

Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA)

Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes



Meeting Date/Time: Sunday, December 8, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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	A	Melissa Calgaro	MAL – Uniforms, Apparel, Photos	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Ashley Luoma	MAL – Director M&M	A	Loren Holthaus	MAL – Associate Director	A
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P			
Jim Andersen	MAL – Volunteer Coordinator	A			
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P			

MAL = Member at Large

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

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion	Action By
Approve November Board Minutes	Review and approve previous months board minutes and send to webmaster to post.	Minutes approved. Tessa to send to Tay to post on website	Tessa
Open Forum	For additional discussion and/or open to public	Tessa to check with Mcpete's for availability of Wednesday, January 8th at 7pm	Tessa
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See Minutes for updates	
Storage Space	Status Update & Next Steps	Joe following up on site plan Mike H checking one other quote	Joe Mike H
Winter Clinics	Status Update & Next Steps	Andrew emailing dates to board Tay will create Facebook events Dan opening registration for this week through SportsEngine Andrew reaching out to secure volunteers See minutes for additional information	Andrew Tay Dan

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2025 Quad City Tournaments	Needing fields July 18th - 20th	Fields 6, 7 & 8 reserved July 18th - 20, 2025	
Uniforms	Updates	Melissa actively working with SquadLocker on uniforms - see minutes for more information	Melissa
Fundraisers	Any updates	No updates at this time	
Community Involvement	Updates	Tay writing up pitch for board members to bring to businesses Mike will get the list of businesses that participated in the high school apprentice day to Dan Grove	Tay Mike H
Mass Registration	Update on available days for registration.	Tessa to check with Kendra on dates shown below in minutes	Tessa
Bylaws	Status Update & Next Steps -	Tessa sending out bylaws link for board to review - asking all board members to review and add their name to the bottom of the document that they have reviewed by January meeting	ALL board members
Spring Tryouts	Updates, review registration numbers, etc.	See minutes for updates	
Coaching Applications	Form emailed to BLBA emails. Do we schedule date for coach's meeting?	See minutes for updates	

Minutes:

Dan Grove called the meeting to order at 6:04

Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Secretary emailed out meeting minutes. Tessa Miller requested a motion, seconded by Mike Horn. All were in favor, motion carries. Previous months board meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- Board meeting - do we move to another night of the week?
 - Next month move to 2nd Wednesday of the month - January 8th at 7pm

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- **Action Item: Tessa to check with Mcpete's for availability of January 8th at 7pm**
- Per student fee for facilities
 - Both softball and baseball have agreed with school to pay a per student fee
 - Dan will let school know we agree with softball
 - This fee is per student for league games, but does not include tournament
 - Included chalk and other field needs

Finance Update

- Paid flexx for the spring tryout
- Paid invoice for state baseball, and will be getting invoices for two other invoices

Storage Space

- Action Item: Joe is looking into the large storage containers versus a rental space
 - We choose container and they set up the container
 - Could be set up where current shed sites
 - BLBA would be giving up the shed as it is own by the school
 - Quotes so far
 - New \$3300 each
 - Used \$2300 each
- **Action items**
 - **Joe following up on site plan**
 - **Mike H checking one other quote**
- Need to approve a site plan

Winter Clinics

- Gym space is reserved
- Next step is to plan each session
- Two sessions per week at 1.5 hours for each age group
 - 9-11 and 12-15
 - Two weeks of hitting
 - Two weeks of in/out fielding and footwork
 - Two weeks of pitching and catching mechanics
- Dates
 - Fridays and Sundays
 - January 3rd start date
 - **Action Item: Andrew sending dates to board**
 - **Action Item: Tay will create Facebook events**
- Shirts
 - Melissa lining up shirts
 - 1-2 weeks lead time
- Registration
 - **Action: Dan opening registration for this week through SportsEngine**
- Fees

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- Per player \$40
- \$2200 for space
 - Gym space is \$40/hour - 1420
 - One of the sundays will be at Elk River Field house - \$800 or \$850ish
- Shirts \$10/\$15
- Clinic Help
 - **Action Item: Andrew reaching out to secure volunteers**
- Session planning
 - Action Item: Andrew working with Brian on setting up session plans and will pull in others as needed
- Locations
 - Mix of Liberty, Middle School, Elk River Field House

2025 15U Quad City Tournament

- Fields reserved July 18th - 20th
- Field 6, 7 & 8 reserved

Uniforms

- Melissa sent out the images of home and away jerseys to the board
- Registration to Include
 - Jerseys - Full button up (home and away)
 - Belt
 - Socks
 - Pants
 - Hat
- Ideas - Decision to move forward with full button - 2 jerseys for each player including travel and Quad City
 - Full button is \$50 per jersey
 - Buttonless \$26 for in-house
 - 2 button \$35 for in-house, but do 1 jersey
- **Action Item: Melissa asking about adding flag**
- Going through Squadlocker again this year - site will be available to purchase extra
- Looking for different pants

Fundraisers

- Melissa would like a small group to look into fundraisers
- Do we reach out for non-board members to reduce volunteer hours

Community Involvement

- Company stickers for helmets could be an idea
- Storage facility upgrades, registrations, umpire costs, scholarships, pitching mounds, etc.
- **Action Item: Tay writing up pitch for board members to bring to businesses**
- **Action Item: Mike will get the list of businesses that participated in the high school apprentice day to Dan Grove**

Mass Registration

- Dates

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- **January:**
 - Thursday, 23rd- available
 - Monday, 27th- available after 4:30pm
 - Thursday, 30th- available
- **February:**
 - Tuesday, 4th- available
 - Thursday, 6th- available
- **Date**
 - Thursday, January 23rd 1st choice
 - Monday, January 27th as 2nd date for those that can't make it
 - February board meeting

Bylaws

- No updates at this time
- **Action Item: All Board members review bylaw document on the shared drive - Please add your name to the document at the bottom once you have reviewed. All to review by next month.**
- **Action Item: Tessa to add bylaw review to the January agenda for the first item after open forum, and send link out to board members in the minutes/agenda email.**
- **Action Item: Tessa to add handbook review in February agenda, send out link in meeting minutes.**

Spring Tryouts

- Registration back from Flexx to ensure those that paid in the fall will not have to pay in the spring
- Registration will be closed on February 7th
- Communicate that we highly recommend everyone tryout at the spring tryout even if they already tried out at the fall

Coaching Applications

- Currently have 14 applicants
- Action Item: Tay will post the coaching application to Facebook
- Teams need to be submitted to MYAS by end of February
- Ensure we include the coaches that have applied in the communications regarding volunteering at winter clinics
- Coaches Meeting
 - January meeting - Date TBD - Trying for the 1st week in January
 - Proper throwing techniques by orthopedic doctor

Meeting adjourned at 7:50. Dan motions to end meeting, Henry seconds motion. All in favor, motion carries.