



## **BATBA Board Meeting Minutes**

September 10, 2015

Blaine Baseball Complex, Blaine 7:00pm

**Board Members present:** Sarah Anderson, Jim Conlee, Rick Fanning, Al Gottschalk, Jaymi Greseth, Justin Kehner, Traci Payne, Jason Vogel and Matt Westlund.

**Board Members not present:** Kathy Coello, Erik Fenn and Scott Gagnon.

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

August minutes to be approved via email. Traci will circulate.

**Public Forum** – Parents attending to hear discussion on 12AA and 13AA team discussion. Luke McLain, Dustin Dobitz and Eric Potthoff - SBAA Board Member attended.

**New Business** - None

### **Treasurer's Report – Matt Westlund**

- Rick reported approximately 280 kids registered for tryouts almost \$30,000.
- We will process \$100 refunds in full to kids not placed on a team.
- Lots of late registrations, approximately 20 @ \$25 non refundable fee.
- Financially we are sitting well still. Matt will have the final summary presented at the October board meeting. SBAA and NSC expenses forthcoming.

### **Tryouts, Teams, Fields – Rick Fanning, Al Gottschalk, Jim Conlee, Justin Kehner**

- Process – Justin took the lead on 2015 Tryouts – thank you Justin.
- Biggest challenge - Having enough evaluators. Consider hiring external evaluators next year and charge a non-refundable tryout fee to offset this cost. Three evaluators per age level and field runners is a lot of organization.
- Callbacks must be scheduled ahead of time. All AAA one week, AA second week.
- Set times to meet with Coaches - preset as well once pools set.
- Double check football schedules to tweak schedules as needed.

## **Number of Teams for 2016 – add teams?**

### **9U**

- We will open registration asap once 10U call backs are completed.
- Requirements: Age eligible - 9 or younger as of May 1 2016.
- Sept 26 tentative date for tryout.
- Teams will be formed based on registrations and talent level.
- Invite 9U Provisional Coach and email blast those who have registered and online.

### **12U/13U**

Long discussion between Board. We reviewed the tryout numbers and based on those figures and evaluations determined we would not add another 12U AA team.

We decided to add a combined 13AA Blaine/SLP team. Justin and Jasion will discuss and target 6 players from each community. Justin motioned this, Rick seconded. Board not unanimous but motion passed.

### **Field Update**

- Peterson West mound (needs a rebuild – Volunteer opportunity). 10/17 is the target date.
- Lexington Athletic Complex upgrade (13U-15U).
- Cloverleaf update – City will re-grade, add ag-lime, install new bases and pitching rubber. No irrigation on this field but water is accessible.

### **Development – Al Gottchalk**

- NSC Training time proposal is a year round contract. Best way to get the better time slots and availability through the winter.
- Available time is Fri 5-9pm for Nov 6 to April 29 which would include the B section and batting cages.
  - Feb 21 open completely
  - March and April Weds 7-9 pm
  - 133 hours total = total cost \$16,500
  - Batting cages and NSC time as well \$3000
  - Time used priority to 10s and up

Rick motion to approve contract, Traci seconded. Board passed.

### **Volunteer Hours Update – Jaymi Greseth**

- Volunteer spot worked well – we need to double check emails with SBAA.
- Suggested to verify with coaches and email opportunities to them. Coaches explain on that first meeting with parents requirements or opportunities.
- Check email addresses? Talk to Corryn.
- 20 families will pay the \$100. Better system than credit card? BATBA charged a fee by the credit card company. However 20 families is a good response.
- Discussion over raising the Volunteer fee – we want volunteers not more money.

**Next meeting Thursday October 8, 2015 at 7 pm Lexington Athletic Complex**

Rick motioned to adjourned at 10:17 pm

Traci seconded