

Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association BBBA

February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm Central Time

Location: Brainerd High School Large Conference Room

President Corey Johnson called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Present: Corey Johnson CEO, Matt Means, Trent Grams, Andy Campbell, Jeremiah Piepkorn, Mike DeRosier, Ashly Gilson and Kristine Kottke

Absent: Nate Olson

Quorum present? Yes

Approval of the Minutes

There was a call by Chairperson Johnson to approve the meeting minutes of the previous meeting Andy held on January 13, 2025.

The motion was seconded Ashly Gilson and carried without dissent.

Approval of and/or Additions to Agenda

A meeting agenda was distributed to all attendees via email prior to the meeting. No additions were made. A motion to approve was made by Andy Campbell, the motion was seconded by Ashly Gilson and carried without dissent.

Open Forum

- Brian, the Association's representative from Daktronics, was to be at the meeting to update the Association and answer questions but he was unable to attend.

President's Report – Corey Johnson

- Battle of the Lakes Update
 - Currently, there are 113 teams registered for our home tournament. The only remaining spots are in the 14U division. There is a waiting list for all other age groups.

Treasurer's Report – Matt Means

- No updates at this time. Updated financial report to come.

Secretary's Report – Kristine Kottke

- No updates at this time

Committee Reports

- Scheduling Committee: Ashly Gilson
 - All fields have been scheduled for all weekends of our home tournaments.
 - The Oscar Kristopherson spring and summer field schedule will be uploaded to our Master Calendar when ready.
 - We hope to move toward having a master calendar for all coaches to access. Ashly will run point and help coaches schedule practices, games and cancellation, etc.
 - Each team will get keys to the Brainerd field storage areas.
 - We do not have keys to Baxter fields as of yet.
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Old Business:

- Winter Skills Update
 - Winter Skills continue to go very well. Some modifications have been made on scheduling with the individual time frames but the overall consensus is that winter skills has been a success.
- Scoreboard and City of Brainerd Update
 - Park Board Meeting – January 29, 2025
 - Our proposed 10 year sponsorship banner program was approved by the City of Brainerd.
 - Going forward, our Association will have the ability to sell as many sponsorship banners as allowed by space for our Brainerd Fields. There is a standard size and format for all.
 - Update on Scoreboard Details – Andy Campbell
 - Scoreboard colors will be as following per our Association request: white lettering, red lights, blue background.
 - Going forward, our Association will have to meet with HyTek Construction about installation logistics and actual installation.
- BPSF
 - Two certificates for 2025 Travel Registrations were donated by our Association for the BPSF Big Event, they were bid on and sold!
 - Jvonne Dunphy
 - Nikolette Rudolph
- City of Baxter Conversation/Donation
 - Andy Campbell met with the City of Baxter City Administrator regarding the bill received by our Association for summer field maintenance. The City Administrator confirmed the information received was NOT a bill, but rather a cost estimate for the Battle of the Lakes Tournaments to the City of Baxter.

Both parties confirmed a strong desire to have a good relationship between our Association and the City of Baxter.

- The question remains: Is our Association able to use the City of Baxter's field and grooming equipment? The City Administrator is open to this but would have to iron out liability and/or waiver details.
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- 13 to 14U BBBA transition
 - Discussion continues on this topic and a final vote will be had at our next Board Meeting, March 2, 2025.
 - The proposed solutions thus far are as follow:
 - 13U tryouts will set the 13U *and* 14U teams.
 - Fall tryouts for 14U
 - Earlier tryouts for all age groups

New Business:

- Upcoming Dates
 - Tryouts
 - March 22, 2025 with proposed makeup dates as March 23 and/or March 26, 2025.
 - Announce Teams
 - General Meeting
 - Fundraiser
- Lovedahl Pitching Clinic
 - Jeremiah is in communications with this group but so far no progress has been made. No dates or commitments to this clinic have been made.
- Team Fees
 - Team fees for 2025 Registration will be \$250 per participant.
- Sponsorship
 - There will no longer be individual team sponsors and the Association is moving to banner sponsorship.
 - Banner sponsorship will be \$500 per year.
- Team Accounts
 - The allocation of money for team accounts going forward need to be more streamlined. Some individual teams at each age level have funds available for last year and the Association would like to come out with a more formal distribution process for 2025 and ongoing. There will be no more individual team sponsorships.
 - Treasurer Matt Means will workshop a proposal for funds distribution to individual teams going forward as well as how to handle discretionary funds left from previous years. This discussion is ongoing and the Association will continue at our next meeting, March 3, 2025.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by: Andy Campbell

Seconded by: Ashly Gilson

Meeting adjourned at 8:04

Next meeting: March 3, 2025

Addendum to Minutes:

On February 20, 2025, Corey Johnson made a motion via email to the full Board of Directors to approve an expenditure of up to \$2,000 for distribution of recruitment flyers within the ISD 181 School District, grades 3-8. Lakes Printing will manage printing and distribution of said flyers. A copy of the flyer was distributed to the Board via email attachment. Upon discussion, the motion was approved by all current 2025 Board members.