



## **BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

December 14th, 2017 at 7pm  
Blaine Baseball Complex

### **Board Members Present**

Jeff Amelse – President

Tom Jensen – Treasurer

Jim Conlee – Blaine 13-15U Traveling Director

Scott Sonmore – SLP Traveling Director

Jerome Balsimo – Uniform & Apparel Director

Kristy Powers – Fundraising Director

Jaymi Greseth – Volunteer Director

Andrea Puder – Secretary

Luke McLain – Blaine 9-12U Traveling Director

Rick Fanning – Facilities & Equipment Director

Chad Sweno – Tournament Director

Traci Payne – Communications Director

Absent- Al Gottschalk – Vice President

**Call to Order** -7:07 by Jeff Amelse

### **New Business**

- Traci motioned to approve the October and November minutes as distributed by Andrea. Jaymi seconded motion.
- **Trusted Coaches Program** –Jaymi will verify all BATBA coaches and new board members participate.
- **Cody Beam** will present to BATBA coaches, 14's, and 15's on February 10 at Complete Game in Lino Lakes. He will discuss overuse injuries and how to prevent them.
- **Pitching Clinic** with Jeff Dainty will occur in February and March. We have had lots of interest and have a wait list for two of the sessions. Jeff will inquire about adding additional sessions.
- **City Meeting Update** Jeff and Chad attended, along with members from Icemen, BALL, Fusion and Miracle League. Field use was discussed for our tournament weekend. We cannot use BBC on Friday night. We will be allowed three fields at Airport.
- **Davinci Academy** is a possibility for a location for indoor hitting. Jeff is looking into Sunday afternoon options.
- **Andover Days** Twins Coaching Clinic with the MN Twins. BATBA Coaches have been invited to Lord of Life Church on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

### **Treasurer's Report** (*Tom*)

- Tom presented a detailed treasurer's report, including 2018 budget, monthly income and expenses, and compared 2016, 2017 and 2018 budgets.
- Tom will bring reconciliation detail to each month's meeting.
- Jeff will contact Soderville about collecting confirmation registration fees.
- Tom will lead a budget exercise in January.
- Rick made a motion to reestablish BATBA as a non-profit and obtain EIN. Chad seconded the motion.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Technology Update** (*Chad and Jaymi*)

- Options for new tools or apps for communication were discussed. Constant Contact is one option which includes surveys.

- Bookafield is prepared for use. Each team is set up with one user.

#### **Uniforms/Spirit Wear** (*Jerome*)

- Uniform fitting and spirit wear try-on will take place at the final registration events January 23 and 30 at NSC Grand Hall from 5-9pm. 50% of sales in store at Chipotle on those evenings will go to BATBA.
- Uniforms should be ready by April 1.
- BATBA will purchase a handful of spare hats and pants.
- Replacement jersey orders will have a 48 hour turnaround.

#### **Fundraising Activities** (*Kristy and Jeff*)

- Bowlero fundraising event will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Each meal will cost \$12. Kristy will contact Bowlero to confirm pricing on meals and game cards

#### **Tryout Review** (*Scott*)

- When scheduling tryouts for 2019 seasons, we will include a planned make-up day in case of inclement weather.
- The app used for tryouts on the ipads was successful. We used 10 ipads this year and would like to have a few more next year to avoid low battery/charging issues.
- **Scoring review** this year pitching was added and short toss was used. Scott and Jim agreed that a scale of 1-10 is needed, instead of a scale of 1-5.
- The possibility of hiring out tryout evaluators was discussed.
- 2019 tryout AND callback dates will be set in January by Jaymi and Traci.
- 2019 tryouts will include a tryout committee to help share responsibilities.

#### **Registration Updates** (*Andrea*)

- **Registration** is closed. BATBA consists of 20 teams, 16 of which have 12 players, and 4 teams have 11 players.
- **Catching Clinic** has 13 kids registered. A “per session” registration option is now available.
- **Board Task List** will be posted to google docs for all board members to reference.
- Andrea will create google docs for policies, handbooks, bylaws and other important documents.

#### **Tournament** (*Chad*)

- The decision was made to host 12 teams at each age group for the 2018 tournament.
- Tourney Machine is ready to go live.

Luke motioned to adjourn, Traci seconded.

**Adjourn** 9:25 by Jeff Amelse

Minutes submitted by Andrea Puder, Secretary