

**Blaine Area Traveling Baseball**  
**July 13, 2015**  
**Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm**

**Board Members Present:** Sarah Anderson, Kathy Coello, Rick Fanning, Erik Fenn, Scott Gagnon, Al Gottschalk, Jaymi Greseth, Justin Kehner, Traci Payne, Jason Vogel and Matt Westlund.

Missing Board member: Jim Conlee

**Call to order:** Rick called the meeting to order

June minutes to be approved via email

**Public Forum** - None

**New Business** - None

**Treasurer's Report – Matt Westlund**

Financials – SBAA Overhead Expense commitment to be determined. Summaries of Cash Flow and Balance Sheet presented. Healthy financial position.

Expenses: Pending Porta potty bill from tournament and 15U uniforms.

Other: Volunteer Budget vs. Actual presented.

**Committee Reports – Kathy Coello and Sarah Anderson**

Sarah presented responses to internal Blaine Invitational Tournament Survey Monkey. Things to consider for 2016 tournament:

- Airport Park can be dangerous for 12U – discuss with city safety nets or other solution
- Building Bathrooms - need to be open at BBC sooner
- More of Peterson Review rules at check in
- Mixed views of Central Check-in - Online check in great - available for tourney??
- Committee to refine pool selection process
- How many teams to advance to bracket play
- All pools games end on Saturday if at all possible

Other suggestions...go to real invitational Sep schedule, smaller pools, more gatorade, add food trucks, speed up weather updates - rain out line MYAS, use twitter update, two tourney directors/two weekends....

Kathy - Felt tourney went well. Posed question of refund amount for MBT reclassification of a team. Board approved partial refund.

**Admin – Rick Fanning**

Blaine v SLP question. Keep community teams separate or combine like OMGAA?  
MUCH discussion between Board members covering all sides of this issue.  
Consensus was to keep BATBA teams as is = Blaine teams and SLP teams.

Fields: Peterson looks good – city to rebuild mound up Peterson West. Cloverleaf - if we do any field stuff do immediately after season Scheduling has been good on fields.

13U All Star Series at BBC5 and Peterson East August 8 & 9  
Jaymi to organize volunteers for this event.

### **Development – Al Gottchalk, Jim Conlee**

“A-ball” discussion.

Need a commitment from Soderville in-house. Currently 42 A-ball teams in MYAS. Consider a 9U team instead? Board discussion – at this point we are not going to pursue this level of baseball. Reconsider next year.

15U program – briefly discussed how 15U baseball is run. Need to consult with High School programs.

### **Survey Monkey parent feedback/Coach Evaluations**

Survey Monkey - Coach feedback will be sent out via email. Reply needed by July 31.

At season end - how were they? Traveling Directors to review and summarize for year-end discussions with coaches. Confidentiality is paramount to getting good feedback.

Registration #1 - Working with Corryn Anderson regarding on-line registration. Post cards ready to be stamped and mailed. Need to order new yard signs with “August” tryout information. Registration deadline is August 21.

Tryouts for August 28-30 – Justin Kehner to lead the 2016 Tryouts process

- Pre-tryouts will take place August 25-27
- Tryout pools to be set and posted on website by Wed, August 26
- Justin will be confirming evaluators
- Jaymi will be filling a few volunteer opportunities and paid HS workers for on-field work.

**Next meeting Thursday August 13, 2015 at BBC**

Adjourned Rick  
Motioned and seconded