

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



Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, February 5th @ 7:00pm

Location: Getaway, Big Lake, MN

Recorder: Tessa Miller - Secretary

Attendance:

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	P	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	A
Mike Horn	Vice President	P	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	P
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	P			
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Ashley Luoma	MAL – Director M&M	P	Loren Holthaus	MAL – Associate Director	A
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Derek Schneider	Guest	P
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P	Stephanie Mericle	Guest	P
			Sarah Gosewisch	Guest	P

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 and send to webmaster to post.	Approved. Tessa send to Tay to post on website.	Tessa
Open Forum	For additional discussion and/or open to public	See minutes below	
Bylaws	Nikki updating per board comments	See minutes below	Nikki
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See minutes below	
Team Photos	Planning in process - Discuss 9U-15U Date: May 14, 15, or 16 Discuss M&M Timeline	Board decided on May 16th for photo day. Tessa to confirm with photographer and facilities	Tessa
Equipment Assessment	Review current equip inventory- determine what is needed for 2025 season	Joe will review equipment needs once we have number of teams. He will reach out to local company for quotes.	Joe

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Winter Clinics	Updates Participant Shirts	Tay sending out communication regarding Feb. 14th clinic being structured similar to evaluation to prepare players for the experience	Tay
Uniforms	View Samples Discuss Timeline	Tessa to bring changes to uniform supplier	Tessa
Apparel	Pop-up Store Update & FanGear (Squadlocker) update Funds from Squadlocker	Logo options and apparel option in process	Tessa
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	Dan to review current sponsorship packet	Dan
Mass Registration	Follow Up Communications	Mike will reach out to those that played last year not registered	Mike
Spring Tryouts	Review To-Do Doc	Tessa will resend out to-do document to ensure all items are covered by board	Tessa

Mike Horn called the meeting to order at 7:05

Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Tessa Miller requested a motion. Nikki motioned, with Dan Grove. Seconding. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- Parade - Spud Fest
 - Moon Motors may have an unit we
 - Shawn in sales may be a person to reach out to for sponsorship

Bylaws

- Nikki reviewing bylaws
- Ashley and Nikki setting up time to review

Finance Update

- Our bank is now National Bank of Commerce
- Treasurer linking up accounts
- 2025 winter clinics brought in about \$3,500
- Spring evals brought in about \$1,275
- Season reg brought in about \$30,000+
- MM reg brought in about \$2,500

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- League enrollment payments this week
- Umpires - Going through northstar
- Equipment & Treasurer working together regarding budget for new equipment needed for 2025 season

Team Photos

- Date Options: May 14, 15, or 16
- Board decides May 16th
- M&M dates - Try to avoid June 14/15
 - **Action Item: Tessa to reach out to sportsline and Kendra to confirm open June dates**

Equipment Assessment

- Will need more tee's average about \$50/tee
 - **Action Item: Joe reaching out to local store for price quotes, baseballs, tee's, hit sticks, M&M certain size bats**
 - **Action Item: Tay creating post about those that may want to donate M&M size bats**
- L Screens - Liberty does not currently have l screens for their fields - 2 more screens would be desirable
- Mention of potentially setting up an amazon wish list for needed equipment
- Storage - Conex Box quoted out. Next steps working through site plan with school

Winter Clinics

- Participant shirts being handed out
- We are cancelling winter clinic for Super Bowl Sunday
 - **Action Item: Dan Grove sending out email to parents**
- Feb 14th clinic will mimic tryout stations as prep
 - **Action item: Tessa to bring pocket radar**
 - **Action Item: Tay will send email out to those registered from 2nd grade to encourage them to go to the 14th for evaluation prep**
 - 9-11 = 6:-7:30
 - 12-15 = 7:30-8:30
 - Target link: Everyone that registered for the season
 - **Action Item: Dan will send out email to those registered for travel that have not yet registered for evaluation**

Uniforms

- Input - Jersey
 - Flag on same sleeve
 - Remove white stripe on sleeve
 - Use "BL" font for "Big Lake" and "Hornets"
 - Use block for player name (like last year)
 - Yellow Jersey - blue "BL" on sleeve
- Input

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- Hats - with ventilation (hot last year) - Richardson hats?
 - "BL" logo
- Belts & Socks
 - Same as last year
- Pants
 - Getting samples from Squadlocker
- **Action Item: Tessa to send uniform input and questions to Squadlocker**

Apparel

- Current store runs until Feb. 22
- Fan Gear Store: Apparel logos and garment options in process and will start after current store closes.

Community Involvement / Sponsorships

- **Action Item: Dan will finalize packet from Tay**
- Sarah G will assist with getting word out and asking businesses and tracking
- ETS - potential sponsor and also putting together a package for BLBA players
- Tay has created a draft of a sponsorship page for the website to include sponsor logos
- Self Addressed envelopes

Mass Registration

- **Action Item: Mike Horn to reach out to parent about scholarship opportunity**
- **Action item: Tessa to look for scholarship application link**
- **Action Item: Mike will reach out to those that played last year not registered - Tay will send Mike the contact information**

Spring Tryouts

- **Action Item: Tessa resend out to-do list to board**
- Per Dan - we can use Elk River's pitching machine
- **Action Item: Joe asking if Halvorson if he can attend and help**

M&M Update

- Season guide and registration flyer in the process
- Informational meeting on April 8th at 6:30 in BL HS Lecture Hall to learn about it and turn in volunteer check
 - Needs 3 board members to help
 - Can sell left over M&M jerseys
- **Action Item: Tessa to reach out to Squadlocker on youth shirts and youth trucker snapback hats**
- **Action Item: Tessa can reach out to Alyssa to possibly help out with an equipment collection. Mike can help set up a date/time for equipment drop off at the shed. Could hand out equipment at the M&M informational meeting**

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- Would like to have a coaching meeting/clinic to help get the coaches get started on the right track.

Coaches Background Check

- **Action Item: Mike Horn will be owner of coaches and background checks. Tessa to send him the email draft from the 2024 season.**

Mike Horn motions for 1 free player registration per board member. Ashely Luoma seconds motion. Aye - 4. Abstein - 2. Motion passes.

Coaching Staff for 9u-15U Quad City/Travel

- Head coaches (1)
 - Receive 1 free player registration
 - Waived VOLunteer
 - Store Code - \$50
- 3 Additional positions in combination of:
 - Asst. Coaches/Team Manager
 - Waived volunteer
 - Store Code - \$25

Game Changer

- Suggested that we use GameChanger for each team.

Motion to adjourn at 9:09. Motion passes.