

BATBA BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2015
Broadway Pizza – 7:00pm

Present: Rick Fanning, Al Gottschalk, Jaymi Greseth, Jim Conlee, Justin Kehner, Jason Vogel, Sarah Anderson, Erik Fenn, Kristy Powers, Brent Messerschmidt

Missing: Traci Payne, Scott Gagnon

Guests: Mike Nelson and Joe Monnens

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Rick Fanning at 7:11pm. Please note that meeting location was moved from the BBC to Broadway Pizza, due to an unforeseen conflict at the BBC Building.

Secretary's Report – Rick Fanning:

- Board reviewed last month's Minutes. Justin Kehner motioned to approve, Al Gottschalk seconded and the Board approved to accept the Minutes.

Public Forum – Rick Fanning

- Joe Monnens (15U) – Came to observe the meeting and thanked Board Members for their service to the organization. The Board was very appreciative of this attendance and kind words.

New Business – Rick Fanning

- Organizational Structure – The Board and guests participated in a preliminary brainstorming discussion of BATBA's current and future structure.
- BATBA Mission
 - Develop the best ball players we can and a love for the game.
 - Helping to build state contenders and to build HS Programs.
 - Explore Club Level offering for future consideration.
- Organizational Options
 - HS-based Teams. No change to current set up; keep Blaine teams and SLP teams and roster these teams based on residence for HS boundaries.
 - Combined Teams. Propose to keep Top 36 kids and form 3 teams that will play at the appropriate AAA or AA levels, based on talent. Blaine and SLP teams now become unified teams.
 - Spin off SLP - Discussed and not under current Board consideration.
- Justin Kehner made a motion to survey others, Al seconded and the Board agreed to survey other key stakeholders before any voting is done. Sarah will put together survey with feedback from others as noted below:

- City of Blaine
- MYAS
- BHS and SLP High School Coaches

Treasurer's Report – Jaymi Greseth

- Budget will be reviewed next month.
- NSC time paid up for 2016 Season.
- Financial status is “healthy” as we head into new season.

Soderville Update – Rick Fanning

- Rick reported on Soderville Meeting last night.
- Looking at facility improvement for SBAA batting cage and discussed fundraising cards.

Field Updates – Rick Fanning

- Peterson Mound completed
- Cloverleaf – Eagle Scouts building shed.

Umpire Updates – Rick Fanning

- Trent out of state and Gail handling scheduling this season.

Tournament Updates – Rick Fanning

- Applications are coming due so dates need to be locked in.
- May 20-22?? – Rick will follow-up and check HL fields.
- Considering options for 9U and 10U tourney involvement

Equipment Update – Jason Vogel

- Jason put bids to Complete Game's Pro Shop and Dave's.
- Training balls - Justin made motion and Al seconded. Motion passed to purchase on-line.

Uniforms and Spirit Wear – Brent Messerschmidt

- Discussed lighter shirts for this season.
- Board agreed to open Spirit Wear store for holidays and will re-open as we get closer to season with a few more options for spring.

NSC Time – Al Gottschalk

Moose and Icemen are buying some time.

3 dates to sell in B section.

- November 27th – Wiffle Ball
- Catching Clinic
- Coaching Clinic
- Sundays 5-9 at Molitor

- *Fridays
- Other dates vary

Volunteer Updates – Rick Fanning, Kristy Powers

Rick motioned that Head Coach, 2 Asst Coaches and Team Manager receive volunteer exemptions for 2016 volunteer hours. Exemptions can't be passed down by Board members. Justin seconded and Board passed.

Motion made by AI to adjourn and Justin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

ACTION ITEMS

- Review Mission Statement
 - Help each kid to reach potential