



## Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA) Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date:    3/10/24   

### Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Mike Smith	President	Present
Dan Grove	Vice President	Present
Nikki Possehl	Treasurer	Absent
Giselle Hattesohl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Present
Vacant	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	N/A
Jason Reimringer	Member At Large – Webmaster	Present
Katie Laney	Member At Large – Volunteer Coordinator	Absent
Tessa Miller	Member At Large – In House Coordinator	Present
Mike Horn	Board Member	Absent
Katie Erickson	Board Member	Absent
Loren Holthaus	Associate Director	Present
Guests		

### Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
BLYBA HANDBOOK & COACH HANDBOOK	Discussed current standing of handbooks	Revisions will be due by April 14 <sup>th</sup> for board approval at next meeting
FAN GEAR STORE	Discussed where the store stands	Tessa will be checking with Squad Locker to see about add a BL baseball logo for more options – baseball specific. Also look at adding more affordable options/brands.
UNIFORM & COACH GEAR UPDATE		Dan & Mike S to check jersey numbers that Tessa needs verified before ordering for teams. Goal is to order Travel uniforms by Friday 3/15. Create volunteer slots for 3 hours for help with sorting uniforms when in.



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PLAYER CLINIC UPDATE	Talked about next year plans for Clinics	
2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE PLAYING UP TO 9U QUAD CITY	Talked about 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders signed up for 9U vs. Majors	Board to send out an email to families of 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders in 9U to verify they meant to sign up for the higher level of play. Refunds if necessary for going down to Majors.
BOARD EMAIL ADDRESS UPDATE	Discussed options for emails to be cohesive	Dan and Jason to look into going through SportsEngine – Jason will check on pricing a little more in depth.
OFFICER ROLE QUESTIONS	Discussed implementing rules for Officers	Add to Bylaws/Handbook – Officers must be on the board for one year before accepting an Officer position
UPCOMING SEASON INFO	Discussed tournaments & field assignments.	Mike S will post on MYAS site to get more spots filled at our tournament. Mike S will send out email with tournament schedules and vouchers to Coaches

### Minutes:

6:04 meeting called to order.

Handbook discussion – BLYBA Handbook near completion, revisions will be due by April 14<sup>th</sup> before our next meeting so we can post the Handbook online.

Coaches Handbook – Previous one was sent to Mike H and Chuck for revising.

Field assignments/Tournament information – Assignments and tournament schedules and vouchers will be emailed out by Mike S. Mike will also post on the MYAS site about open spots for our hosted tournaments – trying to fill open spots. Mike brought up adding in a 14's tournament to take some of the places that are left open.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders playing up – Some of the players signed up for In house 9U did not try out – We will be reaching out to the families from the board to make sure they meant to sign up for the higher level of play rather than Majors. If they did not mean to sign up for 9U then we will refund the registration and they can sign up for Majors instead – if they want to stop In house



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after a few weeks they can go down to Majors however, no refunds will be given at that point – due to uniforms already having been ordered.

Fan Gear Store – It is closed and orders in process. Tessa is going to contact Squadlocker to see about adding a “BL Baseball” specific logo on some of our store options – and see about having some less expensive options as far as brands go.

Uniforms – Hats are 2 weeks out – may not come until after the uniforms are delivered. Tessa would like to order Travel uniforms by Friday 3/15 – and then set up a DIBS position for volunteers to help with sorting once they are here. 3 hour slots for volunteers – maybe 5-6 spots.

- Tessa will contact Kendra to see about getting a space in the school for the sorting date

Coach Items – Dan has books if they are needed and Mike S has Pitch counters.

Katie & Jason will need to set a date to go through catchers gear so we can order new items before games begin. Goal is for 3/23 to be equipment hand out for other items

Responsibility roll out for Vacant position –

Giselle to take over Dippin Dots contact

Tessa to take over Uniforms

Ashley – photos for M&M

Katie Laney – photos for In house/Travel

ECFE Event – Jason and maybe Katie Laney or Katie Erickson to go with if available 3/23 – 10:00 AM Jason will make a flyer with QR code to our registration page.

Discussed Player clinics for next year and tryouts – more to discuss next meeting. Plan this for the agenda.

Board emails – If we go through SportsEngine we will end up paying for year grouping, either 1, 2 or 3 year terms – look at setting with 2 year terms for emails to follow board position terms. Dan and Jason to work together on getting pricing down and see what we can figure out. Jason will try to have this info by next meeting in April.

Officer Roles & requirements – Discussed who may be voted into officer roles and whether or not officers may coach teams. Two votes on this :

1: Ashley motions that officer roles cannot be head coach on teams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Two in favor, Four against – motion denied.

2: Ashley motions that officers cannot be voted into the position unless they have served one year on the board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan. Six votes in favor, one vote opposing – motion approved.

This will be added to Bylaws and Handbook for upcoming seasons.



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Loren speaking about this coming year – Would like to have his players involved more with younger age groups. Loren would like to have his players help at practices – they would be available from beginning of April to to end of May. We would have to find a way for coaches to coordinate with Loren to have the players come help at a practice – setting dates will go through Loren.

On topic of Varsity help – as a board we will want to look at sending an email to coaches so they know they can attend the clinics he is hosting so they can see what type of drills/stations he runs. This may help in practice planning for them going forward.

Discussed adding Andrew Gosewisch as a coach for 11U travel.

Discussed spots for a few players that did not make travel teams.

Discussed which applicants to put as coaches for In house teams.

Dan and Jason will start working on getting Head coach registrations refunded.

8:56 Motion to adjourn.