

# Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association BBBA

## December Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 9, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30 pm Central Time

Meeting Location: Brainerd High School Large Conference Room

**Call to Order:** 5:37 pm

**Present:**

Corey Johnson

Matt Castle

Andy Campbell

Matt Means

Jeremiah Piepkorn

**Absent:**

Chris Velasco

Mike DeRosier

Nate Olson

Phil Berg

**Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

Approval of December 2024 Agenda

Motion to approve by: Andy Campbell

Seconded by: Matt Castle

Motion carried

Approval of Meeting Minutes from November 2024 and the amended September 2024 minutes

Motion to approve: Andy Campbell

Seconded by: Matt Means

Motion carried

Additions to Agenda:

- Discussion on storage of equipment for winter skills
- Discussion on Warrior Club letter of inquiry of our interest

**Open Forum:** NA

#### President/VP Report – Chris/Corey

- Battle of the Lakes Update
  - We already have over 100 teams signed up (not including our own teams)
  - Roughly over \$48k in Association revenue collected for tournament
- Qualifier Update
- Meeting with Troy Harris
  - Meeting went great and was very collaborative. Troy was open to the Association utilizing Memorial Softball Fields for our 9 & 10 year old tournaments.
- Meeting with Alex Hondl
  - Received a bill in the amount of \$6,273.55 for “services rendered during our home tournament” during our home tournament weekends held at OK Park.
- Board discussed the use of team funds in the off-season for signing up for tournaments in the next season and how to handle.

#### Treasurer’s Report – Matt C.

- Conclusion on financials was that the Association made \$45k in 2024. We are in a strong financial position going into 2025 and our new Board.

#### Secretary – Andy

- U-haul has purchased our KO Storage unit. Andy set up a new payment account for U-Haul.

#### **New Business:**

- Vote for Executive Board Members for 2025
  - Motion was made by Jeremiah Piepkorn to approve the nominations of Corey Johnson for President, Nate Olson for Vice President and Matt Means for Treasurer. Seconded by Matt Castle. Motion carries. Secretary position will remain open until January board meeting.
- Vote for Board Members next year.
  - Ashley Gilson, Kristine Kottke and Trent Grams were the top 3 vote getters and their terms will end December 2027
- Winter Skills Update – Pitching Clinic with Louis Varland?
  - Jeremiah will work with Tom Fairbanks to take a lead on finding storage room for our equipment as well as scheduling the use of the Forestview gym.
  - Discussion on splitting all ages into 3 groups: 9/10, 11/12, 13/14 and then giving each group 1 night per week for winter skills. The idea here is the kids will get fewer nights of winter skills, but the quality of the experience will be greatly

improved by having fewer kids attend each session and get more reps and better quality reps.

- Equipment Bags for each level
  - Equipment bags across all age levels are pretty much shot. Discussion on the Association to buy all new gear bags. Motion to spend no more than \$2000 on new gear bags made by Matt Means and seconded by Jeremiah Piepkorn. Motion carried.
- The Warrior Club from Brainerd Public School Foundation reached out seeking donations/sponsorships for their Big Event fundraiser. Decision was made to table any decisions until next month's Board meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Scoreboard Update – Hy-Tec Construction has offered to donate the labor to install the 4 scoreboards that the Association is considering purchasing and donating to the City of Brainerd.
- YMCA update from Andy

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by: Matt Castle

Seconded by: Matt Means

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm