

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, March 8, 2021

Meeting Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

8:05 PM

Present:

Co-Chair	Steve Hanson
Co-Chair	Troy Rushmeyer (left at 9:20)
Treasurer	Jim Haakonson
Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Eric Fenstad (left at 9:00)
Director	Zach Heidmann
Director	Derek Owen
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director	Steve Schaitberger
Director	Mandy Vanek

OPEN FORUM

Time allocated for non-members to bring matters not on the agenda to the attention of the Board. Time limits may be imposed.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Addition: CRMC Sponsorship (Mandy Vanek)

Motion to approve this agenda, with addition, and minutes from 2/28/2021 meeting was made by Zach Heidmann, seconded by Jim Haakonson. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Plan/schedule for drip campaign updates (Derek Owen, Steve Schaitberger) Both email were sent out, Google analytics #1 view is of the registration page, #2 view is calendar for skills, sign up and tryouts; many hits are coming from the Fargo area.
 - a. Jeremy Millsop from the Dispatch interviewed Troy Rushmeyer and Steve Hanson; the article published March 6th. Feedback from the group indicated a second article should run, and include more of a Community Ed focused component to affirm their role in helping to make this happen. Clarification should be provided on how we are affiliated with the cities. It would be better for us to “tell the story” in the future.
2. Email, Website, Facebook Updates (Steve Schaitberger, Steve Hanson) – Facebook posts should be shared by all board members to their personal pages, especially the new post for the Boat Show at the Brainerd Exchange. Suggestion is to add a note of “thanks” for Community Ed’s partnership to our website. (Steve Schaitberger will compose and post.)

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3. Board of Directors (Coordinator Role Assignments remaining to be filled)
 - a. **Fundraising Coordinator/s: Mandy Vanek** - Michelle Tautges, a 12u parent, has stepped forward to help. She has fundraised for the team in the past, as well as for basketball. Michelle's ask is for a parent contact to be identified from each team. After discussion regarding board structure, Mandy Vanek will serve as Coordinator (to oversee, give direction and help get things started) and Michelle will do a majority of the legwork. A sub-committee is somewhat selected and will hit the ground running! Her request is that each team identifies a parent to be a designated contact for fundraising efforts.
 - b. **Volunteers Coordinator/s: (Needs to be filled)**
 - c. **Equipment Coordinator/s : Steve Hanson** (interim)
 - d. **Umpires Coordinator/s: Troy Rushmeyer**
4. Equipment orders – (Steve Hanson) Product is starting to arrive; all baseballs, all catcher equipment, one of the catcher gloves; bats are on backorder. Full jersey samples are on order for kids to try on when teams are selected. Proofs of the fronts are being made, samples are pending. Cost is \$85 per uniform.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New ISD field fees to be addressed (Troy Rushmeyer, Steve Hanson, Derek Owen) – Cost quoted for the BHS and Forestview fields (June 25th – 27th, July 16th – 18th) is a total of \$3,300.00. This is a result of the school district created additional facility fees. We'll need to work with them to see if there is a better solution. The fees quoted are as follows:

Estimated fees:

BHS varsity baseball field - \$50/hour x 9 hours X 3 days (June Tourney)	\$1350.00
BHS varsity baseball field - \$50/hour x 9 hours x 3 days (July Tourney)	\$1350.00
FMS baseball fields - \$25/game x 3 days (June Tourney)	\$ 300.00
FMS baseball fields - \$25/game x 3 days (July Tourney)	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Estimated Cost:	\$3300.00

Derek will reach out to Trent Grams to see what can be negotiated.

Note: In the past, there has been no charge to use the BHS fields for the 15U tournaments, etc. The only charge had been for the chalk. Also, BPR did not charge the VFW, Legion or High School teams to use Mills Field.

2. Fundraising opportunity presented by Derek Owen – Boat Show March 19th – 21st at Brainerd Exchange: We need people to assist with directing for parking in the mornings. Times needed are 10:00 am Friday, 8:00 am – 11:00 am both Saturday and Sunday. Steve Schaitberger will have a sign-up sheet available at the March 14th skills clinic. If we have them, we need signs, logo wear, etc., to show presence.
3. CRMC Sponsorship (Mandy Vanek)

COORDINATORS/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 2021 Home Tournaments (Eric Fenstad, Mandy Vanek)
 - a. Number of teams are currently registered:
9U (We are still the only team registered), 10U = 8, 11U = 9, 12U = 7, 13U = 7, 14U = 8
(Many organizations are still waiting to pick teams)

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There is not a current drop-dead date for the 9U tournament, but if we have four teams, we can schedule it as a round robin with reduced fees.

Steve Schaitberger shared that “Game Changer” as added game streaming to their app.

b. Volunteers –

- Concessions: We’ll need to run them at BHS (do we have one at Forestview?), Bane and Jaycees will be covered by BPR (at least for this year, we do not receive a percentage of the sales).
- Tournament Check-in/Site Director
- Shirt and hat sales (Bane and Jaycees only)

In the future, do we look to parents of visiting teams to help with pitch counts, score books, etc.?

c. Umpires

d. Need for a sub-committee?

2. Skills Clinics – Tryouts updates (Jeremiah Piepkorn, Zach Heidmann, Steve Hanson)

- a. Welcome and Tryout letters sent - feedback
- b. Schedules - Revised
- c. Personnel needed (coaches-station operators, evaluators, sign-in station, etc.)

TREASURER’S REPORT

- 1. Update on BBBA non-profit status and 990 filing progress (Jim Haakonson, Mike Eidenshink)
 - a. Non-profit status
 - b. Bank account status – BLABA account is closed, funds are deposited into the BBBA account.

COACHES REPORT

- 1. Coaches meeting – update (Steve Hanson)
 - a. 9U and 14 U coaches openings
 - b. Any Applications submitted: no applications have been received to-date

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 (first Board meeting after try-outs)

Meeting Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

9:30 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Schaitberger, seconded by Derek Owen. Motion passed unanimously.