

# **Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association BBBA**

## **December Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: December 8, 2025

Meeting Time: 5:30 pm Central Time

Meeting Location: Brainerd High School Large Conference Room

President Corey Johnson called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Present: Corey Johnson, Ashly Gilson, Trent Grams, Jeremiah Piepkorn, Kristine Kottke

Absent: Nate Olson, Andy Campbell, Matt Means

### **Approval of the Minutes**

There was a call by Chairperson Corey Johnson to approve the meeting of the previous meeting held November 17, 2025. A motion to approve was made by Ashly Gilson, seconded by Kristine Kottke and carried without dissent.

### **Approval of and/or Additions to Agenda**

A meeting agenda was distributed to all attendees via email prior to the meeting. Corrections were made prior to the meeting. A motion to approve was made by Ashly Gilson, the motion was seconded by Kristine Kottke and carried without dissent.

**Open Forum:** None

### **President/VP Report** – Corey Johnson

Corey met with CJ at Pitch 2 Pitch who will be sending over a pricing schedule for proposed use of that space. Our proposed usage includes but is not limited to: Winter Skills Nights, Tryouts and/or regular practices. Pitch 2 Pitch is behind in schedule for full opening but things continue to move forward. It is to be seen if the facility will be fully ready by our first skills night in January.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Matt Means

None

### **Secretary's Report** – Kristine Kottke

None

### **Old Business:**

- New Batting Cages for Bane and Jaycees

- The cement will be a spring project! Further communication and updates will continue as we approach spring. Nate Olson shared that batting cage progress will return to our Board Agenda Spring 2026.
- 2026 Uniform and Clothing
  - Ashly Gilson shared that a new logo is being workshopped for Battle of the Lakes.
  - CJ from Pitch 2 Pitch requested an opportunity to bid for uniforms.
  - Ashly let all current companies we are working with know we are adding a second pair of pants so add that to the bid.
- 2026 Skills and Tryouts
  - 2026 Winter Skills registration is open. 35 kids were registered at the date of this meeting. We will hopefully have a flyer out through the Brainerd School District before Christmas. Our Association will also advertise on Facebook.
  - 2026 Spring Tryouts updates will happen at our next meeting.
- 2026 Battle of the Lakes
  - Registration spots for our 2026 Battle of the Lakes Tournament are filling up fairly quickly. 114 teams are registered as of the date of this meeting.
  - Specific Registration Updates:
    - 3 spots are left at 9AA and 9AAA
    - 10AA full, a few spots left at 10AAA
    - 11 AA and 11AAA full
    - 12AA and 12AAA still a few spots
    - 13AA and 13AAA still a few spots
    - 14AA and 14AAA still plenty of spots
  - All levels are Gopher State Qualifiers and MBT Qualifications are set for 10AAA and 13AAA

### **New Business:**

- 2026 Northwoods Blue Ox Classic
  - The tournament is scheduled for May 15-17<sup>th</sup>
  - We did not receive any state qualifications but this is to be expected for a first time tournament.
  - So far only 2 teams have registered. It may be some work to get registrations with an early spring tournament but we will watch over the next month or so. If we don't have enough team registrations by the end of March we may have to cancel but will cross that bridge when we get to it.
  - If the tournament is a go, athletes may not have to fundraise as we have done in the past!
  - Registration set at \$550 but if we think that's too much, we can change.
- 2025 Board of Directors Election

- Ballots were distributed to Board Members present in person and via email to Board Members not present (Nate Olson and Matt Means). Each Member received 1 ballot each.
- New proposed Board Members: Nick Jelacie and Mackenzie Erickson
- Current Board Members up for reelection:
- Ballots were filled out and then collected and counted.
- 2026 Board Members: Corey Johnson, Nate Olson, Ashly Gilson, Matt Means, Kristine Kottke, Trent Grams, Nick Jelacie and Mackenzie Erickson
- Executive Board Elections
  - Ballots distributed to Board Members present in person and via email to Board Members not present (Nate Olson and Matt Means). Each Member received 1 ballot each.
  - New proposed Executive: Ashly Gilson as Vice President
  - Current Executives up for reelection: Corey Johnson as President, Matt Means as Treasurer and Kristine Kottke as Secretary.
  - Ballots were filled out, then collected and counted.
  - 2026 Executive Board Members: Corey Johnson President-1 year term, Ashly Gilson Vice President- 2 year term, Matt Means Treasurer-1 year term, Kristine Kottke-1 year term.
- Individual Team Fundraising
  - In years past, most teams have done additional fundraising for big trip travel tournaments. Teams have done a variety of fundraisers, including but not limited to; bagging groceries, meat raffles, other raffles.
  - As our Association expands and our Board leadership matures, we need to provide guidelines to teams going forward. Our Bylaws currently require that teams need permission from the Fundraising Chair prior to executing a fundraiser doing-business-as a BBBA Association team out in the public eye.
  - The Board is in agreement that our Association must have a formal outline and process for future fundraising efforts and requests by individual teams. This ensures proper use of funds, proper use of the BBBA name and appropriate documentation within our organization. Secretary Kottke will draft that form for approval by the Board prior to our next meeting.
  - The Board agrees this Form will be for submission to the Fundraising Chair for future fundraising campaigns by individual teams and shall include, at minimum:
    - Team name, coach, age level
    - Fundraising goal amount
    - How funds raised will be used
    - Complete fundraising campaign information

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by: Ashly Gilson

Seconded by: Kristine Kottke  
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

**Addendum to Minutes:**