenses to be paid prior to next year's season (tournament fees, winter skills, out-state tournament entry fee (College World Series in Omaha) for the 14's, etc.). What should we keep in reserve? Is it more feasible, and less risk, to rent storage as opposed to building a shed? What are some other ideas? Once final invoices are received, we will have a better understanding of where the account is standing which will allow for a more solid discussion and vote.

Shed: shared expense with the City of Baxter? Would they pay for the shed if we agreed to lease space? Items to consider include upkeep and insurance.

Motion to approve paying the entry fee for the College World Series in Omaha for the 14's, subject to reimbursement to the Association, was made by Matt Castle, seconded by Matt Means. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Fall League: MYAS has an opportunity for 9-14 players to play. Fee is \$115 per player, includes hat and shirt. Teams play two games on Sundays. MYAS holds the insurance for the players. Players do not have to be in an association to play. It's open to anyone. While the Association would not coordinate registrations (these are direct with MYAS), we would assist with arrangements for field reservations and maintenance.
- 3. Research needed on refund of state tournament fee paid to MSF, as the team did cancel in appropriate amount of time.
- 4. Grievances: Form samples and processes were presented by Mandy, who shared her experience with complaints within the hockey association. She will email sample documents to the Board
- 5. New Board Member Application for Nomination: Steve
 - a. Term is three years, terms are staggered. By-laws should be reviewed by the group during the next Board Meeting to identify those whose terms are set to expire. New member voting takes place in October (in-person Board Meeting) for those elected to start serving in November.
 - b. Plan is to eblast Board application form to all members of the Association and post it on the website. (Also, follow-up directly with those who have expressed interest in applying as a Board member.) Steve will draft, submit draft to Board for approval, and compose and send.
- 6. End of Year Survey: this will again be offered. More to come.

ADJOURNMENT

9:55 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Castle, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.