

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Meeting Time: 8:00 pm

Meeting Location: (Virtual) Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

8:04 pm

Present:

Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Matt Means
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director	Chris Valesco
Director	Mandy Vanek

Absent:

Director	Wade Haapajoki
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OPEN FORUM

Guest: Dawson Blanck, MYAS Executive Director

- Rising Stars Sports Academy: cost effective ways for community players to participate for training and development (outside of a club). Currently basketball and baseball, working to add football. Goal is to expand outside the Twin Cities to outstate Minnesota.
- Clinics would ideally be scheduled in two-hour blocks (one for 8- to 11-year-olds, another for 12- to 14), perhaps on a Sunday afternoon, for Brainerd/Baxter and surrounding areas. This would be an additional opportunity to what the Association offers for weekly clinics. Decisions to be made include dates/times, location, clinic focus, fees, marketing, etc. Association will be responsible for securing the facility. Attendees would register through, and submit payment to, MYAS.
- Tournament of Champions: 15AAA has been run in Brainerd for almost eighteen years. MYAS wants to see if there is opportunity for them to partner with our sponsors. Could 14AAA be brought to the area? Steve mentioned the involvement of Coach Grams this past season with the 15AAA tournament and the experience/exposure it brought him. Room blocks and field needs are major considerations when looking at additional tournaments.
- Discussion about formation of North Central League: Is there an opportunity to collaborate with other associations (such as Bemidji, Alexandria, Little Falls), to meet and explore the potential opportunities for travelling within this region. Also need to consider the level of play for various age groups and the ability to secure enough teams for competitive play.
 - o The question was asked as to when these games would be schedule, especially in conjunction with school ball. In our area, only 8th grade offers school, so a decision for this age would be to play one or both. The younger players would not be impacted.
 - o Season would be 16 games, 8 – 9 weeks, 2 games per week

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ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve this agenda, along with the meeting minutes from 8/8/2022, was made by Mandy Vanek, seconded by Mike Eidenshink. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. End of Season Coaching Meeting Recap - Chris and Steve
 - a. Feedback was that the season went well. Tournament management was discussed. Supply needs such as updated batting cages at Bane and Jaycees, and portable mounds.
 - b. Shed – perhaps rent a space, as opposed to sharing a building in a park.
 - c. Chris will email the list of coach suggestions
 - d. Best use of funds from fundraiser / sponsors
 - e. Decide on plans of action based on coach feedback
2. Season End / Parent Questionnaire
 - a. Decide on questions
 - i. Would families be interested in the MYAS opportunity and be willing to travel
 - ii. Feedback on this year's fundraiser
 - b. Mandy will compile the questions and send to the board for feedback
 - c. Goal would be to send to families this week
3. New Board Member Applications for consideration
 - a. Mike DeRosier
 - b. Nate Olson
 - c. Andy Campbell
4. Parks update on fields / maintenance and upkeep
 - a. Mounds at OK Park / Pallet of Clay
 - b. Dimensions

NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurers Report – Matt
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. City fees for Tournaments: Brainerd invoice has been received, Baxter is still pending
2. Individual Team Fundraising Dollars (above and beyond FUNDU) - Chris / Matt C.
 - a. Discuss how best to manage / track funds
Motion to open a separate checking account to manage individual team accounts was made by Matt Castle, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Planning for Winter Workouts / Pre-Try Out Skills and Try-Out Date(s)
 - a. Jennifer Rushin has been contacted to secure Wednesday nights in January, February and March
 - i. Fee for Winter Workouts this year?
 - b. Need to decide on Try-out dates
4. 9U Coach Selection
 - a. Current 9U coaching staff to assist in selection
5. 2023 Team Tournament Schedule Discussion– Get Published before Try-outs

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NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, October 10, 2022

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank, 14540 Dellwood Drive, Baxter

ADJOURNMENT

10:15 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Mandy Vanek, seconded by Matt Castle. Motion passed unanimously.