

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball
February 12, 2015
Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm

Board Members in attendance: Sarah Anderson, Kathy Coello, Rick Fanning, Erik Fenn, Jaymi Greseth, Al Gottschalk, Justin Kehners, Traci Payne, Jason Vogel and Matt Westlund.

Board members absent: Jim Conlee and Scott Gagnon.

Call to order: Rick called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Secretary minutes January 8, 2015 approved via email. Traci will email final to Sarah to post to website

Welcome: Rick Fanning/President

Public Forum – None

New Business

Team Pictures with Sports Star

- It was decided that we would continue pictures with Sports Star. They will keep their prices firm for three years. They also offer all options for pictures including Fatheads, Memory Mates, Panoramic and Photos Over Time. Date for team pictures is April 29th at Soderville. Some discussion if we could move the pictures to NSC; we may also move the date. Rick will look into it.

Treasurer's Report

- Matt followed up with a discussion we had about getting online vs software Quick Books. Matt ended up going through Techsoup (www.techsoup.org) and purchased Quick Books for \$45. The money we saved will be applied to looking into a laptop. Rick is asking his employer to make a laptop donation – tbd. A suggestion was made to check Micro Center in St. Louis Park.
- Matt also passed around the BATBA balance sheet which includes pending invoices we will receive. Some question about an invoice due to NSC. Some clarification needed.

Committee Reports

Policies – Rick Fanning

- Second registration is this Sunday, Feb 15 at NSC. There are 77 players left after Tuesdays first final registration. Most of the Board will be there including three volunteers for the 5 hours. Things went pretty well including no negative feedback on the \$100 payout (only 11 buyouts). Most registering wrote a check to hold and would volunteer.
- Sponsorship – Discussion on this possible opportunity that Jaymi has brought to the Board. Rick is drafting a Sponsorship Policy for SBAA as there is no history or information of anyone doing it. Looking at sponsorship with logo on the uniform jersey or t-shirt. From discussions Rick has had with Soderville, Corrine

has indicated they are on board that any money we would raise with sponsorship would go directly to BATBA. However, there would need to be some clarification in the new policy as BATBA is under the SBAA umbrella. We would not want to have any conflicts arise.

Development – Al Gottschalk

- Al shared feedback that he has received on the spring training and it has varied. Some Coaches are giving feedback that they want their own space for their Teams and the Board had much discussion over this feedback and how to handle. Jim Conlee is in the process of rescheduling things and is planning for February to stay with the clinic format and move to the team format in March. The clinic format has been administratively challenging. Thank you to Al, Justin and Jim for listening to this feedback.

Fundraising Erik Fenn

- Brunswick Spaghetti dinner (spaghetti, breadsticks and salad) and Silent Auction is March 21st. Times are 3-5 pm and 530-730 for dinner and Silent Auction should overlap both dinner times. Rick suggested the Committee meet again to firm up that time. There was also some discussion on potential donations for Silent Auction; could they be used to satisfy the 6 hr volunteer time? We agreed that it could be a slippery slope to be on and we were not ok with the work place donating and the families getting the credit. We will continue to discuss that side.

(Sarah, this is where I left off. If you can submit your notes to me, I will circulate. Thank you so much for your help!)

Minutes submitted by Traci Payne, Secretary
And Sarah Anderson

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