



FRIENDS OF BROOKINGS BASEBALL

Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda
Monday, October 23, 2023 | 7 p.m.
American Legion Post 74

1) Call to Order:

- a. Meeting call to order
- b. FOB Board and members present: Mike Lockrem, Brady Diercks, Graig Reicks, Sarah Schulte, Ryan Johnson, Amy Lease, Kelli Hanson, Adam Porter, Shawn Helmbolt, Zallie Prosser, Josh Jones, Michele Cofell, Matt Jones, Leah Burzlaff, Matt Hanson, Carter Roach, Justin Palmer, Bob Hurd.
- c. Additions to the agenda
 - Discuss a hazing policy

2) Secretary's Report: Approval of September minutes ([Handout Online](#))

- a. Bob Hurd made a motion to approve and Ryan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

3) Treasurer's Report

- a. Financial Report
 - As of Oct. 22, registrations were at \$86,352.05 with \$2,131.32 still outstanding in payment plans. Current cash on hand is \$82,401.22.
- b. Sponsorship Payment Update (Invoices)
- c. Tournament Finances

4) Old Business

- a. Batting Cages Construction Update
- b. Batter's Eye Update with additional trees
- c. Early Registration Update - Closes Dec. 15 (28 registered - 10/18/23)

5) New Business

- a. FOB Fundraiser
- b. Cubby's 9U-12U Tournament Umpires
 - 13u and up will umpire this tournament

6) FOB Policy Review

- a. [FOB Bylaws - The following revisions were made for the 2024 season:](#)

Article III - Officers

Section 4. *President.* The following was added to this position's responsibilities:

The President directs the overall vision and goals of the organization through strengthening community relations, long-term planning, finances and budgeting, capital projects, and development. The president will provide operational support to the organization and may delegate various responsibilities to other board members.

Ryan Johnson made the motion, which was seconded by Brady Diercks. Motion passed.

Section 5. Vice President. The following was added to this position's responsibilities:

The Vice President will also serve as chair of the organization's Culture and Responsibility Committee and perform such duties as outline the committee's charter. The vice president will also serve as the board's primary contact for matters related to FOB's youth baseball program and assist the Youth Baseball Coordinator with operations of the program to include travel teams, tournaments hosted by FOB and youth baseball season and season-ending tournament(s).

Matt Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Shawn Helmbolt. Motion passed.

Section 8. Marketing Director. The following was added to this position's responsibilities:

The Marketing Director shall have access to the FOB website *and serve as the organization's primary social media coordinator.*

Bob Hurd made the motion, which was seconded by Ryan Johnson. Motion passed.

Article IV - Board of Directors

Section 1. *Replace 12u, 10u, and 8u Directors with 12u, 11u, 10u, and 9u Directors.*

Amy Lease made a motion to table this until next year. Ryan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

The following new sections were proposed:

Section 2. *Age Directors roles will be to serve as the primary board contact for tournaments hosted by FOB in their respective age groups when applicable.*

Ryan Johnson made the motion and Sarah Schulte seconded. Motion passed.

Section 3. *Board members are not allowed to be travel team (9U, 10U, 11U, 12U) coaches.*

Kelli Hanson made a motion to NOT approve. Amy Lease seconded. Motion passed.

Article V – Officers and Board Member Compensation

Section 1. Waived fees. In addition to the President, Treasurer, Participation and Points Director, and Concessions Coordinator, the following will now have their player fees waived:

Vice President (based on additional responsibilities), Marketing Director (based on additional responsibilities and emphasis on growing sponsorships), and South Dakota Class A Baseball Representative.

Ryan Johnson made the motion. Bob Hurd seconded. Motion passed.

Section 2. Discounted Fees: *All other board members will have their fees waived beyond fees paid for 13U, 14U, 16U, Junior Legion and Senior Legion tryouts and/or travel team fees or in-house fees, whichever is greater. Discounts will also apply to members of the Bring on Baseball committee.*

Bob Hurd made the motion. Sarah Schulte seconded. Motion passed.

