



FRIENDS OF BROOKINGS BASEBALL

Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda

March 16th, 2026

Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Post 74

1. Call to Order:

- a. Matt Jones made a motion to call the meeting call to order. Sarah Schulte provided a second. Board members present:

Brady Diercks (President), Mike Lockrem (Vice President, Umpire, and Tournament Ops.), Graig Reicks (Secretary), Sarah Schulte (Marketing Dir.), Robb McClemans (8u Dir./SD Class A Baseball Rep.), Matt Jones (Registration Dir.), Leah Burzlaff (Assistant Treasurer), Kelli Chandler (Points and Participation Dir.), Shawn Helmbolt (18u Dir.), Brad Jordan (16u Dir.), Adam Porter (14u Dir.), Julia Schaar (13/14u Dir.), Matt Hanson (12u Dir.), Justin Palmer (10u Dir./Youth Baseball Dir.), Robb McClemans (8u Dir./SD Class A Baseball Rep.), Bob Hurd (American Legion Representative).
Additional attendees: Carter Roach (Coaching Coordinator), Rhett Zalinsky (Jr. Legion Coach), Aaron Jorenby (Brookings Cubs).

- b. There were no additions to the agenda

- 2. Secretary's Report:** Brad Jordan made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Justin Palmer provided a second. Motion passed.

- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Melissa was unable to attend, but reported very little had changed since the February meeting. Shawn Helmbolt made a motion to approve. Justin Palmer provide a second. Motion passed.

4. Old Business

- a. There will be a new computer in the press box for playing music and recorded sponsorship ads
b. Concessions Manager – Nicole Anderson will fulfill this role for 2026.

5. New Business

- a. Elkton-Lake Benton is fielding a Legion Baseball team in 2026. Going forward, it appears players with Aurora addresses will have the opportunity to play in Brookings or Aurora. FOB will not release any players (who qualify to play in Elkton) this year.
b. Batting cages, outfield signs, padding, clean concessions and press box (weekend of March 21)

6. Monthly Coaching, Director, and Coordinator Reports:

- a. Summer Youth Baseball (Justin Palmer) – In-house (rec) had 280 signups for 12u and under. Due to the large roster size of, 9u will attend an additional tournament (6 now).
b. Concessions Update (Nicole Anderson) – None, but Adam Porter might be able to supply his refrigerated truck for cold drinks at the tournaments.
c. Points/Dibs (Kelly Chandler)
d. South Dakota Class A Baseball/Scheduling (Robb McClemans/Ryan Bauer) – Each SD Class A Baseball State Champion (3rd – 6th grade) will have the opportunity to play in the Cal Ripken Midwest Regional (9u-12u) in Sioux Falls (July 23 – 25) for a chance to qualify for the National Tournament. The registration cost is \$450 per team plus a \$25 background check per coach. Brady Diercks made a motion that if an FOB team qualifies for this tournament, FOB will pay these fees. Graig Reicks provided a second. Motion passed.
e. Spring/Summer Coaching Update –FOB will follow the school's direction in regards to the Alec Johnson situation. He'll not be coaching during the legal process. Carter Roach reported the updated coaching assignments for spring high school season Fresh/Soph (Addison Ronning – head, Jacob Kahle, Tate Helmbolt); JV (Rhett Zalensky -head, Nolan Miles, Zach Struck); Varsity (Carter Roach – head, Cole Mahlum, Jayden Gibson). Summer practice

schedules/locations were also announced.

7. Advertising / Sponsorship Update

Sarah Schulte reported that Rounds Construction, Courtesy Plumbing, and Lone Oak Dental are new sponsors. HyVee is showing interest, but will need to go through corporate.

8. FOB Meeting Schedule/Important Dates

Next meeting will be Monday, April 20, at Cubbys.

9. Shawn Helmbolt made a motion to adjourn and Sarah Schulte provided a second. Meeting adjourned.