

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball  
January 8, 2015  
Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm

**Board Members in attendance:** Sarah Anderson, Rick Fanning, Erik Fenn, Jaymi Greseth, Al Gottschalk, Justin Kehners, Traci Payne and Jason Vogel  
Board members absent: Jim Conlee, Kathy Coello, Scott Gagnon and Matt Westlund.

**Call to order:** Rick called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Secretary minutes December 11, 2014 approved via email and are posted on the website

**Welcome: Rick Fanning/President**

**New Business**

Meeting with BALL, City of Blaine

- Meeting scheduled for Jan 21, 2015 with BALL President Chris Bentrott and City of Blaine Jerome Krieger about getting on the BBC2-4 fields for tournaments and games. Jim, Al, Justin & Rick will attend from BATBA. Meeting will be at City Hall. Discussion on field times for BATBA and Field Improvements. Justin will talk about Westwood fields in SLP with Jeff Dainty and what he wants for SLP traveling
- Other field sites Airport Park, Ham Lake fields?

**Treasurer's Report**

- Matt not present at the beginning of the meeting. Rick reported that the balance after paying for equipment is \$32,000. Matt is looking at getting online Quick Books which would be \$20/mo for three users. Wanting to be efficient moving forward. Matt did send yearend statement to Soderville. Craig Weston/Treasurer for Soderville is using QuickBooks as well.

**Committee Reports**

Policies – Rick Fanning

- Rick and Sarah met and went over handbook and it looks pretty good. Eleven pages right now. Jason will read through and then the handbook will go to the Board for review. Timeline is end of January for draft completion.
- Need to set a date for second registration (Registration #2) and where. Asking vendors can they accommodate space and staffing? Can we combine with winter workouts for trying on pants?

Development – Al Gottschalk

- Coaches meeting update from January 7, 2015. Meeting went well and there was a great showing by the Coaches. Debrief for Board. Most of the feedback was positive and we want to pass the positive from the Coaches to the parents to the players. The idea behind this training is thinking big picture which includes 8-9 hours total to help grow team and build synergy. It was decided Jim, Justin and

Al will be putting practice plans together so all coaches will be utilizing practice plans. Coaches Meetings dates are Feb 6 and Feb 13.

- Plan is running 12-15 drills and we need to make sure we have enough kids showing up at earlier sessions in Feb/Mar. All Coaches were given schedules at the meeting and told to contact Jim Conlee with any major schedule issues. All coaches should be sending out schedule to players.
- When do we talk to NSC for time? Next year, to get better times contact NSC earlier, in August – this is added to Task List. Decide are we wanting club level scenario?

#### Fundraising Erik Fenn

- Happy Birthday Erik!! Brunswick Spaghetti dinner (spaghetti, breadsticks and salad) and Silent Auction is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Erik will forward the document from Kristine/Brunswick to the Board for review. A couple options for laser tag, bowling and/or games. Tentative plan to serve in groups: 10-12 first group; 13/14 second group. Costs on document from Kristine. Sounds like a lot of fun for everyone!
- Other fundraising ideas BW3, Salt fundraiser, Dunk Tank at Blaine's Blazin 4<sup>th</sup>, bagging groceries.

#### Kathy Tournament

- Kathy gone but the flyer is out and on the web. We are in the registration time now. Rules – adopt MYAS rules? Trying to think ahead to things we can knock out early so we can get ahead when things get crazy. Nice job Kathy on all your work!

#### Equipment – Jason Vogel

- 16 teams, 3 teams left to get equipment to. 15U bags ready to go.

#### Uniforms

- Scott gone so Board reviewed the bids received. We decided as a Board that Scott would go back to all three bids and see if cost can come down at all or if service levels can increase. With the cost, what customer service can we expect? Can we get the quick turn around to roll out Feb 6 & 13<sup>th</sup>? We need revised bids back by Wed Jan 14<sup>th</sup> so we can make our decision Friday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Traveling Directors report

- Jim Conlee gone. Justin will be in contact with Jeff Dainty and will set up Coaches clinic sometime in January. Will do at Adrenaline.

#### Communications

- Updating periodically – website looks great! Need Team Manager meeting. Went through how to clean up team pages and get new Coaches registered. Don't need to reinvent the wheel. Everything is up to date. Will set up Coaches roster – will be accessible on website but will email roster out. Will set up new gmail for BATBA Communications.

- Board – Sarah can change up and add whatever we want on the site. We need to feed to Sarah what it is and she can get pages set up.

**Other**

- Other – Tryouts?? Move??? Need to think about now before next meeting.
- Note – at February meeting vote on tryout dates

Upcoming meetings: Meetings are second Thursday of the month.

Thursday February 12, 2015

Thursday March 12, 2015

Rick motioned to adjourn, Sarah seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Minutes submitted by Traci Payne, Secretary

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