

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, January 10, 2022

Meeting Time: 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: (Virtual) Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

8:04 pm

Present:

Co-Chair	Steve Hanson
Co-Chair	Troy Rushmeyer
Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Matt Castle
Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Matt Means
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director	Chris Valesco
Director	Mandy Vanek
Visitor	Todd Corro

Absent:

Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
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OPEN FORUM

Time allocated for non-members to bring matters not on the agenda to the attention of the Board. Time limits may be imposed.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve this agenda, along with the meeting minutes from 12/13/2021, was made by Steve Hanson, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Review Babe Ruth Regional tournament document and discuss and vote to approve or disapprove of hosting the 9U regional tournament. Todd Corrow (representative of Midwest Plains Region of Babe Ruth League, Inc.) provided an overview of contract, costs and expectations, including a skills and picnic event on day one, breakfast for coaches and umpers on day two.

Dates: July 29 (check-in) through August 2, 2022. Tournament starts on July 30.

- a. Verification of 1st and 2nd party agreement responsibilities/costs; \$1,700 cost payable to the Region to host; 2 hotel rooms for region reps for up to five nights; a skills and picnic event on day one, breakfast for coaches and umpers on day two payable by the Association; costs could be recouped by charging gate fees; Game Changer app is required (free)
- b. Host team receives automatic bid?
- c. Is 9U coach aware – buy-in from parents for late summer tourney – will have to inform parents as soon as team player selections completed?

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After lengthy discussion, the Board voted unanimously to not host the tournament.

2. Troy to draft and send “thank you” email to all clients related to survey results and BBBA news (i.e., skills clinics, upcoming tryouts, partnerships and tourney volunteer requirements); will be completed soon, he will send a draft to the board members for review.
3. Tournament Sub-committee (New coordinator – team members) – items still to be ironed out listed below
 - a. Volunteer requirements - The volunteer requirement is currently 4 hours per family. After lengthy discussion, it was decided to keep this as-is for the time being. Dibs app is available on our website, Steve and Mike have set it up. Discussed the need to address this topic, and others, during meetings which take place separately, more often, until plans and processes are established.

Items not addressed:

- b. Concessions, Food trucks
 - i. Brainerd Parks & Rec will run Brainerd parks during tourneys – no fee to us and no proceeds
 - ii. Baxter Parks allows food trucks – need to decide if we want to set up our own or invite food trucks like last year
- c. Meet with ISD 181 and new CE Director, new AD related to tournaments - Last year worked out well for field maintenance at Forestview and HS – (concessions, food trucks) Wade contacted?
- d. Marketing guide/plan: Wade offered to create something for this.
 - i. Banners at fields for display during tournaments?
 - ii. Lodging capacities for potential increase of team #'s per tournament
 - iii. Grill burgers/hot dogs, sell pizza, etc., for sale during normal Baxter rec games.
 1. Corey and Heather Johnson have expressed willingness to be involved in volunteer and fundraising capacities.
- e. New for MYAS 2022:
 - i. Pay a bid fee of \$60 per age and level to MYAS
 - ii. Agree to use Tourney Machine for the brackets/game schedules at a reduced rate of \$2 per team. Tourney Machine is the Official Bracketing Platform of the GSBA
- f. Form group (doesn't just have to be board members), start meeting and report to entire board at regular scheduled monthly meetings?

New Business

1. Welcome to new board members (Chris Velasco, Matt Means, Matt Castle and Phil Berg) – no vote needed as already completed via email ballot at 1/3/2022 meeting
 - a. Coordinator positions to be filled – prudent for us to act quickly in filling these roles
 - i. Treasurer: Mike Eidenshink and Matt Castle to be added to BBBA bank account; connect with Jim Haakonson to add/change signers, and secure a debit card for the account.
 - ii. IT/Marketing: Phil Berg (former member Steve Schaitberger can be consulted)
 - iii. Tournament coordinator: Chris Velasco
 - iv. Skills/tryout coordinator: Matt Means, leverage Jeremiah and former board member Zach Heidmann

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2. Revisions needed for BBBA By-laws and Handbook; Ann and Troy will meet to apply changes. Also, new board members' bios are needed for the website.
3. Coach's applications for Jeremiah (10U), Matt Means and Eric Bolt (14U); motion to accept the applications for all three coaches was made by Troy Rushmeyer, seconded by Steve Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

Items not addressed:

4. Skills clinics – Steve, Jeremiah: updates
 - a. Pre-tryout skills week and try-outs (Dates established related to feedback at clinics?)
 - b. Coaches and umpire clinics (Can we market this further at winter skills clinics)
5. Discuss option of playing the rec ball back on the table for 11/12-year-olds who make travel teams (Wade Haapajoki)
6. Treasurer's report

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, February 14, 2022

Meeting Time: 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: (Virtual) Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

10:10 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by was made by Steve Hanson, seconded by Wade Haapajoki. Motion passed unanimously.