



Baseball Association Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: March 13, 2022

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Robert Hoekstra	President	Present
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Jaclyn Van Horrick	Treasurer	Absent
Giselle Hattesoehl	Secretary	Present
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large – Director M&M	Absent
Terra Bruns	Member At Large – Apparel & Photos	Present
Brian Goedker	Member At Large	Present
Steve Skoglund	Member At Large	Absent
Guests		

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion

Minutes:

Motion by Robert to approve minutes for February meeting, 2nd by James and Brian. Minutes approved.

Robert informed that evaluators had been paid for tryouts and some money had come in for uniforms payment.

- Brian asked about getting reimbursement forms for coaches to fill out for uniform orders. Robert will locate forms and send out.

Robert discussed standardized rules for teams, something more than handbook rules, misconduct during games i.e. throwing bats, helmets, etc. Something for coaches to have more guidelines to follow, help them in certain situations.



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- Brian and James to work on coming up with something for teams

Discussion on how registration went. In the future it would be helpful to find a way to push more parents coming in to in person registration. In person we are able to make sure fit will be correct on shirts & hats. Also allows to answer any questions in person about volunteer fees/hours, schedules, etc.

- Perhaps in the future come up with a more direct reminder for parents to get them thinking about registration the day of, maybe think about looking into that for the future registrations.

Discussion on tryouts: Overall everything went well, evaluators were very knowledgeable in the field and had zero connection to anything associated with Big Lake Baseball (no ties to competing schools in any way).

- Thoughts brought up on helping with easing the nerves of kids during tryouts. Maybe in the future look at getting age groups together before tryouts, kind of as an ice breaker.
- Perhaps look at breaking tryouts up over a few time slots in a weekend rather than have the whole season ride on one days performance, sometimes nerves can be a huge factor when everything is riding on a short burst and it would be helpful for them to feel comfortable beforehand.
- Discussed if having an end of season tryout would be helpful in the future. That way the kids are already warmed up to people and plays and then you can have try outs outdoors instead of in the gym.
- Discussion on maybe having tryouts earlier even, maybe in January/February to allow for teams to get organized and outfitted sooner, allow for tournaments to be scheduled more in advance.
- Discussion on more markers to be used during tryouts. More of something to measure in action performance rather than on the spot checking boxes. Maybe something that looks at overall understanding and skills than knowledge of how to do the action given at the time. May help develop a more diverse score for everyone across the board.
- Discussion on having more help in the future at tryouts. More adults are needed to help in batting cages, perhaps there can be a plan brought up to allow coaches to assist in tryouts if their current age group is not in the gym at the time. Find a way to create more help without allowing any sort of bias or influence whatsoever to be in the room. Tabled the idea on this for now but will look at it in the future, maybe create a subcommittee of parents to be given the task of helping out during tryouts (maximum of 4 board members).

Discussed coaching positions. 2 slots for coaches still need to be fully filled. One of the slots has two prospective options for Head Coach but both have schedule conflicts to fully commit. James to write up a recruitment form and contact prospective coaches to figure out how to fill the position they are being considered for.



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Question asked about reimbursement for assistant coaches, can they get reimbursed for orders as well? Yes reimbursement allowed for up to 2 assistant coaches and Head Coach. Orders are about 6-8 weeks out currently but everything is the same as last year so last year's gear can be worn until the new orders come in.

Discussed scheduling games, games in April & May will need to be at Liberty fields to work with the grounds crew schedules. The grounds crew can have one field at 4-plex and the Liberty fields ready during those months.

- Communication will be sent out to coaches to inform them on when and where they can start scheduling games.

CLOSED SESSION

Discussed Parent requestion in closed session.

Discussed Coaching in closed session.

Discussion on weekly practice plans to be brought up. James and Brian to work on communications with coaches to implement an overall checklist of drills/practices to be had, or maybe an open communication between coaches so they can share their plans and ideas, maybe teach and learn something new to try with their own teams.

Motion by Robert 2nd by Terra to adjourn meeting at 8:19 pm