

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 19, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

7:05 pm

Present:

Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Director	Andy Campbell
Director	Mike DeRosier
Director	Corey Johnson
Director	Matt Means
Director	Nate Olson
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Guest	Trent Grams

Absent:

Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Chris Velasco
Director	Mandy Vanek

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve this agenda, along with the meeting minutes from 11/21/2022, was made by Andy Campbell, seconded by Mike DeRosier. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum – BHS Head Coach Trent Grams

- Introduction
- Coaches Clinic at Target Field – MSHSBCA: Annual clinic attended by most coaches at the HS level. MN Twins are partnering this year. Saturday, January 14th, two clinics: one for HS and the other for youth coaches. (See emailed information for details.) Association will pay the \$50 fee for our approved coaches who wish to attend. Our hope is to have both coaches at each level attend but welcome any who can go and share what they learn. Goal would also be to host clinics to support coach education across the community.
- Proposed Hack Attack (and possibly other equipment) Partnership Purchase between the Association and the High School; equipment could also be used by other programs. Could the sports boosters also help fund? Andy Campbell will check to see if Sourcewell has a contract with the company.
- VFW Program Vision: Go back to two teams
- Engage Brian Voigt, head coach at CLC

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Winter Skills, Rising Stars Clinic (MYAS), Pre-Try Out Skills and Try-outs 2023
 - a. Winter Skills – Communication out / Registrations coming in (currently at 57 registrations)
 - b. MYAS Rising Stars Clinic – February 25th and 26th – Communication made to MYAS
 - c. Try-out Dates / Times for 2023 - **SEE PAGE 2 for Final 2022 Times / Dates**
 - d. Discussed flyer creation and distribution in the schools
2. Still Need to purchase the following - Mike DeRosier
 - a. 2 Hack Attack machines: Regular (vs. junior) model is the more versatile in use across age ranges.
 - b. 3 L-screen on wheels
 - c. Clay for Mounds/ Batters boxes at Baxter park - Quote is \$1295.55 – Hilltopper clay
 - d. Storage Shed? - Could the warming house at OK park be repurposed to a storage shed? If we invest funds into equipment, we need to be sure storage is secure and easily accessible to us. Matt Means: Area storage units run about \$100/\$120 a month for what looks to be the size we would need.
3. Report on GLS Conversation / Uniforms – Mandy is looking at uniforms, research is in process
4. Battle of the Lakes:
 - a. Tourney Registrations need to be established on the site
 - b. Hotel Blocks – Blocks forthcoming from Visit Brainerd and will be communicated to registered teams
 - c. Chris – Team Update / other info: updates will be reported at next meeting
 - d. MYAS will not announce until January 13th as to what towns and tournaments will be state qualifiers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurers Report – Matt Castle
 - a. Budget Update: Notable increases in fundraising and sponsorship. Without the FundU fundraising, we would have had a net loss at the association level if you don't consider the tournament income.
 - b. City Fee(s) for Tourneys (Final for 2022): Baxter donation will be laid against the tournament cost
2. Approve Coaches for 2023: Applications are in, 9U selection may need to wait until after team selection. Number of coaches per team could/should be updated to 2 plus 1, handbook currently states 3. Steve will check with Babe Ruth for nationals to help firm up this number.
3. Report on Meeting with Brad Chapulis – City of Baxter – Matt Castle
.Set meeting with Community Ed. to discuss when we would need to fill in for field maintenance if our field usage runs up against Rec game needs. Rendering of vision for park renovations was reviewed for future discussion, vision and planning.
4. Insurance for 2023 – Insurance expires on February 1, 2022
5. Assign director positions / work to establish sub-committees
 - a. Communications Coordinator – Andy Campbell
 - b. Send 9U Coaches Needed email
6. Establishing MYAS Central League Info from Lance Klinkhamser (MYAS) - see attached

NEXT MEETING

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Meeting Date: Monday, January 9, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location:

ADJOURNMENT

9:30 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Andy Campbell, seconded by Matt Means. Motion passed unanimously.

WINTER SKILLS and TRY-OUT TIMES

Winter Skills:

7:30 - 9:30 pm

January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

MYAS Clinic – These Times at Booked and Communicated to MYAS

February 25th - 5pm - 9pm Forestview

February 26th 8am - 12pm (Before LAYSA arrives) - Forestview

Pre-Tryout Skills

March 20 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Forestview

March 23 - 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Forestview

Travel Team Try-Outs are Scheduled for Saturday –25th 2022 - Forestview Middle School

(9U)	(Check in at 7:45)	8:00 – 9:30am
(10U)	(Check in at 9:30)	9:45 – 11:15am
(11U)	(Check in at 11:15)	11:30am – 1:00pm
(12U)	(Check in at 2:00)	2:15 – 3:45pm
(13U)	(Check in at 3:45)	4:00 – 5:30pm
(14U)	(Check in at 5:30)	5:45 – 7:15pm

March 26th = (2nd Try-out Date if Needed) - 7:30am – Noon OR 5:30 – 9:00pm

MYAS NORTH CENTRAL LEAGUE - INTERESTED COMMUNITIES and FEEBACK NEEDED

Teams/Age Levels Forming In 2023							
	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U
Aitkin							
Alexandria		X	X	X	X	X	
Bemidji	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Brainerd							
Crosby-Ironton							
Grand Rapids							

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Little Falls		x	x	x	x	x	x
Minnewaska							
Pequot Lakes				x	x	x	
Royalton							
Staples-Motley							
Walker							

How Many Teams at Each Level?							
	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U
Aitkin							
Alexandria		1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	
Bemidji	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Brainerd							
Crosby-Ironton							
Grand Rapids							
Little Falls		1	1	1	1	1	1
Minnewaska							
Pequot Lakes				1	1	1	
Royalton							
Staples-Motley							
Walker							

Preferred League Start Date	
Aitkin	
Alexandria	Beginning or middle of May
Bemidji	End of May
Brainerd	
Crosby-Ironton	
Grand Rapids	
Little Falls	n/a
Minnewaska	
Pequot Lakes	June 1st
Royalton	
Staples-Motley	
Walker	

Preferred # of Games	
Aitkin	
Alexandria	16-24 Games
Bemidji	1 Doubleheader/week

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Brainerd	
Crosby-Ironton	
Grand Rapids	
Little Falls	12-20 Games
Minnewaska	
Pequot Lakes	20 Games
Royalton	
Staples-Motley	
Walker	