

Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA)
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes



Meeting Date/Time: October 8, 2025

Location: McPete's @ 7pm

Recorder: Webmaster - Tay Kaeppe

Attendance:

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	P	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	P
Mike Horn	Vice President	A	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	P
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	A	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	A	Stephanie Mericle	MAL - Volunteer Coordinator	P
Open	MAL – Director M&M		Open	MAL – Associate Director	
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Alyssa Johnson	MAL - Uniform/Apparel/Photos	P
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	A	Jeff Marier	TBD	A
			Tyler Halverson	Varsity Coach	G

MAL = Member at Large

P = Present, PV - Present Virtual, A = Absent G = Guest

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion	Action By
Approve previous months board minutes	Review and approve previous months board minutes.	Tay to add previous months meeting minutes to website	Tay
Open Forum	Open to board members or public	See meeting minutes below	
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	Quad City Tournaments Paid liberty & 4-Plex field renovation SpudFest application submitted	
Surveys	Update	No updates	
M & M	Updates from M&M	No updates	
Quad City/In-House	Updates	No updates	
Travel	Updates	No updates	

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Player & Coach Development	Updates	No updates	
Equipment	Updates	See meeting minutes below	
Volunteer	Updates	Unpaid volunteer fees to be added to following year's fees	
Uniforms/Apparel	Updates	See meeting minutes below	
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	See meeting minutes below	
2026 Focus Ideas	Updates	Coordinate to send eBackpack out for tryout date	
Sponsorships	Updates	No updates	
Evaluations	Updates	See meeting minutes below	
Mass registration	Schedule mass registration with CE	No updates	
Next Meeting	Choose Date	Secretary to reserve space for next meeting on November 12th	Tessa

Tay Kaeppe called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

Approve previous months board minutes

- Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Tay requested a motion to approve. Tay motioned, with Lawrence seconding. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- Tyler Halverson announced as the new Varsity Head Coach and present for our meeting
 - His observation is a lack of connection between the high school and youth programs. Emphasis is to build within the program and partner with us and make sure, that we are connected.
 - Plan to change the youth camp put on by Varsity to 3 nights. Tentative dates are March 24, 25 and 26 from 6:30-8:00. Cost would be around \$40.
 - Looking at Friday May 8th for Varsity Youth Night.
 - Henry proposed we partner our coaches with their coaching program to help with coaches that are not first-time coaches.
 - Looking for feedback from us on what challenges we are facing to identify on the direst needs and how they can help.
 - Tyler proposes having youth coaches every 2 weeks, nominating a player for a specific theme using a google form. That kid would then get partnered with a varsity player for recognition and maybe a T-shirt.
 - Dan would like to have a coaching meeting with Tyler and his coaching staff to introduce our coaches and use them for guidance.

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- **Action: Tay to update Tyler on the website as a board member**
- Winter Clinics
 - Winter clinics dates have been proposed to Kendra and waiting to hear back.
 - Once the dates have been decided, Dan to send to Tyler to see if he can work with any players during their off season and see what he can do to help.

Finance Update

- Couple small invoices due for the quad city tournaments. Need to issue our payments out for the Quad city Tournaments.
- Paid invoice (\$6000) for field renovation at both liberty and 4-plex.
- Spud fest application was filled out and signed and sent over to Deb.

Surveys

- No update on surveys other than what Mike sent out consolidating the responses

M & M

- No updates

Quad City/In-House

- No updates

Travel

- No updates

Player & Coach Development

- No updates

Equipment

- All equipment has been returned with the exception of 2 coaches for fall ball and Joe working to get them received back.
- Dan is working on a Lock box for container.
- Joe is working to get one L screen from liberty back to shed.
- Mike is looking at racking and pricing for shelves if we were to purchase. If we decide to build, Andrew will coordinate building. Will need to get the mounds into a shed sooner rather than later due to weather.

Volunteer

- No updates. Plan to add on fees to families that did not pay last year.

Uniforms/Apparel

- Alyssa has a few quotes from different places. Most are around \$50 per jersey. A few will give a discount on quantity. Jellyfish and contact in St cloud not sure if they do the same.

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- Decision: Dan attended the Community ED meeting and we are not allowed to use the Hornet Bee per Community Ed.
- St cloud vendor will give us 2 samples for next week and will try to get us under \$50. She is also quoting out additional shirts for winter clinics, warm up shirts etc.
- Do we want to partner with Play it Again Sports and have them come to uniform fittings/registration to offer our preferred pants, belt, etc that families will purchase Separately?
 - **Action: Dan to connect with Brooke from Football to get additional information**
- Alyssa suggested we make a flyer similar to what football did with 'Must Have' and 'Optional' items for the upcoming season.

Community Involvement / Sponsorships

- MYAS did not select BLBA for their 2025 Fall Grant
- Jeff at Shield Pro mentioned to Dan about being a grand slam sponsor again for this year. Action: Dan to contact Jeff and provide Sponsorship Application
- Keep sponsorship levels the same as last year
- Dan Would like us to start hitting up business for year end to gain more sponsors.

2026 Focus Ideas

- Henry Would like to see us send out e-backpack for tryouts.

Evaluations

- Tessa sent email to Augie about setting up meeting with Mash and introducing him to Lawrence and how tryouts are handled. Lawrence working to get a meeting scheduled with Augie. Action: Next meeting we need to define how we are forming teams.
- Joe sent out tryout dates to the basketball board for awareness

Mass registration

- No Updates

Next Meeting

- Action: Tay to setup a shared email address (info@biglakebaseball.com) that all board members can see so we all respond back to generic questions from parents
- Next meeting Nov 12

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.