

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



Date: 02/06/2023

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Mike Smith	President	Present
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Dan Grove	Treasurer	Present
Giselle Hattesoehl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Present
Terra Bruns	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	Virtual
Jason Reimringer	Member At Large – Webmaster	Present
Loren Holthaus	Associate Director	Present
Guests	Mike Bessette, Tessa Miller, Dave Nelson, Mike Horn	

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
Old Business	Review/approve minutes, YTD financial review	Approved.
New/Continued Business	Finalize logistics. Team formation. Jr. League discussion	Pick a registration end date. Form teams within the week of registration ending.
Registration	Mass registration/M&M registration/Update on online registration	Chose dates to set up for a mass in person registration.
Coaches	Process of selecting travel coaches/Certification/Coaches Apparel	Mass communications to prospective coaches will go out within the next day. Send applications out/background check. Certification was going to get a pass this year if coach is returning until next year. Coaches apparel is still needing to be finalized on what our process here will be.
Tournaments	Big Lake tournament update/Travel Team tournaments	Mike to start looking at which tournaments to set up for teams.

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Website	Past meeting minutes/Overall layout of pages	James & Giselle to work on gathering all the past minutes from March 2022 until present time so we can post them up to date. Jason has notes for registration page tidbits to add
Equipment Ordering Umpires Bylaws		Need to inventory current equipment and get new things to exchange outdated pieces. Umpires search will be on, will send out emails/texts/communication to gather a new master list of umpires Bylaws will still need to be changed, looking at them via email as a board for the time being

Minutes:

6:33 pm called to order by Mike

Minutes reviewed & approved by all.

YTD financials are in good standing, nothing outstanding. All 1099's have been issued.

Mike & Dan have secured purchase of 5 new tablets for the association to use. We will use them for registrations, for the evaluators at tryouts, etc. Mike motions to approve the purchase of the tablets, 2nd by James, approved by all.

Tryouts :

Location secured at high school gym, Evaluators are set, Timeframe is 8am-3pm

Parent topic on tryouts:

Mike Bessette's son has not yet been cleared for this weekend's tryouts from a humerus break. He was not able to tryout in the fall due to a UCL tear from baseball before fall. Loren brought up that in high school they will take last year's score from tryouts in a case of medical need. Medical reasoning would be the only exception. As a board the decision is made to take his score from last year's tryout in this case.

Side note : in future cases such as this, it would need to be done like this parent has done. Parent contacts the board, comes to a meeting, follows every avenue possible and we will vote based on the circumstance. Bylaws will need this standard procedure added in during update.

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Forms from Robert for tryouts are in possession and just need to be uploaded to the tablets once they are in hand. Mike to send the form via email chain to the board so we may see them as well.

After this year's tryouts we will want to look at what's being graded and change it as needed. Loren will try to get some high school help for us to have stations at tryouts. Otherwise we will also cover stations as a board as needed.

Tryout scores to be posted by tryout number and grade level.

Team formation to be posted by 2/18, board meets on 2/15 to go over scores/teams.

****this may change now due to mass registration date changing to later in the month****

For coaches : we will form teams then send out communications again to see who is available to coach each team.

Junior Legion Team :

Discussed as a group the decision as a board to let the junior team play as their team. They will not be a part of the association.

Tips on Registration site :

Add volunteer fees, registration fees per age so the cost is up front before signing up. Also add the required volunteer hours on there (as a group we decided to bring the hours down to 4 instead of 5 this year).

Majors & Minors will need quite a few more pieces of information added to registration, Ashley has a list of things to add to them.

Coaches :

We will need to send out applications and have background checks on coaches that are applying. We will vote for coach as a group if there are more than one application per team. USA baseball credentials : All returning coaches from last year can take this year off from certifications, then next year will need to complete up to level C. New coaches coming on will need to complete up to the level B before coaching.

Coaches apparel : Terra to reach out to BSN and see if we can get a code for coaches. Most coaches wanted just a jersey and a hat for apparel so have that possibly be the standard free apparel for them then a code for a discount on other choices they can order.

Tournaments :

Dibs page will need to be set up soon and also have volunteer hours added in.

Travel team tournaments : Mike will set up tournaments

Equipment shed : We need to take inventory on all equipment we have and order new/replacement pieces for whatever is out of date/expired.

Umpires : We will need to send out communications to see who we can add to our umpire list. We will discuss payment for umpires this year and setting up a timely payment schedule for them.

Bylaws : We need to change them, Ashley will send out a set of bylaws with highlighted pieces we need to change and then we have notes as a group of what to add in.

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9:20 pm James motions to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Mike, meeting adjourned.