Other Changes

Since there were additions, Mike Lockrem made a motion to renumber the articles. Ryan Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

- b. [FOB Code of Conduct](#)
- c. [FOB Team Philosophies](#)

- d. [Committee for Culture and Responsibility](#)
- e. [9U-12U Travel Policies](#) – The following revisions were made for the 2024 Season:

Teams - The following statement will be removed:

Efforts will be made to limit each team to no more than 13 players, but expanded rosters may occur. It is the goal of FOB to have a minimum of 11 players per team.

Ryan Johnson made the motion, which was seconded by Sarah Schulte. Motion passed.

Travel Team Objectives & Playing Requirements

Players will participate in each game and efforts will be made to get a minimum of one at-bat and two innings in the field during a six inning game. Will be revised to read as follows:

No player will sit more than two innings and every player must play at least two different positions per game. If GameChanger is not use, coaches need to keep records of their line-up card.

No motion was made to adopt, so it will stay as written.

Equipment

Travel team uniforms can have one sponsor logo on the sleeve and must be the same look as the player purchased jerseys for 13U through Senior Legion teams.

Mike Lockrem made the motion and Ryan Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

- f. [7U-12U Youth Baseball Structure](#)

7) [State Class A Senior Legion Tournament](#)

- a. Opening Night Schedule - Monday, July 29, 2024
 - 5:30 - Opening Ceremony (Bob Shelden Field)
 - 6:00 - Legion State Tournament Banquet (Location TBD) and 3rd Place Game of Majors (11u/12u) In-House Tournament (Bob Shelden Field)
 - 7:30 – Championship Game In-House Majors Tournament (Bob Shelden Field)

Motion made by Ryan Johnson and seconded by Matt Jones. Motion carried.

- b. Team Banquet Update/Planning
 - i. Speakers
- c. Concessions
- d. Ceremony First Pitches
- e. Ticket Prices/Advance Sale
- f. Coaches Meeting (Post 74 Legion?)
- g. Tournament Logo
- h. Senior Legion Parents Meeting (Oct. 26)
- i. Hotels
- j. Webcast

8) 2024 FOB Hosted Tournaments (Tentative Dates?)

- a. June 7-9, 2024: Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill Classic (9U-12U)
- b. June 14-16, 2024: Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill Classic (13U & 14U)
- c. June 21-23, 2024: Cubby's Sports Bar and Grill Classic (13U/14U)
- d. July 12-14, 2024: Buffalo Wild Wings Classic (9U-12U)
- e. July 12-14, 2024: Buffalo Wild Wings Classic (16U)

9) Monthly Coaching, Director, and Coordinator Reports:

- a. Summer youth baseball (**Still Need One**)
 - i. I-29 League (U12)
- b. Concessions Update (Amy Lease)
- c. Points/Dibs (Zalie Prosser)
- d. Scheduling (Ryan Bauer)
 - i. 9U-12U State - Brandon Valley
 - ii. 13U State - Sioux Falls
 - iii. 14U State - Watertown
 - iv. 16U State - Rapid City
 - v. Junior Legion State - Pierre
 - vi. Remaining 13U-16U Schedules by mid-December
 - vii. High School Schedule - TBA
- e. Off-season workouts (Carter Roach)

10) Advertising / Sponsorship Update:

- a. Scoreboard
 - i. 5 spaces available for renewal
 - 1. Bozieds
 - 2. Hy-Vee (**Renewed in 2022 - 2023?**)
 - 3. Napa
 - 4. Swiftel
 - 5. Town and Country Shopper
- b. Outfield fence
 - i. 32 spaces available (**14 agreements and signs**)
 - ii. \$1000 each (some trade available)
 - iii. [List of companies available on Google Docs](#)

11) FOB Meeting Schedule

12) Meeting Adjourned

Ryan Johnson made motion. Sarah Schulte seconded.