

**Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Board Meeting**  
**August 13, 2014**  
**Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine**  
**7:00pm**

**Board Members:** Ernie Johnson – President; Rick Fanning – Vice President; Carl Nyberg – Treasurer; Sarah Anderson – Secretary; Pete Riola – Blaine Traveling Director; Doug Kaltved – SLP Traveling Director; Jason Vogel – Equipment Director; Carrie Folstrom – At Large; Erik Fenn – Fundraising; Scott Gagnon – Uniform & Apparel Coordinator; Kathy Coello – Tournament Director; Justin Kehner - Assistant Tournament Director

**In Attendance:** Ernie Johnson, Rick Fanning, Carl Nyberg, Sarah Anderson, Pete Riola, Erik Fenn, Scott Gagnon, Justin Kehner

**Not in Attendance:** Doug Kaltved, Jason Vogel, Carrie Folstrom, Kathy Coello

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President, Ernie Johnson

**Open Forum:** None

**Executive Reports**

- Secretary's Report – Sarah Anderson
  - June minutes reviewed and passed. No meeting was held in July.
- Treasurer's Report – Carl Nyberg
  - July 16<sup>th</sup> – Most of large expenses have been paid. Balance will be at approximately \$15,000 after we pay upcoming year's NSC Workout fees.
  - Erik Fenn presented \$109 check from Buffalo Wild Wings from the donation cards they gave to us in the spring. A portion of each check was given to BATBA for people who turned their card in when they dined.
- President's Report – Ernie Johnson
  - Athletic pinnies were ordered for tryouts.
  - Discussed uniforms. We will review possibilities for future uniforms later in the year.
  - Discussed player ejection policy. Board discussed that player should sit out next game; however the coach can appeal to the Board of Directors. Ernie will put together proposal for Board vote.

**Old Business**

- Season Recap
  - The Association had a strong season. We had strong overall records and many strong showings and placements in tournaments.
  - We won 3 State Championships: 10U AAA won GSTC and 11U AA Spring Lake Park won MBT and GSTC. These were the first State Championships for BATBA Teams in our history.
- Coaching Evaluation Update
  - Pete delivered a review of the 2014 Coaching Surveys. Board discussed process and results. Some AAA Coaching decisions were made, based on tryout results. AA Coaches were also discussed. They cannot be named until initial tryouts are completed.

**New Business**

- BBC Renovations current and "wish list" discussed. Community groups are looking for additional funds to complete desired projects. BATBA had already allocated \$3,000 for the project and will consider up to \$2,000 additional, based on project scope.
- Discussed current renovations and current and proposed projects. Additional money will be needed.

- 2015 Coaches' Interviews were discussed. Ernie will schedule times and staff will need to be confirmed to interview new potential coaches over next couple of weeks.
- Fall Tryouts and Procedures
  - Discussed age guidelines on teams and tryouts. Board clarified rules.
  - Discussed Tryout Pool Call-Back Policy.
  - Discussed potential number of teams at each level as possible levels of play to offer.
  - Motion made by Ernie and seconded by Rick Fanning and passed by Board for 10U AA and 11U AA to have required 2<sup>nd</sup> workout/callback after AAA team is selected.
- 2015 Teams
  - Discussed vision for Spring Lake Park program. We will table until next meeting.
  - 13A first year was very successful.
  - We discussed 14AAA and 14AA and if numbers and talent permit, we will consider a second AA Team.
- Discussed that numbers at 13 typically are large. Discussed that we make it a goal to have 13AAA, 13AA, 13A. This would also consider creating three 14U Teams the next year (dependent on numbers and talent).
- Spring Lake Park teams are projected at each age level for 2015.
- General Membership Meeting/Fall Elections are coming up. We have multiple positions to fill as terms are ending for some key positions.

#### **Board Reports**

- Blaine Traveling Director's Report – Pete Riola
  - Discussed Coaches' Reviews and named many of the AAA Coaches. Discussed next steps.
  - Will get 10U interviews scheduled.
- SLP Traveling Director's Report – Doug Kaltved
- Equipment Director's Report – Jason Vogel
- Uniform Coordinator's Report – Scott Gagnon
- Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Sarah Anderson
- Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Erik Fenn
- Tournament Director's Report – Kathy Coello
- Asst. Tournament Director's Report – Doug Kaltved
- VP's Report and Monthly Review Checklist – Rick Fanning

#### **New Business for next meeting**

- Tryouts for next year.
- Coaches Expenses.
- Tournament Fees for teams.
- Annual Meeting planning.

Next meeting will be: Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7:00pm at the BBC Building.

**Meeting Adjourned by President Ernie Johnson at 9:45pm.**