

# **Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Board Meeting**

**Thursday, January 9, 2013**

**Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine**

**7:00pm**

**Board Members:** Ernie Johnson – President; Rick Fanning – Vice President; Carl Nyberg – Treasurer; Sarah Anderson – Secretary; Pete Riola – Blaine Traveling Director; Doug Kaltved – SLP Traveling Director; Jason Vogel – Equipment Director; Carrie Folstrom – Volunteer Coordinator; Erik Fenn – Fundraising; Scott Gagnon – Uniform & Apparel Coordinator; Kathy Coello – Tournament Director; Justin Kehner - Assistant Tournament Director

**In Attendance:** Ernie Johnson; Rick Fanning, Carl Nyberg, Sarah Anderson, Jason Vogel, Erik Fenn, Scott Gagnon, Kathy Coello, Justin Kehner; Pete Riola, Carrie Folstrom

**Not in Attendance:** Doug Kaltved

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Carl Nyberg, Treasurer

**Open Forum:** No topics

## **Executive Reports**

- **Secretary** – December Meeting Minutes approved via email.
- **Treasurer – Carl**
  - Balance currently \$25,871.95 as of today. NSC check cleared and a few smaller coming in. Balance will be around \$23,000 when other expenses clear.

## **Old Business**

- 13U Single A Team Discussion
  - Soderville has agreed to work on finding a field so we can consider a 13U A Team (75-foot bases). Waiting on confirmation of field. If confirmed, we will form a 13U A Team. We will promote with details to follow.

## **New Business**

- Tryout Policy
  - Discussed current policy for call backs at tryouts. Tabled for future meeting.
- Coaches' Evaluation Process and Feedback
  - Discussed current policies and procedures and discussed putting together a clear document on process for sharing concerns and/or feedback. Discussed adding feedback section on website and to communicate two-way communication.
  - Discussed play-time policy for organization.

- BHS & RMS field reservations and charges (\$528 for practice space)
  - Reservations are complete for April 14th-July 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - Mon and Wed – BHS
    - Tue and Thur – RMS
    - Also reserved BHS (\$150) for our Tournament (14U AA and AAA).
    - Discussed Westwood as a possibility for Spring Lake Park Teams
  
- Final Registration and Uniform Sizing Dates
  - February 16<sup>th</sup> (12-4) and 20<sup>th</sup> (5-8pm) at ***Ideal*** in Ham Lake.
- Volunteering Plan and Management
  - Carrie and Sarah will put together plan to have Nancy manage sign-ups through website. Following are main volunteer categories through year:
    - Registration
    - Pizza Feast
      - Donation gathering
      - Ticket printing
      - Registration table and event assistance
    - Tournaments
    - Tryout Preparation and Tryouts
    - Volunteer Commitment
      - Board agreed to keep volunteer fees at \$60 Buyout or \$100 refundable, once time is invested.
      - Board agreed to keep volunteer commitment to approximately 6 hours per family.

## Board Reports

- Blaine Traveling Director's Report – Pete
  - Coaches' Meetings
    - February 3<sup>rd</sup> – defense (Gottschalk), hitting (Conlee), pitching (Kaul)
      - Review L-Screen use at meeting.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting approximately a month later (NSC – How to use for best efficiency)
      - Will also include team managers to review items with them.
  - NSC Workout Update
    - Complete – Waiting to make public after 13U known.
- SLP Traveling Director's Report - Ernie
  - Discussed new coaches at SLP HS and desire to work with BATBA to grow programs.
- Equipment Director's Report – Jason
  - L-Screen Update – Found our screens (some coaches and can also store at sites).
  - Ice packs and first aid kits will be coming.
  - Items will be distributed at coach's meeting.

- Uniform Coordinator's Report – Scott
  - Pants are no longer in stock. Scott will check on option to order open and closed styles.
  - Hats and jerseys will remain the same.
  - Kevin will put together ideas for us for sale at pizza party and possibly at NSC workout(s).
  - Coaches' shirts – Scott will research a few options. We may decide to purchase new shirts only for new coaches this season. Scott will report back and decision will be made at that time.
- Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Carrie
  - Will put together plan for how to logistically handle going forward and work with Nancy at SBAA.\*
  - Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Erik
  - Broadway Fundraiser Update – March 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Erik will firm up pricing with Broadway and report back.
    - Raffles and Door Prizes
      - Need to get volunteers to solicit prizes. Erik will work on finding, with help of Carrie/Sarah.
      - Ernie will produce request letter for prize donations.
      - Raffle – HOM Furniture, Best Buy or Target and Cash will be the 3 main prizes.
  - Salt Fundraiser Update - Pete
    - Pete reported on meeting with his contact. We promote website to promote salt and mulch.
    - Board agreed to set-up committee meeting to lay out a plan. Pete and Erik will lead and report back to Board.
- Tournament Director's Report – Kathy
  - Registration Update – We are running a little ahead of last year YTD with registrations.
  - Ernie will update registered teams on website as Kathy receives and reports to him. All agreed this will be helpful to registered and potential teams.
  - Discussed 10U Tournament for future – Tabled until fall meeting.
  - 15U Tournaments – Board reviewed and agreed that BATBA will pay for 2 tournaments up front and Pete will coordinate to register.
  - Will need to buy additional rakes for tournaments as supplies have dwindled.
- Asst. Tournament Director's Report – Justin
  - No extra discussion to add to above.
- VP's Report and Monthly Review Checklist – Rick
  - Reviewed task list and we are on track.
  - Will review rules with Kathy and Justin but do not anticipate many changes.

Discussed setting guidelines for maximum add-ons (tournaments, hotels).

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08pm by President, Ernie Johnson

Next meeting will be February 13, 2013 with location to be announced.