

**Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA)**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes**



**Meeting Date/Time: September 10, 2025**

**Location: McPete's @ 8pm**

**Recorder: Secretary - Tessa Miller**

**Attendance:**

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	P	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	P
Mike Horn	Vice President	P	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	A
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	P	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Stephanie Mericle	MAL - Volunteer Coordinator	P
Open	MAL – Director M&M		Open	MAL – Associate Director	
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Alyssa Johnson	MAL - Uniform/Apparel/Photos	P
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P	Jeff Marier	TBD	P
Trubenbach	Guest	G	Ashley Schabillion	Guest	G

*MAL = Member at Large*

*P = Present, PV - Present Virtual, A = Absent G = Guest*

**Agenda:**

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion	Action By
Approve previous months board minutes	Review and approve previous months board minutes.	Meeting minutes approved. Webmaster to add to website	Tay
Open Forum	Open to board members or public	High School & Middle School Campus Referendum Presentation See minutes below for more information	
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See minutes below for more information	
Surveys	Update	Dan putting together information and sending to board members and reach out to coaches with any feedback for them  Henry writing up additional FAQ's to send to Tay for website	Dan  Henry
M & M	Updates from M&M	Open position on board	

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Quad City/In-House	Updates	See finance section below for Quad City Tournaments	
Travel	Updates	See below minutes for updates	
Player & Coach Development	Updates	Dan/Andrew reach out to Kendra to start winter clinic reservations	Dan and Andrew
Equipment	Updates	Container and Mounds arrived  Mike, Joe, and Andrew is looking into racking for container	Mike, Joe, and Andrew
Volunteer	Updates	No updates for this meeting	
Uniforms/Apparel	Updates	See below minutes for updates	
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	See below minutes for updates	
2026 Focus Ideas	Updates	See below minutes for updates  Dan/Nikki/Tay filling out SpudFest request form and submitting	Dan, Nikki, and Tay
Sponsorships	Updates	See below minutes for updates	
Evaluations	Updates	Date: January 25th 1pm-6pm  Action Item: Tay to post “save a date” for January 25th evaluation date - Mandatory Travel Team Evaluations  Action Items: Mike, Lawrence, Henry, and Andrew, Jeff to bring proposal  Action Item: Tessa to Introduce Mash to Lawrence via email	
Mass registration	Schedule mass registration with CE	Looking to potentially schedule in February	

Dan Grove called the meeting to order at 8:03pm

Approve previous months board minutes

- Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Tessa requested a motion to approve. Tessa motioned, with Tay seconding. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

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### Open Forum

- High School & Middle School Campus Referendum Presentation
  - Referendum on the ballot this fall
    - Evolving classroom needs
    - Protecting what our families value most based on survey
    - Summer of 2027 the food shelf will need a new place to reside - Incorporate food shelf into the BL education system (home & student experience for both Middle School and High school)
    - Struggle to meet PE and activity demands
    - Deteriorating Track and Field
    - Historical School funding less than inflation
  - More information on [biglakeschools.org/StrongSchools](http://biglakeschools.org/StrongSchools)
  - Voting
    - In-person November 4th at Saron Lutheran from 7am-8pm
    - Early or Absentee voting starting Sept. 19th through the district office at 701 Minnesota Ave Door J
  - Advocacy Information
    - Ensure community has the information they need to vote

### Finance Update

- We have approx. \$1300 remaining in our equipment bucket with funds brought in for specific use of equipment
- Reaching out to Quad City participating communities for end of season tournament
- Meeting with SpudFest is coming up, and we are creating a list of “needs” for the BLBA
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- Tay filled out request with MYAS for covered dugouts at liberty
- **Action Item: Mike Horn providing list to [Nikki Possehl](#) to write checks to families**

### Surveys

- **Action Item: Dan putting together information and sending to board members and reach out to coaches with any feedback for them**
- General communication much improved in the 2025 season and positive feedback
- **Action Item: Henry writing up additional FAQ's to send to Tay for website**

