

# **Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: August 12th, 2024**

**Meeting Time: 5:30pm**

**Meeting Location: Conference Room BHS**

**CALL TO ORDER Time: 5:31 pm**

### **1. Roll Call ()**

**Present:**

- **Chris Velasco**
- **Matt Castle**
- **Corey Johnson**
- **Andy Campbell**
- **Jeremiah Piepkorn**
- **Mike Derosier**
- **Matt Means**

**Absent:**

- **Phil Berg**
- **Nate Olson**

### **2. Approval of past meeting Minutes, attached ()**

- **Motion made by Matt Means and seconded by Mike Derosier.  
Motion passed unanimously**

### **3. Additions to the Agenda / Approval of Agenda ()**

- **Motion made by Mike D. and seconded by Matt Means. Motion passed**

### **4. Open Forum:**

### **5. Updates on how teams did at State Tournaments**

**9U – no state tournaments**

**10U – blue team went to GSTC**

**11U – blue team went to GSTC**

**12U – both teams went to GSTC and the blue team went to MSF**

**13U – took 2<sup>nd</sup> at MSF**

**14U - Brainerd hosted and Chris said there was some scrambling due to the Tournament Director backing out last minute. Once the games started things went smoothly for the most part.**

**5. President/VP Report – Chris/Corey**

- a. Home Tournament Recap – What’s left to cleanup and put in our storage. Need to get Association property removed by OK Park warming house.**
- b. Team Banners?**
- c. Cal Ripken update**

**6. Treasurer’s Report – Matt C.**

**a. Update on Financials**

- The Association is strong financially. We have \$100K in the bank with bills yet to pay. Should leave us around \$60-65K in the bank.**
- Matt’s term is coming to a close and we need to find a new Treasurer for the Board. He gave his official 90-day notice as required by our by-laws.**

**7. Secretary – Andy**

**a. Brought up the idea of looking into getting numbers to donate 4 new scoreboards at both fields at Jaycees and both fields at Bane Park. Andy volunteered to look into preliminary costs for this type of project.**

**New Business:**

**1. State Tournament**

**2. Players playing on different teams during season.**

- No rec ball kids can play on a travel ball roster due to insurance risks as the player would not be covered by the Association’s policy.**
- Overall, the Board agreed that no team should be allowed to bring in non-rostered kids unless the team is below the required 9 players to field a team.**
- Governance of this is covered on page 14 of the Association’s Handbook under the “Injured Player” section.**

**3. End of season survey, equipment collection from coaches.**

- 10 white, 11 white and 14 U team equipment has been collected.**
- Board members (Chris, Andy and Matt Means) will convene at the storage facility to assemble shelving for equipment turn-in.**

- Mike D. will send out end-of-season player evals from coaches. Prioritization on comments over simply yes or no answers.
  - Parent survey also being sent out
4. **2025 Home Tournament Dates and Registration Open Date**
    - Discussion moving up opening date on 12/1/24
    - Home tournament June weekends of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup> with the last weekend of May as a possible 4<sup>th</sup> weekend to help with field availability
  5. **Winter Skills Dates and Start time**
    - Proposed start date of January 8<sup>th</sup> and each Wednesday after until March 5<sup>th</sup>. Pre-tryout skills nights will be the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> and tryouts tentatively the weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup>
    - Discussion on proposing a fee to pay for winter skills this year and if the kid makes a travel team, their winter skills fee would be put towards their travel team season fee.
    - Fee discussion tabled for now.
  6. **Fall Tryouts for incoming 13's and 14's??**
    - Discussion on adding the 12's to this group as well and saying next year's 13U team will automatically be the following year's 14U team.
    - Chris will communicate with Tom Fairbanks to look into his availability for evaluating as well as his players.
  7. **Announcements - none**
  8. **Discussion on how to communicate expectations on player development to coaches each season. So that player specialization does not occur in ages 9-12.**

**Old Business:**

1. **Google Office – Phil**

**Motion to adjourn made by Corey Johnson**

**Seconded by Mike Derosier**

**Motion to adjourn passed 8:10 pm**