

Tea Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Aug. 21, 2024 • 7 p.m. • Tea City Hall

NOTES

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

Absent: Rick Willemsen (late)

1) CALL TO ORDER: 7:19 p.m. (Amy was late)

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Cory. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

Mark, Chris, Unanimous

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

- A. Chase the Ace
- B. TPR Board Meeting
- C. 2025 Competitive Teams
- D. Fall workout schedule
- E. Winter workout schedule
- F. Sponsorship committee
- G. Cost to play
- H. Varsity/JV schedule prep
- I. Class A Board meeting

A. Chase the Ace: \$15K pot, conversations about alternating locations but the plan is to stay at the Legion until this Chase runs out.

B. Tea Park & Rec Board: Rob will be at their next meeting to talk about tangible things we'd like for TPR. See addendum. Some other asks will be in front of City Council about hosting tournaments.

C. 2025 competitive teams: all invites have been sent out. Rob put together ballpark numbers and deadlines:

These will be the estimated costs:

- \$50 to confirm spot on team

- \$75 jersey cost
- \$250(-\$50 deposit) registration cost
- \$200 estimated tournament cost
- Registration cost will include indoor team training in the off season.
- Registration costs will be due February 1
- Jersey costs will be due April 1
- Tournament costs will be due May1

Coaches are named for 9u-13u. We still need coaches for the 14u team and combined 13/14u team. There was lots of discussion about philosophy about age groups and where the best place to put kids on teams. The goal is to look at what's best for the player long-term.

- D. Fall Workout Schedule: Aaron LaBrie is willing to come in once a week mid-October through Christmas break and do driveline program (30-minute program). Hunter Clanin has also reached out and wants to more a part of the community.
- E. Winter Workout Schedule: probably same as 2024 — Sunday afternoons and one evening a week, details still to be worked out. Rob will ask school for same availability (Sunday/Tuesday/Thursday) at the DEC. Mitch is going to research other area indoor options and pricing, perhaps to be used by younger teams.
- F. Sponsorship Committee: We will put an email together to get more people involved.
- G. Cost to Play: lots of discussion about costs and considering one price for high school age kids for both spring and summer balls. No decisions made.
- H. Varsity/JV Schedule prep: looking at playing Tuesdays April-May.
- I. Class A Board mtg is Oct. 13 at Cubby's in Brookings. They want thoughts, agenda, comments, things to bring up for changes by Sept. 26. Suggestions we're OK with — eliminating Thursday game day at State Tourneys and potentially splitting 9u-12u to two locations. With the split for those age groups, Tea could put host something in 2026.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

- A. Player fundraising: tabled
- B. City Council meeting: all BOD members should go. Sept. 3, 6 p.m. — potentially we're at this mtg.
- C. Other: Rob and Kevin went to Saturday in the Park in August. Next one is Sept. 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. How can TBA be involved? The Legion tri is Sept. 28. The Titan Softball fundraiser is Saturday, Sept. 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

7) NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m. at Tea City Hall.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mitch, seconded by Rick. Unanimously approved.

9:19 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Smolik