### M&M

- Still an open position at this time

### Quad City

- See finance section for Quad City Tournaments

### Travel

- No updates

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- Mike reached out to MYAS: 2026 MYAS new rules: safety base and potentially adding 4 games to the season
- Mike requested the season overview and recommendations from MYAS
- Mike requested date that tournaments open for registration

### Player & Coach Development

- **Action Item: Dan/Andrew reach out to Kendra to start winter clinic reservations**
- Winter Clinics
  - **Action Item: Andrew providing potential schedule to Dan. Dan will reach out to Kendra and CC Andrew.**
  - **Action Item: When schedule confirmed Tay will help communicate**
  - Could we look into Elk River or Becker for a facility to have on clinic in - similar to last year.

### Equipment

- Container arrived
- Mounds arrived
- Need to create shelving to hold new pitching mounds (build, buy, donation)
- **Action Item: Mike, Joe, and Andrew is looking into racking for container**

### Volunteer

- No updates for this meeting

### Uniforms/Apparel

- Alyssa is meeting on 9/11 with uniform company - Walking Billboards, St. Cloud
  - Both M&M shirts and 9U-15U jerseys
- Hats through squadlocker could be an option if we want same hats
- Nikki motions that 2026 uniforms be two jerseys (home & away) and a hat. Belt, Pants, and Socks would be communicated to parents and players/families are responsible for those items. Mike hoorn seconds motion. All in favor - 8 Nye-1 Abstains-0 Motion Passes.
- Alyssa sent form to board members for input on uniform choices.

### Community Involvement / Sponsorships

- Dan delivered a framed jersey to Shield Pro for their 2025 sponsorship!
- Grounds crew gathered quotes to update 3 Liberty Fields, and 4-plex fields
  - \$17K quote
  - CE willing to contribute \$6,500
  - Softball willing to contribute in
  - We could bring this request to SpudFest for financial assistance
- Tay discussed updating sponsorship packet for the 2026 season

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- **Action Item: Mike reaching out to a company interested in sponsoring via concrete work/labor.**

2026 Focus Ideas for SpudFest, Sponsorship Requests, etc.

- SpudFest Ideas/Request
  - \$6K Funds to contribute to updating 3 liberty fields and 4-plex
  - \$15K Covered dugouts at liberty & Fix broken bench at liberty
  - \$4,500 Pitching machines
  - \$15K Scoreboards (teaming up with softball) - Multi Year
  - \$1,500 New/additional drags to leave at fields
  - **Action Item: Dan/Nikki/Tay filling out form and submitting**
- Sponsorships
  - Hit sticks
  - Left handed catchers mitts
  - Chalk/Diamond Dry
  - Player line-up boards
  - Coaches bag
  - Cover cost to have someone like mash, Starz SCSU camp, or other come in for a clinic in Big Lake - opening it up to all players interested in baseball and not just those registered to play
  - Any type of shelving we may need for the shed/container
  - Some signage/feather flags to use at events like registration night, photo night, first games of the season, and those types of events - doubling as a way to show where we are at and also use for celebration events.

Evaluations

- Date: January 25th 1pm-6pm
- **Action Item: Tay to post "save a date" for January 25th evaluation date - Mandatory Travel Team Evaluations**
- Potentially collect a fee up front via tryout registration and place a "hold" on cards
  - Player makes travel - release hold and collect funds
  - Players that make QC - Do not process the fees
  - Players who register for travel and pull out of travel team will have the hold release for BLBA to collect funds
    - Players potentially moved to QC to not play
- Do we have a parent meeting prior to January tryouts?
  - Focus on those interested in travel, new to the association, etc.
- **Action Items: Mike, Lawrence, Henry, and Andrew, Jeff to bring proposal**
- **Action Item: Tessa to ask Augie what template they use for station plan, scoring, team genius app. CC Lawrence on the email to make introductions. Also request a tour of the facility to go over typical tryout plans.**

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Mass registration & Uniform Try-ons

- Likely sometime in February

Next meeting

- Action Item: Tessa to set up location for next meeting on October 8th 6pm

Meeting adjourned 10:37