

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: November 21, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

7:05 pm

Present:

Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Secretary	Ann Scheinost (Zoom)
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Andy Campbell
Director	Mike DeRosier
Director	Wade Haapajoki (Zoom)
Director	Corey Johnson
Director	Matt Means (Zoom)
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn (Zoom)
Director	Chris Velasco
Director	Mandy Vanek

Absent:

Director	Nate Olson
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ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve this agenda, along with the meeting minutes from 10/10/2022, was made by Mandy Vanek, seconded by Matt Castle. Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome new board members! Mike DeRosier, Nate Olson, Andy Campbell, Corey Johnson

Old Business:

1. Winter Skills, Rising Stars Clinic (MYAS), Pre-Try Out Skills and Try-outs 2023: Market via Facebook, website, perhaps add Instagram, flyers/signs at the schools (Wade will research options/process), etc. There is a need to recruit volunteers for these events; current player families would be a plus. Discussion surrounding getting a jump-start on uniforms was had; Mandy will connect with GLS to research options for pricing, styles, colors and sizes and secure samples.
 - a. Winter Skills – Wednesdays, schedule is on page 2 (120 registrations in 2022): Volunteers needed to ensure these can be held on scheduled days, and to help them run smoothly
 - b. MYAS Rising Stars Clinic – February 25th and 26th (dates are set per the MYAS schedule): once confirmed, it will be posted and communicated; costs TBD
 - c. Decide on Try-out Dates / Times for 2023 - **SEE PAGE 2 for 2022 Times / Dates** : March 25th

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- d. Need to have Registration Created on the Website (Fees to be collected on Web this year?): Last year's forms can be reused with new dates
- e. 2023 Team Tournament Schedule Discussion– Historically, our coaches have selected and scheduled their own tournaments. (Teams must participate in home tournaments.) Registrations for many tournaments open on January 1. It's beneficial to have a tournament calendar outline set prior to skills/try-outs to appeal to the players and families.
2. Need to purchase the following:
 - a. 2 Hack Attack machines
 - b. 3 L-screen on wheels
 - c. Clay for Mounds/ Batters boxes at Baxter park - Quote is \$1,295.55 – Hilltopper clay; will be shipped to the Baxter office and they will build new boxes and mounds, as well as get tarps.
 - d. Storage Shed – Rent is roughly \$85.00 / month for a 10 x 20. A few board members will research options within city limits.
3. Battle of the Lakes
 - a. Tourney Registrations need to be established on the site: 16 teams, 3 fields
 - b. Hotel Blocks: Team participation hinges on lodging. Follow-up with Mary Devine Johnson (Visit Brainerd) and Katie Watland to assist with securing blocks. Communicate block dates to registering teams.

New Business

1. Treasurers Report – Matt. Fiscal year ended 10/31, financials are in process. 1099's for ump's will be issued. Recap of fundraising and expenditures will be sent to members.
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. City Fee(s) for Tourneys (Final for 2022): Actual Baxter costs totaled \$3,800.00. A \$3,000.00 donation was approved last meeting. Positive experience with staff and grounds crews.
2. Community Ed Participation / Review of Community Fees: need to set a meeting with Community Ed
3. Insurance for 2023 – Insurance expires on February 1, 2023; currently, players and coaches ride on Community Ed's policy. This will be addressed during the meeting with them.
4. CLC Coach Brian Voigt and BHS Head Coach Trent Grams have agreed to be Ad Hoc members; may need to review/add to By-Laws
5. Assign director positions / work to establish sub-committees
 - a. Communications and Media Coordinators: Andy Campbell replaces Steve Hanson
6. Potential in establishing MYAS Central League: Review info from Lance Klinkhammer (MYAS) - see attached. Ages are 10U, 11U, 12U. MYAS is trying to figure out how to grow into this community. Participation would replace doubleheaders. These survey questions will be sent to our coaches and contacts from other towns (not listed) to gauge interest.
7. Coaches Applications Need to be submitted out and received back by all coaches for 2023 Season. 2 coaches per team, plus a Team Manager. Any others would be considered volunteers.
 - a. 9U Coach Selection - Current 9U coaching staff to assist in selection

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, December 19, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Brainerd High School – Room B104 - and virtual (Zoom)

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ADJOURNMENT

9:35 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt Castle, seconded by Mike Eidenshink. Motion passed unanimously.

WINTER SKILLS and TRY-OUT TIMES

Winter Skills (Wednesdays):

7:30 - 9:30 pm

- January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
- February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
- March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

MYAS Clinic

- February 25 5pm - 9pm Forestview
- February 26 8am - 12pm (before LAYSA arrives) - Forestview

Pre-Tryout Skills

- February 27th - 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Forestview
- March 2 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Forestview
- March 20 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Forestview
- March 23 - 7:30pm - 9:30pm - Forestview

Travel Team Try-Outs are Scheduled for Saturday – March 4th or 25th, 2023 - Forestview Middle School

(9U)	(Check in at 7:45)	8:00 – 9:30am
(10U)	(Check in at 9:30)	9:45 – 11:15am
(11U)	(Check in at 11:15)	11:30am – 1:00pm
(12U)	(Check in at 2:00)	2:15 – 3:45pm
(13U)	(Check in at 3:45)	4:00 – 5:30pm
(14U)	(Check in at 5:30)	5:45 – 7:15pm

2nd Try-out Date if Needed: March 26th

MYAS NORTH CENTRAL LEAGUE - INTERESTED COMMUNITIES and FEEBACK NEEDED

Aitkin

Alexandria

Bemidji

Brainerd

Crosby-Ironton

Grand Rapids

Minnewaska

Pequot Lakes

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Staples-Motley

Walker

Questions from Lance Klinkhammer: In order to put a little more shape to this possible formation, please respond with the following information:

- What age levels would your program be most interested in?
- How many teams at each age level do you anticipate your program will be forming for the 2023 baseball season?
- When do you believe would be an appropriate start date for a league season?
- What would be your preference relative to the number of games to be played over the course of the season?