

**Tea Baseball Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Dec. 8, 2024 • 7 p.m. • Tea City Hall**

**NOTES**

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

1) CALL TO ORDER 7:07p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Rick, seconded by Mark. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES (11/17/24)

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

4) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES (Annual Meeting 11/21/24)

Motion by Mark, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

5) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

6) REPORTS

A. Chase the Ace — Looking ahead to 2025 game, we plan on updating some of the rules. The first night will be Friday, Jan. 3 at the Legion with the pot starting at \$1,000. We are seeking the Ace of Diamonds. The winner of the weekly raffle will receive 20% of the pot or \$400, whatever is less. Mark will update the form and ensure it works with the same QR code. Kevin will order envelopes. Amy will order new cards and update the rules. do some rule changes; new form is built and works with same QR code.

B. Sponsorship Committee — Rob planned to meet with the committee members Dec. 11. He asked board members to suggest additional sponsor contacts to the Google Sheet.

C. HS Baseball Meetings — Rob went to Deadwood for annual meeting. There were some rule changes. Playoffs are May 16-17, the same weekend as TAHS graduation. The State tournament is May 23-24 with the same format as last year.

Fees are now \$450 (\$250 in past). They are switching to a 501(c)3 to be able to take donations. Class A summer schedule will be done at a different date.

D. Chislic Feed — Kevin got a quote from Andrea that \$10/pound for beef (last year was \$7). Goal to meet with everyone shortly after the first of the year. We want to make sure we have enough equipment to ensure we can stay on top of food orders. Both Cory and Mitch have fryers and blackstones. Goal is to keep the Silent Auction to a similar size (25-30 packages) and trips and sporting tickets went over well. Mark will get in touch with Austin.

E. Board Member Tasks — 10u needs a coach. That same team also has nine players. Mark will send roster on to Mitch for him to get in touch. Chris should reach out to SEBA organization regarding Legion as they release their players. That might be the only shot we have to have Legion team in town because we don't have the numbers. Rob will pass on contact info.

F. Tea Steam — the three volunteers (Portner, McGregor, Ljunggren) are no longer interested in managing and coaching. Does TBA want to take it over? Tea Steam is Class A so they are allowed any player from any town. There are some questions regarding what the roster may look like and if TBA insurance can also cover Tea Steam for the same cost or a slight increase. Rob will respond that we are interested and any help in someone interested in playing/scheduling, etc.

G. Administrative Associate — Rob was approached by Dane Eide (Exec Dir for HS baseball) at the State A meetings about a contact looking to become an administrator for a local baseball program (Sioux Falls area). This person is looking for \$10K/annually and could help move TBA forward. Rob will talk to Dane more and will set up interview up with this person. We'll get more info.

#### 7) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

Rob and Amy are going to Chamber annual meeting Wednesday.

8) NEXT MEETING DATE — Jan. 5, 2025, 6 p.m.\*\*\* rescheduled to allow board members to watch the Vikings/Lions game that was flexed to prime time.

9) ADJOURNMENT 8:34 p.m.

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.