

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



Meeting Date/Time: May 14, 2025 at 8pm

Location: McPete's in Big Lake

Recorder: Tessa Miller - Secretary

Attendance:

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	P	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	P
Mike Horn	Vice President	P	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	P
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	P	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Stephanie Mericle	MAL - Volunteer Coordinator	P
Ashley Luoma	MAL – Director M&M	P	Loren Holthaus	MAL – Associate Director	A
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Dave Nelson	Guest	G
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P	Curtis Polasky	Guest	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 and send to webmaster to post.	Minutes approved	
Open Forum	For additional discussion and/or open to public	See minutes below	
Bylaws	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See Minutes below	
Volunteer Checks	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
M & M	Updates from M&M	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Quad City/In-House	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Travel	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	

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Handbook	Updates - waiting to update until we have tryouts worked out	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Team Photos	Updates - Information sent	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Equipment Assessment	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Softball Batting Cage Nets	Dan to present request	Board approved up to \$1000 for batting net on softball batting cages	
Volunteer	Updates	See tournament minutes below	
Uniforms	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Apparel	Updates, coach codes, PS I Love You opportunity	Reaching out to see if we can have apparel printing at tournament	Dan
SCSU Camp	Tessa to provide info	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Home Run Derby	Henry to provide info	See meeting minutes below	
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Sportsmanship Award	Update	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Tournaments	Tournament planning & To-Do List sent out - Review to-do list and assign tasks	See minutes below for BL Classic tournament discussion	
Evaluations	Go through board ideas	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	
Future Meeting Plans	Ashley to discuss	Hold discussion to discuss tournament	

Dan Grove called the meeting to order at 8:11

Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Tessa requested a motion. Ashely motioned, with Dan seconding. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- Coach Communication

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- **Action Item: Dan sending a communication to coaches to ensure players are supporting each other as an association**
- Ensure all coaches, board members, players, and parents are adhering to the 24-hour rule and know we are all representing the association.
- **Action Item: Dan sending out communication to coaches with reminders about fields, and where the document is located to double check field reservations**
- Coach Application
 - Curtis Polasky requesting to be allowed to coach
 - Board requesting Sponsor letter, and letter from both coaches
 - Considering the documentation mentioned above is sent to BLBA president, Nicole motions for the application to be approved for Curtis Polaski for Minors. Ashley seconds motions. Motion rescinded
 - Dan will receive the letters, send to board, and this will be voted on upon receiving the documents
- Volunteer Hours
 - **Action Item: Tessa to check previous meeting minutes regarding family volunteer hours**

Apparel

- PS I Love You can do custom apparel and they provide a kick-back on purchased apparel
 - Can set up a baseball store open year round and can make orders as they come in and pick up at the local Big Lake store
- May have a line on a person that may be able to provide screen printing at the tournament
 - **Action Item: Dan reaching out for more information**

Home Run Derby

- Henry came up with a Home Run Derby event idea
 - Could role M&M players through 15's
 - Fencing currently goes to 195 feet
 - Use a tee, and players hit off the tee
 - 5 groups at 10 players in each
 - Hoping to get about 100 players
 - Possible food trucks or concessions
 - Would need to put together budget needed for event
 - Players could get \$10 sponsorships - trying to get 10 sponsors
 - Prizes - donations potential
 - Potential volunteer opportunities
 - Possibly holding this the Saturday before the association Twins game

Tournament

- Review of Teams
 - 5 - 9AA - Joe talking with Princeton about joining
 - 5 - 10AA
 - 5 - 11A
 - 4 - 11AA - Pool Play and 4-team bracket
 - 2 - 10A - Reached out to see if they wanted to move up to the 10AA bracket

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- Those 10A teams are asking parents to determine if they will join the 10AA bracket
 - 8 - 12A
 - 8 - 12AA
 - 10 - 13A
 - 8 - 13AA
- Fields
 - Field 1-4 & 8
 - Liberty 2 & 3
 - First Weekend
 - Four Plex
 - Field 8
 - Have it reserved, but not needed at this time due to number of teams
 - Second Weekend
 - Four Plex
 - Field 8
 - Action Item: Mike Horn reaching out Kendra to ensure we can hold the older age groups
- Rules
 - **Action Item: Andrew looking for rules from 2024 rules**
 - Rules will be provided to Brian (umps) and he will distribute to umpires
 - How rules are affected if there is weather
- Game Times
 - 1st weekend - Dan & Mike Horn creating game schedule by the end of this week
- Volunteers
 - Based on game schedule

Finances

- Action Item: Tay to send out communication to travel teams to provide a deadline for them to pay - must pay by May 28th
- Volunteer checks
 - Action Item: Tay adding M&M into electronic document
 - Action Item: Dan/Mike will reach out to the list sent by Tay
- Batting Cage Nets
 - Softball is in need of a new net for the batting cage, and have requested \$1000 towards the net.
 - Dan requesting invoice from softball
 - Dan motions we commit up to \$1000 to softball for a new batting cage net. Mike seconds motion. All in favor - motion passes.

Meeting ends at 10:20