

# Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association BBBA

## Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 6, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm Central Time

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank Branch – 14540 Dellwood Drive – Baxter (Right by Target)

### **Call to Order:**

7:06 pm

### **Present:**

President	Steve Hanson
Vice President	Mandy Vanek
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Director	Andy Campbell
Director	Corey Johnson
Director	Chris Velasco
Director	Mike DeRosier
Director	Nate Olson
Director	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Matt Means
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn

### **Absent:**

Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Phil Berg

### **Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

Approval of agenda

- Motion to approve agenda with no additions made by Corey Johnson and seconded by Andy Campbell = motion unanimously approved

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### Open Forum

- Blair Mileski, parent, presented his case to have Board consider allowing his son Peyton to play in BBBA baseball instead of Pequot Lakes Baseball Association.
- Discussion to allow Blair's son to play with our Association. A review of our by-laws regarding this topic then took place. Board decision was, based on the language in our by-laws, to deny Peyton to join BBBA travel baseball because our by-laws state that if a child lives in a community or is enrolled in the school district of a community that also offers travel baseball, they will not be allowed to join BBBA travel baseball.

### Reports:

- Mandy Vanek, VP report
  - ❖ Question as to what is the Association's plan to handle spring break week for winter skills – Board agreed to cancel that week's skills session
  - ❖ Clothing store front for the Association is open for group 1 – need to communicate out to families to let them know about this via email and socials
- Corey Johnson, fundraising updates
  - ❖ Decision to go with FundRaisingU again in 2023 with a 75-25 split with them.
  - ❖ Proposed to have our fundraising blitz night the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ Make sure we send out as much information as possible to families the night of tryouts
  - ❖ 144 letters were sent out to organizations that offer charitable gambling skiing for donations from their proceeds. These letters went out at a cost of \$308.34 and have not received any checks yet.
  - ❖ He wrote a grant to the Crow Wing Power Community Trust asking for financial support for our portable mounds. They denied our request. Hoping to ask Essentia Health next.
- Mike DeRosier (by way of Mandy), coaching coordinator updates
  - ❖ 98% of ordered gear is in and will get to coaches soon
  - ❖ 12U is looking to join a new central MN league – more to come
  - ❖ Question was asked about showing a public calendar on our Association website with Association activities such as tryouts & skills nights
- Steve Hanson
  - ❖ Update from Dicks Sporting Goods that they will offer a store-wide coupon of 20% off one single purchase the weekend of spring tryouts

- ❖ Our local contact at Dicks, Betsy, encouraged us to submit a grant request for funds. Last year the Association got a \$500 gift card from Dicks. Additionally, Betsy wanted to learn more about our home tournament and potential sponsor opportunities.
- Chris Velasco suggested we move the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of tryouts from Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Jeremiah Piepkorn suggested that any uniform purchases need to be approved by the Board.

Motion to adjourn made by Matt Means and seconded by Corey Johnson. Unanimously approved.