

## **Blaine Area Traveling Baseball January Board Meeting**

February 17, 2013

Blaine Baseball Complex

7:00 PM

### **Board Members Present:**

Ernie Johnson – President

Rick Fanning – Vice President

Carl Nyberg – Treasurer

Sarah Anderson – Secretary

Jason Vogel – Equipment Director

Pete Riola – Traveling Director/Player Development

Carrie Folstrom – Tournament Director

**Others Present:** None

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by President Ernie Johnson at 7:07PM.

**Review of January Meeting Notes** – Minutes were approved.

### **President's Report – Ernie Johnson**

Ernie & Sarah attended a meeting that was organized by youth sports coordinators in our community to discuss interest in a Blaine Indoor Recreational Facility. Representatives from many youth organizations were invited to attend the first meeting of this “grass roots” organization. We are in favor of pursuing and will stay as involved as possible but may need others from BATBA to also get involved.

- Missed SBAA meeting last month
  - Trying to get City to remove equipment but still in works – That would give us entire building.
  - New facility is better for throwing (up to 80 feet). Also good for grounding and hitting.
- Ernie is working on registration prep.
- Blaine Fire Building sale fell through and City looking for interested parties. They asked if we were interested. Board requested for details on price, etc. for records.

### **Treasurer's Report – Carl Nyberg**

- \$25,375.28 current account balance.
- Accountant has been paid for new tax filing.
- NSC check has cleared for winter training.
- Expect tournament income and registration money to start coming in operating money.
- HS looking for Batting Cage at BBC and interested in gaining support from youth organizations.

### **Tournament Updates – Rick Fanning**

- We are about ¾ full on tournament registrations to date.
- We are expecting to fill and will see how registrations are sitting at next meeting.

### **Traveling Director/Player Development – Pete Riola**

- Scheduling another coaches meeting with open discussion and may bring some outside help in for this meeting.
- Will include forms.
- Getting things finalized for indoor training for all 2013 Teams.
- Discussed what steps we can take to help facilitate the blending of transitioning our 9<sup>th</sup> graders into the HS programs and discussed how to continue to bridge the relationship. Ernie will talk with Coach Feigum to discuss his goals and to offer support.

### **Equipment Manager's Report – Jason Vogel**

- Uniforms and apparel
  - New pants this year as old model discontinued.
  - Submit on or about March 4<sup>th</sup> will be ordered and hopefully have them for early photos this year (approx. April 4<sup>th</sup> they should be in).
  - Coaches' shirts – Asked to re-use if they have or ordering through Jason if need.
  - 4 coaches' hats per team.
- Apparel
  - A few new things added but many the same.
  - Using a new logo this year and will explore possibly designing something new this year.
  - Ideal will be present at Registration with samples and will set-up website for ordering.

### **Registration Updates - Ernie & Sarah**

- Ernie will put together check out sheet and Sarah suggested greeter to help move people through stations.
- Sarah is putting together list of workers and would prefer to use only 2 volunteers at each session, if we have enough Board help. It would be best to have about 6 helpers + Ideal's staff.
  - Stations for Registration with volunteers at each.
    - Uniforms
    - Volunteer (Ernie)
    - Fundraiser
    - Check-out
- **Projects in Community – Ernie**
  - Stay tuned for possible projects in community and we may be asked to get involved.
    - Batting cage
    - Dugout project

## **New Business**

- New City Fee this year - \$10 per player for field use. This is above what we had budgeted and decision made after our budget set.
- MYAS Coaches Certification overview presented by Rick. Pete discussed that they may want to make it mandatory at some point. Our coaches are getting much of this training through our Association.
- Board agreed to pay for any of our assistant coaches to go to Twins Clinic this year.
- Pete proposed development follow-up for our players that would include some type of evaluation/feedback form. Pete will look into some ideas and will present to Board at a later date. Feedback reminders for coaches to give to players throughout the season (mid-year proposed). Player development discussion and ways to provide feedback discussed.
- Discussed possible ideas on how to raise money for special projects, including getting on the list to be considered for donation money.