

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



Meeting Date/Time: January 14, 2026

Location: Getaway @ 6pm

Recorder: Secretary - Tessa Miller

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	P	Stephanie Mericle	MAL - Volunteer Coordinator	P
Jason Reimringer	MAL – Director M&M	P	Open	MAL – Associate Director	
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Alyssa Johnson	MAL - Uniform/Apparel/Photos	P
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P	Jeff Marier	TBD	A
			Tyler Halverson	Varsity Coach	P

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.	Previous months meeting minutes approved.	
Open Forum	Open to board members or public	Discussed Big Lake Baseball Booster Club meeting, and Scholarships	
Finance Update	Update from Treasurer	See meeting minutes below	
M & M	Updates from M&M	Youth Night players for 5/8/2026 - intro sent to Jason and Nicole G.	
Quad City/In-House	Updates	See meeting minutes below	
Travel	Updates Are we booking 11AAA for BL Tournament	Coaches application to go out	Tay/Dan
Player & Coach Development	Updates	Winter Clinics - Confirming final date Stations	

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Equipment	Updates	Going through inventory, potential coaches kits, and need a few new team bags.	
Volunteer	Updates	Fees & hour stay same for 2026 season, but we will collect the volunteer deposit electronically versus physical check.	
Uniforms/Apparel/Photos	Updates Timeline for each	Jersey, hat and photo date information in meeting minute notes below	
Community Involvement / Sponsorships	Updates	One sponsor thus far - looking for more!	
Evaluations	Go over the registration list to verify ages/levels. Do we need to reach out to anyone prior to sending information to MASH. Meeting Updates & Next Steps	Travel director working to get all needed information to evaluators!	
Mass registration	Date to open registration (M&M + 9-15). Plan for registration. Date for mass registration event.	Potential date of February 11th. Facility request being made. See meeting minute notes below.	
Next Meeting	Choose Date.	We will use our February meeting to host the Mass registration event. A separate meeting may be called if needed.	

Tessa called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Approve previous months board minutes

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

Open Forum

- Big Lake Booster Club - selling DSG coupon books as a fundraiser. BLBA is ok with a Booter Board member selling them at the Winter Clinics.
 - Additional idea to have coupon books at mass registration event.

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- Scholarship
 - The school reached out about BLBA - Scholarship packet to be sent out in Feb. with applications due March 20th
 - \$500 Scholarship

Finance Update

- Tournament fees and Winter Clinic revenue in account
- Team Genius - Need to pay prior to tryouts

M & M

- Updates from M&M
- Youth Night players for 5/8/2026 - intro sent to Jason and Nicole G.
 - JV & 9th game at 4:30 and Varsity 7pm

Quad City/In-House

- Princeton joined Quad City
- 6+ communities in league
- QC wanted Big Lake to take 9's tournament
 - Do we ask another community since softball has a tournament on the Big Lake fields that same weekend?
 - We could send volunteers to the other community if it would help?
 - We could potentially use Fields 1, 2, & 3 at Liberty

Travel

- Are we booking 11AAA for BL Tournament
 - A bracket has been set up for 11AAA, but not teams have signed up as of yet - it is a qualifier
- Registration numbers - hoping to have some AA and A teams at some age levels - will all depend on registration numbers.
- Coach Applications should go out around travel team formation time.
 - **Action Item: Tessa to find coaching application and send to Dan**
 - **Action Item: Dan checking into Trusted Coaches**
- 11AAA Team Discussion - Petition was denied to keep them at AA - Board will need to see tryout scores
 - **Action Item: Lawrence will reach out to MYAS to ask about options, but will need to see tryout scores.**

Player & Coach Development

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- Winter clinics
 - Dan emailed to schedule the 10th session to include.
 - Jan 16th & 18th, and Feb 1st & 6th and we need one more to confirm the 10th session.
 - Once all sessions are scheduled, Tay will send out communication to confirm final dates once confirmed.
- Tryout Stations - Can we send out a communication
 - **Action Item: Tessa to reach out to Augie to get confirmation**
 - **Action Item: Tay to send write up to Tessa**

Equipment

- A dozen game balls for each team and a dozen practice balls - will re-evaluate once teams are formed.
- Going through the items from MN Twins to organize inventory and finding out what
 - See if there are any left handed catchers mitts
 - Tyler let Joe know about some extra catchers gear items in the JV Storage container
- Coaches kit potentially
 - Would need a budget for a coaches kit
 - Lineup board, hit sticks, etc.
- Could use a few new team bags
- Once we get equipment finalized, come up with plan for storage container

Volunteer

- Volunteer fees will be collected electronically
- 6 hours per family for the season
- Volunteer deposit will remain \$400

Uniforms/Apparel/Photos

- Squadlocker lowered their price per jersey to help keep costs down and BLBA will get 5% back again this year to use on future squadlocker orders
- Squadlocker will have hats at ~\$20
- M&M jerseys are \$10.33 per shirt, but will need to be screen printed
- White pants - no pin striping
- Photo Days with Sportsline Photography
 - May 14th - 9U-15U
 - June 11th - M&M

Community Involvement / Sponsorships

- St. Paul Saints & we can book a fundraiser night - we would need a date
- Fundraiser where the player/family pays \$10 per item, and the player can sell the item for what they want. Any money earned goes to the player.

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- Community - We have one sponsor so far M&M Jersey

Evaluations

- Go over the registration list to verify ages/levels. Do we need to reach out to anyone prior to sending information to MASH.
- Communication
 - Include:
 - Eval overview
 - Timeslots
 - Location
 - Expectations
 - Etc.
- Lawrence to work with Joe to get catchers gear for evals.
- Numbers back from evals in about 72 hours
- Once numbers/teams are received - board assigns coaches.
- Any questions on tryouts will be directed to MASH facility

Mass registration

- Date to open registration (M&M + 9-15)
 - Travel teams formed and announced potentially by February 1st unless circumstances dictate that changes
 - Open registration for Travel & QC & Majors/Minors on February 1st
 - Close travel on February 14th
 - Close QC on March 1st
 - Close M&M - Alyssa getting timeline for jerseys
 - Coach application
 - Applications due by 1/26 (by tryouts)
 - Committee to assign coach when team is formed
- Plan for registration. Date for mass registration event.
 - **Action Item: Tessa to check with facilities for February 11th in HS Collaborative Center to host Mass Registration Event & Uniform Tryon**
- Registration
 - Fee: One fee for QC \$250 and a different fee for travel \$250 + \$150 travel fee (one payment for player)

Next Meeting

- Choose Date. TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm