

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Board Meeting
September 11, 2014
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 – At Large; Erik Fenn – Fundraising; Scott Gagnon – Uniform & Apparel Coordinator; Kathy Coello – Tournament Director; Justin Kehner - Assistant Tournament Director

In Attendance: Ernie Johnson, Rick Fanning, Sarah Anderson, Pete Riola, Jason Vogel, Erik Fenn, Scott Gagnon, Kathy Coello, Justin Kehner

Not in Attendance: Carl Nyberg, Doug Kaltved, Carrie Folstrom

Others in Attendance: Scott Sonmore, Mike Nelson

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Traveling Director, Pete Riola at 7:08pm.

Open Forum: None

Executive Reports

- Secretary's Report – Sarah Anderson
 - Secretary's Report was reviewed and accepted.
- Treasurer's Report – Ernie Johnson reported on behalf of Carl Nyberg
 - Bank statement balance of \$24,262.03.
 - Current balance as of yesterday is \$21,093.33, due to \$3,000 check to City of Blaine for BBC #1 field improvements.
- President's Report – Ernie Johnson
 - Topics covered throughout meeting.

Old Business

- Tryout Recap
 - Numbers – 242 players registered for tryouts this fall.
 - Process, Policies and Dates
 - Discussed pitching machine for hitting and outfield. Will discuss further when tryouts reviewed by committee for next years.
 - Discussed level that kids register and play at. This policy will also be discussed in future.
 - All tryout policies will be addressed by committee in near future.
 - Volunteers, Evaluators, Hired Teen Players
 - Feel format works.
 - Hired teen catchers did a great job. Keep as plan going forward to hire 1 at each tryout.
 - Total payments will be finalized at next meeting but expenses were around \$400 for paid help.
 - Help on Field – May be able to cut adult field helper out, other than 10's and maybe 11
 - Suggest that coaches be responsible to set-up the tryout for their outgoing age levels.
 - Also have updated "job description" for evaluators. This will be reviewed with tryout committee as well.
- BBC Renovation Updates
 - City is moving forward. We helped with \$3,000 towards project. HS Dugout Club and other baseball associations are also being asked to contribute to the project.

New Business

- MYAS Sponsored Training Opportunity – Will send at least a couple of people from BATBA. They will be discussing many aspects of running a baseball association.
- 2015 Teams
 - Discussed vision for Spring Lake Park program. Ideas shared but further discussion will be tabled until new Board is finalized.

- Discussed philosophy of keeping Blaine and SLP teams separate or together. Board agreed that this needs to be a top priority to decide future of how Blaine and SLP teams will work together or be split in future. Policies need to be finalized going forward. Table topic – Set committee after Annual Meeting to discuss.
- Possible SLP 10U sponsored tournament
 - Discussed possibility of hosting 10U Tournament if we can get field space. Jerome Balsimo is looking into possibilities.
 - Ernie will check with MYAS and MBT to see if 10U could be tied in.
- Coaches Expenses – Table until next meeting.
- Tournament Fees/Registration Fees for 2015
 - Should Board collect fees and register for tourneys? Most agree it would be helpful. We will discuss more with new Board.
- Annual Meeting planning.
 - Ernie will send email to membership to promote open positions.
 - Ernie will schedule building for meeting.
 - Sarah will work on ballots.
- 2015 Planning Projects
 - Idea was presented by Rick and Sarah to form work groups to review all major activities and events we host each year. We will then review policies and document planning steps. More discussion at future meetings.
- Information Storage
 - Tabled this discussion. We are looking for better ways to document and store information for future Boards.

Board Reports

- Blaine Traveling Director's Report – Pete Riola
 - Recommend Jim Conlee for Traveling Director position when his term is up.
 - Pete stressed importance of continuing to bridge the HS and Traveling programs.
 - Pete reviewed coaching assignments and gave updates.
- SLP Traveling Director's Report – Doug Kaltved
 - No Report given.
- Equipment Director's Report – Jason Vogel
 - Will put together plan for fall ball equipment, storage and future orders.
- Uniform Coordinator's Report – Scott Gagnon
 - Discussed that uniform plan will be reviewed and will start looking at bids in near future.
- Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Sarah Anderson
 - Volunteers are almost all accounted for from this season. There are a few outstanding and she will finalize prior to annual meeting.
- Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Erik Fenn
 - No updates at this time.
- Tournament Director's Report – Kathy Coello
 - No updates at this time.
- Asst. Tournament Director's Report – Justin Kehner
 - No updates at this time.
- VP's Report and Monthly Review Checklist – Rick Fanning

Next meeting will be: Annual Membership Meeting and Elections on Sunday, October 12th at 7pm at the BBC Building.

Meeting Adjourned by President Ernie Johnson at 9:45pm.