



BATBA Board Meeting Minutes (4/9/26)
8pm Hanson House

Attendees

Lindsey Hanson
Ryan Busch
Erik Peterson
Chris Cazin
Chris Coleman
Steven Miller
Josh Eernisse
Jenna Coauette
Denielle Sanders
Beth McWilliams
Katelyn Glowacki

Title

President
Marketing & Communications Director
Traveling Director (9U & 11U)
Travel Director (12 & 14U)
Traveling Director (13U) & Senior Advisor
Tournament Director
Assistant Tournament Director
Registration & Volunteer Director
Equipment & Scheduling Director
Social Media & Co-Fundraising Director
Spirit Wear & Co-Fundraising Director

Absent

Marc Bjorkland
Lindsey Kirkham
Don Bonitati

Title

Vice President
Treasurer
Assistant Tournament Director

- Treasury Report
 - Lindsey shared the Treasury Report
- Travel Director Updates
 - None
- Tournament Update
 - Hammel 10AAA withdraw, trying to find a replacement.
 - Schedule is tentative on paper, just need to get it loaded into the system. Would like to have the 10AAA spot filled before finalizing.
 - Once finalized, can get the volunteer timeslots created, which will be sent to Ryan and Jenna to start creating Dibs. Ryan and Jenna to work together to use the Dibs .csv template to load volunteer opportunities and upload into SportsEngine.
 - Not using Peterson fields for now, but they are reserved.
- Facilities
 - Discussed NSC issues with coordinator (again), the league director will reach out to all teams, and the on-site director will be included in all future conversations
 - Orders placed for new field equipment (2 screens/4 rakes), cost split w/ SLP, should be arriving soon
 - I have 12 Bengal trophies in Bjorklund garage.
 - Working scoreboards are now finished at BBC 5+6, using the same Bluetooth tech as Peterson and Lexington, coaches have been sent instructions.

- Field maintenance instructions have been sent to all coaches, along with guidelines for each specific field
- Volunteer & Registration Updates
 - 2 volunteers are set for BATBA team pictures
 - 6 volunteers set for beer bust next Saturday
- Scheduling
 - Schedule Build should be complete for all teams by the end of the day
 - Home Field Availability - Done
 - Schedule Build – 3/31 – 4/7 – Done tonight
 - Coaches need to now get all games into bookafield, reminder has been sent
 - Marc collecting final schedules to send to Gail at Arbiter/GT Officials
 - First league games will begin for BATBA on 4/27
 - Generally nothing will start until at least the week of 4/22, or more likely 4/29
 - Change coming in Arbiter, transitioning to GT Officials, they are running in parallel for now
 - GT Officials allows you to rate your umpire, and in turn, they get to rate the coaches
- Connected Coaches
 - Connected Coaches is scheduled for May 1 to run the indoor practices at Transform and do the swing analysis for each team.
- SBAA
 - Continuing to have discussions with SBAA. There is a board meeting this upcoming Monday and we would like to have all field, equipment concerns locked in ASAP.
- Fundraising Updates

Jersey Mikes, Goddard, Park Dental, and Transform Sports would be good opportunities.
- Communications & Marketing Updates
 - Reminder: Register for Baseball Photos!
 - Blaine High School Youth Night
 - 2026 Bengal Bash Tournament Schedule and Volunteer Opportunities
 - 2026 Blaine Bengal Bash Tournament – Thank You!
 - Tournament t-shirts
- Uniforms
 - All distributed, minor changes in progress
 - Only one mistake for spirit wear (Rambow shipped a L instead of a M). Rambow corrected the problem.
 - Coach's hats and extra hats (79 total hats) are reprinted and will be delivered to Ryan Friday, April 10th. Can distribute what we can at Friday practices or we can just distribute at pictures since all coaches will be in the same location.
- Miscellaneous Items

Challenger League

- Received the schedule for the upcoming season from Michelle, Mark to send out next week

For Fundraising

- Should get on BYHA agenda in May
- BATBA Beer Bust
 - We get a bay, balcony, and outdoor area
 - Homerun contest for a Bengal trophy

- Baskets are getting completed and being delivered to Beth.

DIBS

- Possibly need a day for mound rebuild at Cloverleaf. Maybe 4/19, 4/25, or 4/26? Probably need 3 people and they need to bring spade shovels, 3 hours earned. Volunteers to help on the Board? (This was subsequently changed and we feel board members can complete this work)
- Field prep on each field is a possibility.

GAMECHANGER

- GameChanger model is changing as they are only permitting 5 recorded games per team under the non-paid account features. Vote to buy the paid (“Plus”) version of Gamechanger for each team, which would permit each team and their fans to record and watch all games through GameChanger. Chris C. to contact GameChanger and figure out pricing. Board approved expenditure up to \$3k. (Subscription pricing subsequently obtained by Chris C. at “Buy 9, Get 3 Free Plus = \$2,151”. Board approved via text string). Planning to send communication to the association to notify them, just waiting on details to add to the message.