

# Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA)

## Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes



*Votes outside of Board meeting*

*August 2025- Via group text message*

1. *Dan Grove motions for the board to purchase storage container using the allotted funds from SpudFest. Lawrence seconds the motion. 6 Ayes. Motion passes*
2. *Dan Grove motions for the board to purchase pitching mounds using the allotted fund from SpudFest. Lawrence seconded the motion. 8 Ayes. Motion passes.*

**Meeting Date/Time: August 13, 2025**

**Location: High School Collaborative Center**

**Recorder: Secretary - Tessa Miller**

**Attendance:**

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	P	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	P
Mike Horn	Vice President	P	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	A
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	A	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Stephanie Mericle	MAL - Volunteer Coordinator	P
Ashley Luoma	MAL – Director M&M	P	Open	MAL – Associate Director	A
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	A	Dave Nelson		G
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P	Johnson Family		G

*MAL = Member at Large*

*P = Present, PV - Present Virtual, A = Absent G = Guest*

**Agenda:**

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion	Action By
Elections	Voting and election results	Current and elected board Members take their place at the table	
Welcome	Welcome new board members and thank you to all who came out to vote	See meeting minutes below for election results.	
Sportsmanship Award			
Open Forum	Open to board members or public	Winter clinics and Tournaments were discussed	
Approve previous months board minutes	Review and approve previous months board minutes.	Meeting minutes approved. Webmaster to add to website	Tay

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Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See meeting minutes	
Surveys	Update	Surveys sent out Directors reaching out to ensure coaches received links Pres. and VP going over responses and providing a summary to the board	
M & M	Updates from M&M - Equipment turn in etc	Ashley created a M&M folder to transfer documents and timelines  Ashley sent emails to incoming 9U families	
Quad City/In-House	Updates	Check with coaches to ensure they received the survey  Gathering information to send participating QC tournament invoices	Henry  Henry
Travel	Updates	Checking with coaches to ensure they received the survey  See meeting minutes for additional topics covered	Lawrence
Equipment	Updates	Equipment has been collected from all teams	
Volunteer	Updates	Stephanie providing a list of volunteers/checks to Dan	Stephanie
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	SpudFest meeting in September to request funding for 2026 season  Need 2026 ideas sent to Dan by end of August	Dan  All Board
2026 Focus Ideas	Examples: Covered dugouts at liberty, scoreboards, (teaming up with softball), additional mounds.	See meeting minutes below for more information.	
Evaluations	Updates	Reach out to Mash to solidify date of January 25th, and introduce board members to get next steps	Tessa

Dan Grove called the meeting to order at 6:31

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### Election Results

- Vice President - Mike Horn Accepting position
- Secretary - Tessa Miller Accepting position
- At Large
  - Jeff Merrier - Board will contact to accept/decline
  - Alyssa write-in - Board will contact to accept/decline

### Welcome

- Welcome new board members and thank you to all who came out to vote

### Sportsmanship Award

- Dan Grove presenting Sportsmanship Awards to those present at the meeting

### Approve previous months board minutes

- Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Tessa requested a motion to approve. Andrew motioned, with Henry seconding. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

### Open Forum

- Winter Clinic Program
  - Andrew contacting head coaches to determine needs for winter clinic
  - **Action Item: Lawrence sending list to Andrew**
  - Work on getting the word out more (signage, add to website, post on facebook, eBackPack, etc.)
- Tournaments
  - 13's got two tournaments this season, and Mike Horn is asking about possible refund for players (13's only)
  - For the 2025 season, Dan motions to refund a \$50 per player, Henry seconds motion. Aye-all Nye 0 Abstain 0 Motion passes
    - Action item: 13's coach sending an email to each affected family
    - Board will decide on check versus credit toward next season

### Finance Update

- Received check from SpudFest and was deposited
- We have quotes from 2 companies for pitching mounds and need to make a decision
- Dan working with TJ to get container purchased
- Squadlocker provided gift card of \$1250 for the 2024 season - use undetermined
- Do we have a parent at each level to be a parent liaison for each age group, or do we leave that up to the directors on the board

### Surveys

- Parent and coach survey sent out - responses started coming in
- **Action Item: Directors reaching out to confirm coaches received the link**

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- President and Vice President reviewing responses, and providing an overview to the board.

### M & M

- Ashley sent an email informing M&M families about transitioning to 9U and what the includes.
- Ashley created a folder on the drive with her templates, timelines, itineraries, etc.

### Quad City/In-House

- **Action Item: Henry following up with coaches about survey**
- BLBA is gathering information to send invoices for Quad City participants/teams

### Travel

- **Action Item: Lawrence following up with coaches about survey**
- Received feedback from clinics was positive
- Received feedback - families wish we communicated MSF tournament option more - we can communicate the tournament at the coaches meeting for next season.
- Received feedback about positive team formations
- Fine tuning of coaches handbook and coaches meeting
- For 2025 board tried to get each team a “out of town” tournament, and are continuing discussions about 2026 season tournaments

### Equipment

- Joe has all equipment collected for all teams

### Volunteer

- **Action Item: Stephanie providing list of volunteers and checks needed to Dan**

### Community Involvement / Sponsorships

- BLBA needs to attend SpudFest meeting in September with 2026 focus ideas

### 2026 Focus Ideas

- Examples: Covered dugouts at liberty, scoreboards (teaming up with softball), additional mounds, fix broken bench at liberty, pitching machine(s), hit sticks, left handed catchers mitts, chalk/Diamond Dry, player line-up boards, coaches bag, new/additional drags to leave at fields.
- **Action Item: All Board Members - send any other focus ideas to Dan by end of August to bring to SpudFest meeting.**

### Evaluations

- **Action Item: Tessa to reach out to Mash:**
  - lock-in January 25th date
  - introduce Mash to Dan to get the next steps

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- ask about make up dates past January 25th for handful of players
- **Action Item:** For September meeting, all board members bring the “how” for team formations for 2026 season

Meeting adjourned 8:17