

**Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association (BBBA)
October 2025 Board Meeting**

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: October 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM Central Time

Location: Brainerd High School

President Corey Johnson called the Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association Board Meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Present: Corey Johnson, Nate Olson, Trent Grams, Jeremiah Piepkorn, Ashly Gilson, Matt Means, and Andy Campbell

Absent: Kristine Kottke and Mike DeRosier

Quorum present? Yes

Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

A meeting agenda was distributed to all attendees via email prior to the meeting. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andy Campbell, seconded by Nate Olson and carried without dissent.

Approval of Minutes

August and September Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting via email. A motion to approve August and September Minutes was made by Andy Campbell, seconded by Jeremiah Piepkorn and carried without dissent.

Open Forum – None

President/VP Report – Corey Johnson and Nate Olson

1. Email to Community Education
 - a. Corey reached out to Community Education as well as the ISD 181 High School and Middle School Athletic Directors to discuss coming to an agreement about a working partnership between our Association and their organizations. Corey proposed an informal agreement in which our Association invests monetarily into the fields we use in return for some field rentals throughout our season. Further inquiry was made about the current location of Association owned L-screens at one the fields we used this past season. Corey has heard no formal response to his email.
 - b. An email was received the next day by Corey with an invoice for field usage for the 2025 season. This invoice has been paid.
2. Potential 14UAAA State Tournament
 - a. Corey received email correspondence as to our Associations interest in hosting the 2026 14UAAA State Tournament as well as potentially adding another State Tournament at another time.
 - b. Corey mentioned a number of improvements we could make as an Association to make the process more effective. Such as: making more money by selling shirts and concessions at all field.

- c. Nate would like to continue hosting the tournament but noted it might be challenging to add another state tournament with limited help, with home teams at other tournaments.
- d. The Association is in agreement that we continue to host the 14 AAA State Tourney here but we need further discussion about adding an additional state tournament.

Treasurer's Report – Matt Means

There is a total in our treasury of \$12,740 after all outstanding invoices have been paid. There are minimal amounts left in team accounts. Nate advised that any monies spent on the batting cage project will be reimbursed through The Brainerd Sports Boosters minus the concrete funds needed. There are continued fundraising efforts to recover the cost of the concrete.

Secretary's Report – Kristine Kottke

None

Committee Reports - None

Old Business

1. New Batting Cages for Bane and Jaycees
 - a. The sites are set and ready for cement to be poured. Purchases have been made for materials needed and everything is being shipped directly to the City of Brainerd where it will be stored until needed. Central Lakes College donated turf for the new batting cages as well. We will need a trailer to move. Ashly, Corey and Jeremiah offered trailers for this endeavor, as the turf will need to be moved from CLC to the City of Brainerd. This will occur within the next few weeks.
 - b. Cement will be the largest investment. The frames at Bane and Jaycees Park would be repurposed and 4 new nets will be purchased for this project.
2. Team Gear Storage
 - a. A list of outstanding equipment has been sent by Mike DeRosier to Corey Johnson. Some teams are keeping equipment through the winter.
3. Sponsorship Banners and Scoreboards
 - a. Corey will come up with a date for Board Members to take down Sponsorship Banners on all fields and put into storage until Spring
 - b. Andy mentioned switching the scoreboards at Bane and Jaycees as they were installed incorrectly. Andy has relayed this information to HyT-Tec. It was agreed to leave as is for now. Nate also mentioned our Association has not yet been billed for installation.

New Business –

1. 2026 Uniforms and Clothing
 - a. Ashly continues to work on uniform and clothing bids, talking to BSN, Rambo and Play It Again Sports. She also has a meeting with Range Printing and White Wolf. She hopefully be able to bring bids and

samples to our next Board Meeting. Andy Campbell stated that if the Association was open to a non-local company, it really opens our possibilities.

2. 2026 Skills and Tryouts
 - a. Ashly has booked the Forestview Gym for Wednesday evening Skills Nights, 7:00-9:45 PM. Decisions on age groups and timing need to be made. Nate mentioned a preference for every 3rd week for each age group. Jeremiah relayed a need for more help this year. Corey suggested that those wishing to coach in the coming year should sign up to help on these nights.
 - b. A proposal was made by Ashly to have earlier tryouts for 2026, with a potential date of February 28, 2026. This may present basketball conflicts. A proposal was also made to eliminate a makeup date. This will need to be discussed further at our November Board Meeting.
3. 2026 Qualifiers
 - a. Next year, we want to be MYAS Qualifiers but do we want to be MBT and/or MSF Qualifiers as well? Corey will look into the cost of that and what is needed to become additional State Qualifiers and share at our next meeting. Battle of the Lakes will open for registration on December 1st. Discussion was had about raising the registration fee from \$450 to \$600. Every team will play a Friday game.
4. BOD Elections
 - a. 5 Board Positions are open for the coming year. Corey will make the application available for potential candidates to start applying. Ashly reiterated the Boards previous discussion about having two, 1-year term positions and three, 3-year term positions so that the Board is only voting every other year and the Board never has complete turnover. All are in agreement.
5. League Proposal
 - a. An email went out to potential coaches about joining a league with Alexandria. There are some coaches interested in that prospect. Corey will continue correspondence with Alexandria, let them know some of our Association teams would be interested and share more information with the Association when he has it.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Nate Olson and seconded by Andy Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Next Meeting: November 17, 2025, time and location TBD.