



724 W Washington St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 8, 2024

Meeting Time: 7pm

Meeting Location: Zoom Meeting (Due to weather)

CALL TO ORDER Time: 7:03 pm

1. Roll Call:

Chris Velasco

Matt Castle

Phil Berg

Mike Derosier

Jeremiah Piepkorn

Andy Campbell

Corey Johnson

Absent: Nate Olson & Matt Means

2. Approval of past meeting Minutes, attached (Motion to approve minutes made by Matt Castle



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Seconded by Andy Campbell

No further discussion, motion carried)

3. Additions to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda ()

Chris requested to add discussion on Slump Buster tournament

Motion to approve agenda by Andy Campbell

Seconded by Matt Castle

No further discussion, motion carried

4. Open Forum:

5. President/VP Report – Chris/Corey

a. Talked with Coach Fairbanks (Chris talked with Coach Fairbanks and Coach expressed his desire to join us for skills as well as have his kids use the batting cages. Would like to combine winter skills session kids with his high school kids. Discussion on possible crowding issues. So far, we're down 40 kids from last year's numbers.)

b. New Travel Team in the BLA (A new travel team is being started in the Brainerd Lakes Area not associated with BBBA. Discussion wondering why and how this benefits kids in the area. Team insurance, scheduling fields, how other teams/tournaments will react towards this team all concerns brought into the discussion)

6. Treasurer's Report – Matt C.



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a. Up to Date Financials available to look over

Andy Campbell makes the motion to add the extra \$2500 coverage for medical expenses for a \$300+ add-on to the insurance policy the Board approved to purchase last month. Seconded by Chris Velasco. No further discussion, motion carried.

7. Secretary – Andy

a. Ideas in past minutes that need to be discussed, attached (Jeremiah to assemble the list of equipment needed for winter skills – send in an email.

Andy to get in touch with KO storage to rent a storage unit for around \$140/month with approval of up to \$150/month)

Old Business:

1. Vote on Bylaw Changes proposed at last meeting.

Motion to approve bylaw changes made by Corey Johnson, seconded by Andy Campbell. No discussion, motion carried.

2. Skills

3. Insurance for Association (already voted just talk about details) – talked about during Matt Castle's Treasure report

New Business:



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1. **Tournament Registrations so far – Chris** (75 teams signed up for BOTL already. Very happy with where registrations are at so far)
2. **Big Event Donation – Matt C.** (Chris made the motion to approve donating two registrations the BPSF Big Event and seconded by Corey. No discussion, motion carries.)
3. **AAA teams and 12AA have tournaments booked? – Mike D.** (The trend seems to be that tournaments are filling sooner and sooner every year. Our Association needs to consider getting teams signed up earlier next year to ensure we're locked in for all age groups)
4. **Fee to Community Ed** (Discussion around whether our financial support in the past actually made any significant impacts. In the past, this support was made to reduce the impact of travel players leaving rec ball. That support no longer seems to have the positive impact the Association hoped it would have. Motion made by Chris Velasco to stop payment (\$80 player fee) to Brainerd Rec ball for travel players electing to not play rec ball. Motion seconded by Mike Derosier. No further discussion – motion carries)
5. **Mike D's efforts to fundraise for Slump Buster tournament**
6. **Andy Campbell made a motion for the board to pay for team banners that would include team sponsors, seconded by Jeremiah Piepkorn.**
Discussion on defining what a team sponsorship will cost to include the logos of the team sponsors. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by: Andy Campbell

Seconded by: Phil Berg

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm