

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

Date: 7/14/24

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Mike Smith	President	Present
Dan Grove	Vice President	Present
Nikki Possehl	Treasurer	Absent
Giselle Hattesohl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Present
Vacant	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	N/A
Jason Reimringer	Member At Large – Webmaster	Present
Katie Laney	Member At Large – Volunteer Coordinator	Absent
Tessa Miller	Member At Large – In House Coordinator	Present
Mike Horn	Board Member	Absent
Katie Erickson	Board Member	Present
Loren Holthaus	Associate Director	Absent
Guests		

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
QC Tournament	Discussed plans for the weekend's upcoming tournament and volunteer slots	Go over how many families have volunteer hours unfulfilled. Emailed out to families that this weekend is a last opportunity.

Tryouts	Discussed plan for upcoming tryout sessions	Dan will check on availability of locations/Flexx for each of the dates spoken of. Create an informational packet for parents/players of what to expect for tryouts.
End of season transition	Discussed our ideas for end of season/looking forward to next season	Katie E. will create a Coach Survey to send out. Look into making a plan for a parent included open forum to debrief from season in a meeting.

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		Start thinking about how to add on sponsors from local businesses.
Election	Discussed upcoming election	Nomination committee to create the ballots for upcoming election (August 11) upon completion of registration deadline.

Minutes:

QC Tournament -

Speaking of volunteer slots, there are a lot of open slots still. Katie/Jason/Dan to go over the unfulfilled/fulfilled volunteer hours through now so that we can see who still needs to volunteer. Jason sending another email out to families to let the know this is a last opportunity. Checks to be cashed 7/22 AM.

For the tournament – Friday board members available should meet at the fields at 4:00. Saturday morning would be 9:30 meet up. Sunday morning as well. Once games on our fields are finalized – we need to let Brian know so he can line up umpers properly.

Tryouts –

We will be trying to set up fall tryouts on August 17 or 18 based on Flexx availability. We will plan to do 2 tryout sessions again, one in fall and one in spring again. Spring tryout date plan will be February 8th at the Dome in St. Cloud again (Dan checking availability). Tryouts will be \$40/player this year, pay only once per child – so second tryout in Spring will not be charged if they paid for tryout in Fall.

We will notify players they have made the team in the spring when the team is formed. Proposing that only the Vice President & President to know the scores of each player this year.

We will need to regulate bat requirements for the 14 & 15 age group for tryouts – based on league guidelines.

Coaches that have applied and been chosen before tryouts can attend tryouts – they will be allowed to watch the tryouts, simply to see everyone's ability – not there for grading or helping.

Ashley brought up asking all players to tryout – requiring even children for Quad City league to tryout so teams can be formed based on scores.

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Katie E. would like to see us have an informational write up for both parents and players to know what to expect from Tryouts before hand. Information on what to expect of the tryouts and what to prepare for and also information telling them how it will go after tryouts – when to expect to hear anything or when they will receive their own scores/what scores might mean (scored out of however high).

Looking into end of season transition –

Coach surveys to be prepared by Katie E. and sent out within a week or so. We will also get on to sending out communications to get Coach applications going.

Dan would like to plan a specific time in the transition months – maybe September – to have an end of season/looking forward type of open forum. Parents can come with concerns, questions, ideas for next year and we will go over budget and spending. Debriefing from the current season and talking about looking toward next season.

Another thought for next year – adding on sponsorships. We can look into creating packages of Sponsorships for different tiers of payment/reward for the business. Ideas of maybe naming fields after businesses, naming equipment or having names on shirts/Naming M&M teams after businesses that have donated specific amounts.

Upcoming voting –

Travel coordinator will be added onto ballot, as current coordinator had this term to end this year.

Nomination committee to make plans for ballots.

Nomination Committee was appointed by the president at a separate meeting held on Monday, July 8th

Election will be held at the next meeting – August 11 from 5:00-6:30 at the Middle School. Results will be announced at 6:30 followed by the meeting.

Secretary position to be appointed – Ashley motions to nominate Tessa Miller to fill the spot of Secretary effective as soon as the opening 7/20/2024. 2nd by Katie E. and voted in favor by all.

Adjourned meeting 8:25 PM

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