



## **BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

February 8th, 2018 at 7pm  
Blaine Baseball Complex

### **Board Members in Attendance**

Jeff Amelse – President  
Andrea Puder – Secretary  
Scott Sonmore – SLP Traveling Director  
Chad Sweno – Tournament Director

Al Gottschalk – Vice President  
Jim Conlee – Blaine 13-15U Traveling Director  
Rick Fanning – Facilities & Equipment Director  
Jaymi Greseth – Volunteer Director

### **Absent**

Tom Jensen – Treasurer  
Kristy Powers – Fundraising Director  
Traci Payne – Communications Director  
Luke McLain – Blaine 9-12U Traveling Director  
Jerome Balsimo – Uniform & Apparel Director

**Call to Order:** 7:08, Jeff Amelse

### **Registration Updates**

- Andrea motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, Jeff seconded. Andrea will post on website.
- The Boyceball pitching clinic has five sessions, which began February 6, each full with 10 players. We have added additional coaches for two of the sessions to allow 6-8 more players.
- The Cody Beam arm care seminar was a huge success. Nearly 50 players and coaches attended and all feedback was positive.
- Final registration is complete. One injured 13U player will register if or when he is given medical clearance to play.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Tom sent the treasurer's report to all board members via email due to his absence from the meeting this month.

### **Fundraising Activities**

- Jeff is working with Kristy on creating a fundraising roadmap for 2018. This includes a summer hitting program, outfield banners and asking for donations from the membership.
- A plan is in place for selling outfield banners. \$500 for one year, or \$800 for two.
  - Banners have been sold to Minnesota Icemen, Craftsman Construction, Twin City Orthopedics and Annex Bats.

### **Tournament Update**

- The Blaine Tournament is both Gopher State and MSF qualifier.
- There are 67 teams registered at this point.
- Both USSSA and USA bats are allowed.
- Fields have been reserved.
  - A couple BBC fields are unavailable. Jim will contact Don about using the softball field at BHS.

### **Uniforms/Spirit Wear**

- Blaine and Spring Lake Park uniform orders went in on Friday, February 8.
- Blaine and Spring Lake Park coaches hats and shirts went in on Monday, February 5.
- Coaches have been invoiced by Tom for items ordered in addition to the four we provide per team.
- Uniforms will be delivered no later than April 6th and coaches will pick up at Jerome's house that weekend.
- Spirit Wear link has been emailed to membership and posted on the website. Order deadline date has been extended to February 18, 2018.

### **Managers Meeting**

- Jaymi reported that the manager's meeting held on February 6 went well. We have 4 or 5 new managers this season.

### **Coaches Meeting**

- Jim led the coaches meeting on January 26. All BATBA teams were represented.
- The scheduling process needs to be clarified.

### **Tryout Committee**

- Committee members include Andrea Puder, Jaymi Greseth, Scott Sonmore, Chad Sweno and Luke McClain.
- Andrea posted 2019 tryout dates on the website.
  - Pre-tryout practice sessions August 20-23, 2018
  - Tryouts August 24-26
  - AAA Callbacks August 27-30
  - AA Callbacks September 4-6

### **Facilities Update**

- Equipment bags were picked up by 15 teams. Rick will contact the remaining 5 teams to coordinate equipment handout.
- Peterson batting cage project is moving forward. Rick will discuss soil testing and cost with the city of Blaine.

### **Administrative Activities**

- Jaymi has been in contact with David Banks studios about team pictures. Potential date is Tuesday, April 11.
- BATBA Policies have been updated.

Jeff motioned to adjourn, Chad seconded.

**Adjourn** 8:29, Jeff Amelse

Minutes submitted by Andrea Puder, Secretary