



BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016 at 8pm
Blaine Baseball Complex

7:04pm **Call to Order** – Rick Fanning, seconded Traci Payne

Present: Jeff Amelse, Sarah Anderson, Jerome Balsimo, Jim Conlee, Rick Fanning, Al Gottschalk, Jen Gottschalk, Traci Payne, Kristy Powers, Scott Sonmore and Chad Sweno.

Absent: Jaymi Greseth

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from November 15, 2016. Reviewed, approved, motioned by Al and seconded.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Jaymi: Jaymi will present in January on Insurance policies.

Registration #1 payments – four outstanding. One financial matter, Scott Sonmore to connect with Sarah*.

Fundraising review – Jen: Jen is beginning negotiations with Brunswick for Pizza feast. Date is April 1.

Staying with pasta feast, \$10-12/per person; 2 start times for dinner/will offer gaming cards for arcade and laser tag. Pool table and dart boards pay; Large Jenga, board games, ping pong and Jbags all free. Bar area revamped since last year.

Drink tickets not offered/cash bar available.

Policies/Admin – Rick: Trusted coaches program for new coaches and Board members.

Tournament (May 19-21) Rick & Jeff: Consideration of HS players to work our tournament – discussed great idea, are they available? Consideration of discounts to organizations that enter multiple teams? Decided against, we will roll with what we have.

Considering a mobile app using Tourney Machine. \$500/\$5 per team. Discussion was positive to move forward with answering some questions. Rick is going to test.

We will reserve blocks of rooms again for out-of-state teams.

Traveling Directors Reports – Jim & Scott

Spring Training times are out and NSC times are set and communicated.

Friday, January 6, 2017 Coaches Instructional Clinic @ National Sports Center Hall

Sarah will post Catchers Clinic @ National Sports Center Hall Friday, Jan 27, 2017 6-8 pm.

Both dates on website

New Business:

Miracle League – Brandy Eckman and Lori Gehrke www.MiracleLeaugeofBlaine.org

Looking to partner with BATBA. Miracle Field has been at BBC for 10 years. Needing buddies to partner for games. Kids need protection and 1/1 partner to provide fun and relief for parents to feel normal. Saturdays/Tuesdays from mid May-July. Registration begins Feb 1. Perfect opportunity for teams to partner for an evening or weekend time.

MYAS 14AA GS Tourney – Tony Groff

Tony approached BATBA about contracting this year and potentially long term to host the 14AA tourney for MYAS at BBC. Date is July 21-23, 2017. Our responsibilities would be field maintenance, concessions, bathrooms, volunteers. Promising opportunity. BATBA will consider and get back to Tony as soon as we can.

Equipment – Chad

Chad has researched and reviewed. Dave's Sports is the cheapest. Board voted and agreed we will go through Dave's.

Uniforms – Jerome

Board discussed all the options for this year's uniforms. We decided to go with the Demarini pants, shirt, jersey, hat, socks. \$110/per family. Board will offset cost with Spiritwear offering. It is a little bit of a stretch but recommended by Jerome. Jim/Scott will work together on a design for SLP and Blaine.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7pm at BBC

Adjourned 9:20 pm

Traci Payne, BATBA Secretary