

Tea Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Sept. 3, 2025 • 7 p.m. • Tea City Hall

MINUTES

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Amy Smolik, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith,
Administrative Assistant Mike Greco

ABSENT: Rick Willemsen, Kevin McIntyre, Cory Olson

1) CALL TO ORDER 7:03 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA Mark, Chris, unan

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES Aug. 7
Minutes; Motion by Mitch, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

A. Fall camp: starting Sunday, Sept. 7 and runs six weeks. The cost is \$60 , Pay coaches \$150 each per session. The format is half skills/half scrimmage. Coaches are aware of kids who will need to be evaluated for the 13U team. Mike will send out reminder emails. Rob will do registration. Kids need to pay.

B. Chase the Ace: Since the last Ace was paid out we need to determine what the next step is for the remainder of the year. TBA cannot insurance for a CTA pot on an existing game. There are 29 cards left. The motion was to start a new pot at \$5,000 with a change of the name to Capture the King (King of Diamonds), Motion by Mitch seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Coach Pay for 2026 season —parent coaches of players are considered volunteers and will receive a discount for coaching. Rob shared a proposed document for paid coaches at various levels. Discussion was about how the proposed payments would affect the TBA budget. Rob would like to have paid coaches for age groups at high school and 13u/14u levels, with volunteer coaches for 6th grade down.

D. City of Tea meeting: Scheduled with Justin Wieland on Sept. 4. We will share a recap at the next meeting.

E. Handbook Draft — Amy and Mitch will work on a draft document to share at the next board meeting.

F. Volunteer coach approvals

- 6th Grade: Cameron Will
- 5th Grade: Kyle Hodnefield
- 4th Grade: Mike Karsky
- 3rd Grade Navy (Upper): Clark Slykhuis
- 3rd Grade Gold (Lower): TBD

For the 3rd Grade Gold —need to let parents know what expectations are for that team, not gym space for them, they will play in SEBA's 3rd grade Motion by Chris to approve all placements, minus 3rd Grade Gold, seconded by Mitch. Motion carried.

G. Homecoming — Sept. 12. TBA will again be in the parade and hand out cards about Chase the Ace and mini squeeze baseballs.

H. Administrative Assistant Report —

- Registration Dues for 2026: Mike has been tracking it a bit, every team is done. The 5th grade lost a kid now have 10; Mike will finish up emails with 3rd grade teams; send a message to 4 coaches with their team contacts and to use GroupMe.
- Fall arm care will start Oct. 23; there will be seven sessions not including Thanksgiving, will end Dec. 11. More details to come. The teams of 3rd grade Navy on up will do arm care. Mike will send emails about arm care and work on cleaning up email list.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

- Player Fundraising — a player needed scholarship for 2026, which TBA has done before; we need to look at options to offset our expenses.

7) NEXT MEETING DATE Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. Tea City Hall

Look at terms for board members, annual meeting dates, handbook, nominating instructions etc.

8) ADJOURNMENT Motion by Mark, seconded by Mitch. Motion carried.
8:50 p.m.