

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball
March 12, 2015
Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm

Board Members in attendance: Sarah Anderson, Kathy Coello, Rick Fanning, Jaymi Greseth, Traci Payne, Jason Vogel and Matt Westlund.

Board members absent: Erik Fenn, Justin Kehners and Al Gottschalk.

Call to order: Rick called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Secretary minutes February 8, 2015 will be submitted to Board and approved via email. Sarah will post to website once approved.

Welcome: Rick Fanning/President

Public Forum – None

New Business

Tryout survey results – Sarah Anderson

- Sarah presented the survey monkey results on dates for tryouts for 2015. The Board reviewed and discussed the results at great length. Date choices were close but the Board decided to go with the August 28-30 date (August 31-Sept 5) which is the week prior to Labor Day. Rick motioned and Jaymi seconded and the Board present agreed unanimously.

Discussion on BATBA organization

- Rick began the discussion of forming teams from our two school districts based on overall tryout performance or leave the current “school district-based teams” the way it currently is. Extensive discussion on what is best for the kids as well as the future of BATBA going forward. None of the Board members are receiving feedback from parents or players to make this change. We felt as a Board that we have already initiated a lot of change this year. Board decided to keep discussion open but table for the night until all the Board members were present.

Treasurer’s Report

Matt Westlund

- Cash balance is healthy. Waiting on bills for MYAS league and Dave’s – estimated costs included. Matt will buy a laptop, Rick was not able to arrange a free one. Tournament money is ahead of the game.

Committee Reports

Policies – Rick Fanning

- SBAA Board meeting. Rick attended
- Registration #2 – went well pleased with process
- Photos – Previously done 4/29 but we can do 4/22 as the uniforms should be in by then. Will do at SBAA Building.

Development – Jim Conlee

- Moved to teams doing their own practices and it seems to be working well in the space. Time slot filling has been good at NSC and at Molitor Batting Cages. 9 pm time slot is

not a good fit and we all agree. Jim will talk to Al to see how early we jump on this for better times for 2015/2016, can we reserve now?

- Twins Coaches Clinic – we have 40 coaches registered! Great turnout.
- Teams registered for Tournaments – see Kathy Coello's update

Fundraising – Jaymi Greseth

- Team met March 10 to talk final things through. Silent Auction items will be available until 7 pm so each group can view. Great donations – Jaymi & Erik have done an amazing job.

Tournament – Kathy Coello

- Registration has been very good, only a couple slots more to fill.
- A few to do things – Kathy will confirm on the Porta Pottys (do we use Jimmy's Johnnys?) Traci will handle the awards from Crown Trophy. Still deciding on Concession stand – we know we will do well.

Equipment – Jason Vogel

- 15U equipment is ready to go.
- FYI Rick mentioned that we would be interested in a donation of a shed – if anyone hears a desire to donate.
- Jerome threw us a curveball scheduling... We will not have access to ~~SLP~~ Peterson East field until after 630 pm. It will be a challenge, but we will need to work through it.

Uniforms – Scott Gagnon

- Uniforms are ordered and on track including socks and belts
- Sarah is going to send an email out regarding apparel orders – Blaine has two logos, SLP has the one

Communication – Sarah

- MYAS will pay for Head Coach for Twins Coaches clinic. 40 have registered.
- We will need volunteer help for the Fundraiser at Brunswick – Sarah/Jaymi will email out to parents that they can use for volunteer time.

Adjourned 9:14 pm

Minutes submitted by Traci Payne, Secretary

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