

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball
December 11, 2014
Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm

Board Members in attendance: Sarah Anderson, Rick Fanning, Erik Fenn, Jaymi Greseth, Al Gottschalk, Jason Vogel, Jim Conlee, Matt Westlund, Scott Gagnon, Kathy Coello

Board Members absent: Justin Kehner, Traci Payne

Call to order: Rick called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Secretary's Minutes – November Minutes reviewed and some changes will be made. Sarah will send out revisions for electronic approval.

Welcome: Rick Fanning/President

New Business

- Blaine Community Center – Scott Gagnon
 - Community Task Force started meeting in May to consider community center project and Scott has been attending meetings.
 - Feasibility study being done and consultant hired.
 - Discussed possible ways we could utilize this type of facility. Board is looking forward to more information as things progress.
- Winter Opportunities - Jason Vogel
 - Jason was contacted by area Club Teams regarding winter opportunities. Board discussed Club Team trends in the community and potential opportunities.

Treasurer's Report – Matt Westlund

- Current balance as of 12/11/14 - \$39,215.76
- With outstanding deposits, checks and invoices - \$33,786.68
- Reviewed 2014-2015 Budget
 - Will be reviewing numbers with SBAA. Rick and Matt will propose new budget.
 - Matt proposed that we purchase accounting software (\$300-\$500 anticipated expense).
 - Rick made motion to purchase as proposed.
 - Sarah seconded.
 - Board passed.
 - Discussed Tournament concessions and committee will look into some additional ideas for our tournament this summer.
 - Discussed Salt Fundraiser and Jim is working on a possible vendor for this season.
 - Discussed corporate giving opportunities through donations, matching gifts. We have received some this year and recognize there may be additional

opportunities within the organization in the future. The fundraising committee could research.

- Discussed that we recognize past donors on website and promote to families.
- Sarah will work on communication to membership through emails and website.

Committee Reports

Policies – Rick Fanning

- Rick is working on initial draft of policies/handbook. Committee will help finalize and present to Board for approval prior to final registration.

Development – Al Gottschalk

- Committee is working well together to divide tasks and schedule winter workout times.
 - Each team will have 13-14 hours of indoor time.
 - Committee developing workout plans for quality time during these sessions and plan to have coaches working together for utilization of time and space. Goal is to develop strong players. We will take more of a clinical approach to training.
- Coaches' Meeting will be scheduled soon after first of the year.
- Kickoff sessions will be set for February 6th and 13th.

Fundraising - Erik Fenn

- The following ideas are being pursued and plan will be presented at next month's meeting.
 - Pizza and/or Spaghetti Feast
 - Looking at variety of options for locations this year.
 - Buffalo Wild Wings Program
 - Bluzy's Roadside
 - Possible parent event
 - Possible event during Blazing Blaine Days (dunk tank or other ideas to explore)
 - Salt Fundraiser
 - CUB Foods Bagging
 - Potential corporate sponsors, matching gifts, misc. donations

Tournament – Kathy Coello

- Tournament information is posted on the website.
- We have been asked to host 15U MBT Qualifier and GSTC. Kathy and Rick will look at options.
- Will add Tournament Director's phone number on website tournament page.
- Rick proposed we follow MYAS rules for Blaine Invitational. Committee will make decisions on rules.
- Ham Lake Fields will be confirmed in January.

Equipment – Jason Vogel

- Equipment may arrive next week and he will get bags to coaches in January.
 - Reminder that we will promote that players have their own batting helmets.
Association will provide a few if needed.

Uniforms – Scott Gagnon

- Working on getting bids for new uniforms. Scott presented ideas to Board.
 - Pukka Hat
 - Allison jersey
 - Pants – (1 of each style?)
 - Scott will get cost on stripe on pants
 - Lighter shirt
- Scott will research contract options as well as apparel options.

Traveling Directors – Jim Conlee

- Recent efforts focused on NSC player development.

Communications – Sarah Anderson

- Continuing to keep webpage up-to-date

Volunteers – Jaymi Greseth

- Recent efforts focused on Fundraising Committee.

Other

- Task List Review – On track for tasks.

- Background Checks - Rick will coordinate with Traci and Nancy.

Upcoming meetings: Meetings are second Thursday of the month.

Thursday January 8, 2015

Thursday February 12, 2015

Thursday March 12, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Sarah Anderson, Communications Director