

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, October 10, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank, 14091 Baxter Dr. Suite 201A, Baxter and (Virtual) Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

7:04 pm

Present:

Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Secretary	Ann Scheinost (Zoom)
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Matt Means
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director	Chris Valesco
Director	Mandy Vanek

Absent:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve this agenda, along with the meeting minutes from 9/18/2022, was made by Wade Haapajoki, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. New Board Member Discussion and Vote:
Board discussed increasing the number of members to thirteen. Rationale is the growth of the association and the need to distribute the increased workload. Motion to add two additional board members to increase the number of members to thirteen was made by Matt Means and seconded by Chris Valesco. Motion passed unanimously. After discussion and preliminary voting:
 - a. Motion to accept the resignation of Ann Scheinost as Secretary with end date to be determined (pending transition needs) made by Steve Hanson, seconded by Phil Berg. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Motion to accept all four applicants (Andy Campbell, Mike DeRosier, Corey Johnson, and Nate Olson) as new board members was made by Jeremiah Piepkorn, seconded by Matt Castle. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Discuss results of End of Season Questionnaire (as provided by Mandy): 38 responded to the questionnaire. Takeaways discussed:
 - a. Strive to better set game and tournament schedule expectations for the families. There were teams with many games/tournaments at the beginning of the summer, and none towards the end, or too many games without time to practice. Too many games vs. not enough. Engage the coaches in this discussion/decision.

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- b. What level of play are our teams at? How do we structure ourselves accordingly? MYAS has an interest how we do this. What could this look like as we move towards expanding play outside of the immediate lakes area (northern metro, Sartell, Bemidji). Challenges facing us include field availability for practices as parks and rec programs are priority.
 - c. FundU fundraising: The “would you participate” again response was 17 “yes”, 21 “no”. Buyout option was again brought to the table, which is not offered by this program. It is important to communicate to the families that proceeds from this fundraiser help to purchase equipment, keep registration fees affordable, etc.
3. Winter Skills (Jeremiah):
- a. Wednesday night gym times are booked for January/March
 - b. Do we charge a fee? We did not charge last year. After discussion, it was decided to not charge again this year.
 - c. Registration needs to be created on the website.
4. Rising Stars Clinic – MYAS (Steve) –Dawson Blanck / Eric Lovedahl: Could do an all-day Saturday, or half day Saturday and half day Sunday:
- a. Workable dates - Feb 25 (Saturday – all day?) and Feb. 26 (Sunday – 8-11)
 - b. We also have clinic opportunities at CLC: we could be doing a better job of communicating with Brian Voigt participate in their clinics
5. Pre-Try Out Skills and Try-outs 2023
- a. Tryout dates to schedule: March 4th and 5th (and the week that leads up to the 4th), as well as March 25th and 26th as a back-up.
 - b. Jeremiah to work with Jennifer Rushin to secure times
 - c. Create registration on the Website (Fees to be collected on the website this year?)
 - d. Have 2023 Team Tournament Schedule outlined before tryouts to set expectations
6. Decide on Purchases for Association with funds:
- a. Items to consider include portable mound for Bane, clay for mounds at Baxter Park, L-screens, Hack Attack pitching machine (\$3,500.00):
Purchase 2 Hack Attacks, 3 L-screens on wheels, and clay for Baxter
 - b. Rental Storage Shed? Other? Until we have our own designated storage space, it is vital to keep an inventory of equipment with location.
7. Parks update on fields/maintenance and upkeep

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Treasurer’s Report – Matt
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. City Fee(s) for Tourneys (Final for 2022); Brainerd and ISD181 invoiced for tournaments, Baxter has not.
 - i. Discussed donation to the City of Baxter for tournament support.
Motion to provide a donation to the City of Baxter in the amount of \$3,000 for tournament support was made by Wade Haapajoki, seconded by Matt Castle. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. MYAS Central League Contacts List from Lance Klinkhammser (MYAS) – (see emailed file)
 - a. Need someone to contact coaches in working to set a meeting to discuss Hotel Room Blocks for Summer Tourneys / 14AAA MYAS GSTC

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- b. Matt Means – has not yet heard back from Mary; can go ahead and start contacting hotels directly
- c. Need to get back to Dan Craighead and Dawson Blanck (MYAS) as soon as we can
- 3. Coaches Applications Need to be submitted by all coaches for the 2023 Season
 - a. 9U Coach Selection - Current 9U coaching staff to assist in selection

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, November 14, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank, 14091 Baxter Dr. Suite 201A, Baxter

ADJOURNMENT

9:19 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Valesco, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.