

BRAINERD BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

LOCATION: Brainerd YMCA

DATE: March 18th, 2026

TIME: 6am



MEETING AGENDA

Attendees: **Charlie, Nick, Jess, Seth, Matt, Justin, Ellen, Troy, George, Scott, Alex**

- I. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:03a
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (Jan. + Feb.) / Alex motion / Seth 2nd
- IV. OPEN ISSUES
 - a. **June Meeting**
 - i. Team breakdown meeting
 - ii. Tryout process for players wanting consideration to move up
 - iii. Non-board, BBA contributor, free registration approval
 - iv. In-house / travel team registration bundle discount
 - v. 3 practices a week for older age groups
 - vi. Equipment tracking
 - vii. 5th + 6th In-house
 - viii. Fall opportunities – open gyms on Sundays
 - ix. Fall Community Ed. book advertisement
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Advertisement in fall Community Education book – table to June meeting
 - b. K-1 discussion (table decision to June meeting)
 - i. “Warrior Academy” @ Baxter(?)
 - ii. Sessions on Tuesdays + Thursdays for 45 min
 - iii. Maybe just one day during the fall session / two days during winter session?
 - iv. Funnel to / between YMCA programming on Saturdays
 - c. Surveys
 - i. 40+ parent surveys were returned
 - ii. Jess compiled data and broke down bullet points
 - d. Summer Friday training days
 - i. 3 Fridays identified – could have high school gym space from 9am – 1pm
 - ii. Luke Salo / Dyami Starks / Mark Hoge among those contacted to lead
 - iii. Ellen will follow up with the dates reserved
 1. Friday – June 26th, July 17th + July 24th
 - e. Fall opportunities
 - i. See June meeting above

- f. Warrior Skills Lab
- g. Changing banks from First Western to Mid-Minnesota
 - i. Taking advantage of checking account specific to non-profits
 - ii. Higher earning potential on accounts
 - iii. Justin motion / Seth 2nd / passed
- h. Transitioning from SportsEngine to Crossbar app in April
 - i. As voted on last year (October 2025 meeting)
 - ii. Justin to spearhead with help from Crossbar staff to transfer and get everything up and running
- i. PBC dates for 2027
 - i. Conflict between Ice Fishing Extravaganza + Boys PBC
 - 1. Extravaganza a week later due to Hockey Day MN in Brainerd in '27
 - ii. Potential lodging difficulties expressed by Chanhassen
 - iii. Change boys tourney weekend or keep the same? Slide both boys / girls a week later?
 - iv. Decision made to keep tournament weekends the same
 - 1. Looking into lodging options / confirmation at Grand View, Madden's and Cragun's (especially given they're a sponsor)
 - v. PBC dates for 2027 are
 - 1. Boys = Feb. 6-7
 - 2. Girls = Feb. 13-14
- j. Darren Larson compensation / gift
 - i. Motion by Matt for a thank you for all Darren has done for the BBA / Scott 2nd / passed
- k. Vote for new Secretary (now or April meeting?)
 - i. Matt's term is up (last meeting is April) will need someone to take over
 - ii. Will be decided on in April meeting

VI. REPORTS

- a. Director – *Ellen Thomes*
- b. President – *Nick Otterson*
- c. Treasurer – *Darren Larson (Troy Nelson)*
- d. Secretary – *Matt Schmidt (Justin Heitkamp)*
- e. Equipment Coordinator - *George Washington*
- f. Golf Tournament Coordinator - *Derek Hendrickson*
- g. Marketing / Social Media Coordinator – *Justin Heitkamp*
- h. Team Stores Coordinator – *Justin Heitkamp*
- i. Tournament Director – *Ellen Thomes*
- j. 3rd + 4th Grade Coordinator – *Jessica Erickson*
- k. BBA Day / Nights / Homecoming Parade Coordinator – *Matt Schmidt*
- l. Discipline Coordinator – *Alex Kunesh*
- m. Coaching Committee – *Seth Sazama, George Washington, Bryan Foss*

- n. Recruitment Coordinator –
- o. Fundraising / Sponsorship Committee – *Justin Heitkamp, Seth Sazama, Nick Otterson*

VII. ADJOURNMENT