

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



Meeting Date/Time: September 8, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Location: McPete's in Big Lake

Recorder: Secretary

Attendance:

Name	Position	Att	Name	Position	Att
Dan Grove	President	A	Lawrence Luoma	MAL – Travel Director	P
Mike Horn	Vice President	P	Joe Bruns	MAL – Equipment Coordinator	P
Nicole Possehl	Treasurer	P	Melissa Calgaro	MAL – Uniforms, Apparel, Photos	P
Tessa Miller	Secretary	P	Henry Bochenski	MAL – In-House Coordinator	P
Ashley Luoma	MAL – Director M&M	P	Loren Holthaus	MAL – Associate Director	A
Tay Kaeppe	MAL - Webmaster	P	Katie Erickson	MAL – Communication coordinator	A
Jim Andersen	MAL – Volunteer Coordinator	P			
Andrew Gosewisch	MAL – Player & Coach Development	P			

MAL = Member at Large

P = Present, PV - Present Virtual, A = Absent G = Guest

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion	Action By
Approve August Board Minutes	Review and approve previous months board minutes and send to webmaster to post.	Tessa to send to Tay for posting on website	Tessa
Open Forum	For additional discussion and/or open to public	No discussion	
Financial Statement Review		Nicole Reviewed - see meeting minutes below	
Survey for Coaches	Sent by Dan	Dan Collecting Responses	Dan
Survey for parents	Sent by Dan	Dan Collecting Responses	Dan
Storage Space	Review any pricing for local storage facilities	Joe provided findings for different storage options - see minutes below	Joe
Winter Clinics	Discuss current status	See Notes below	
Equipment Drop off	Did we get all coaches equipment returned	Still needs one in-house coaches equipment	Joe

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Quad City 15U Tournament	Did Invoices get sent to participating Quad City teams?	Nicole reaching out to Robert Hoekstra regarding invoice questions	Nicole
Volunteer Check Status	Are we all squared away with 2024 season volunteers and checks.	Nicole working on tracking down two additional checks	Nicole
Uniforms	Status update on uniforms for 2025 season	Melissa gathering uniform ideas and pricing - See minutes below for more info	Melissa
Fundraiser	Hit-A-Thon	Melissa putting together an email to share with board with information regarding potential fundraiser for the spring	Melissa
Mass Registration	Reserve through the Middle School for the Sunday or Monday before tryouts? Be sure there are no conflicts with holidays or days off of school. All levels?	Tessa will check with Middle School on availability to hold mass registration, but will need to confirm Spring Tryout date prior to scheduling mass registration.	Tessa
Bylaws	Review current state of bylaws	See minutes below for more information	
Spring Tryouts	Tentative date: 2/8 Location: We book SCSU dome in Oct. All levels finished tryouts within the 3 hours last time. Would need to purchase an additional hour for set up prior to tryouts for next time.	Not able to book SCSU dome until October. See below minutes for more information.	Dan
Communication Role	Filling of communication role	Tay will assist with the communication role until another can be appointed	Tay

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Minutes:

Mike Horn called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

Approval of Previous month meeting minutes: Secretary emailed out meeting minutes. Tessa Miller requested a motion. Nicole made a motion to approve the August 2024 board meeting minutes, seconded by Ashely. All were in favor, motion carries. August 2024 meeting minutes approved.

Open Forum

- No Open Forum discussion

Financial Statement Review

- Treasurer would like to change from calendar year to Sept through August to match season
- Netted approx. \$6K for the year
- Nicole has a budget draft for review
- Budget committee to be formed to review - need to include departments that will need a piece of the budget such as uniforms and equipment. Committee listed below:
 - Dan
 - Nicole
 - Joe
 - Mike
 - Melissa
 - Lawrence
 - Henry
 - Jim
- **ACTION ITEM: Nicole set up a meeting with budget committee to go over future budget**

Survey

- Both surveys sent out and will remain open until Dan closes them
- **Action Item: Dan to send out additional communication via email and post on fb prior to closing**
- Dan will review survey results

Storage Space - Below information provided by Joe

- BL storage 10x15 \$100/month 8x20 pod \$75/month
 - Pods are more available
- U-Lock Storage
 - \$110 10x20 \$80 10x10
- Northstar Storage
 - \$140 10x20 or \$120 10x15

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- Home Depot
 - \$3200 you build it and put it on property: 12 x 16 Kit
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Dan checking on if the shed becomes school property if placed near the varsity field
 - Mike Horn will talk to his contacts to assist with labor
- Storage discussed - will need to find out more information on placing near varsity field

Winter Clinics

- Mike Horn informed the board of a baseball CE 6am-8am clinic that starts in September. One day a week.
- **Action Item: Tessa to get Andrew connected with Dave Nelson and Tyler Halvorsen**
- Melissa to assist with any apparel for clinics if needed
- **ACTION ITEM: Andrew checking with Kendra for facility availability and cost**
- Potentially have a clinic or tryout clinic just prior to tryouts
- Starz Baseball in St. Cloud could be a resource to check with as they can bring a clinic to Big Lake location.

Equipment

- Need to get equipment from one remaining 9U in-house team
- Fall Ball coaches using equipment
- Joe will be going through equipment shed to re-organize
- **Action Item: Tessa to check with Katie E on her inventory list from shed**

QUad City Invoices

- **Action Item: Nicole reaching out to Robert for invoice questions**

Volunteer CHecks

- **Action Item: Missing two checks - Nicole following up**

Uniforms

- Found several uniforms and bids out for pricing
- Quantity - from the 2024 season (approx)
 - Majors and Minors about 112 uniforms
 - 145 quantity for travel and in-house
- Do we get reversible for home/away?
- Do we differentiate travel and in-house?
- **Action Item: Melissa bringing ideas to Oct. Meeting**
- Request for flag to be on the uniform
- **Action Item: Tessa to connect Squadlocker with Melissa**

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Fundraiser

- Hit-a-thon
 - Melissa started putting together information and will email out information to board members
 - Potentially have one in the spring
 - Reached out to a few companies that are willing to donate
 - Need to get sign up, organize fundraising night
 - Find food trucks

Mass Registration

- Tessa check with middle school about reserving room once we know the date for the spring tryout
- Perhaps we set time-slots
- Registering travel, in-house, and Majors & Minors all open at the same time
- Let Melissa know about date to have sample uniforms available

Bylaws

- Per Mike - He requested the current bylaws be sent out to the new board members
- Per Nicole - Needs to be organized in the appropriate way.
- Ashley sending current bylaws out to board members so all new board members have them
- Nicole and Ashley will bring draft of bylaw updates to the October meeting

Handbook

- **Action Item: Tessa to send handbook to Tay to review and update to bring to October meeting**

Spring Tryouts

- We are not able to book the SCSU dome until October
- Could we have coaching applications out and have applicants available for them to attend the spring tryouts
- Do we need to look into who qualifies based on current grade or age by May 1st
 - Mike Horn to discuss with Dan Grove
- Do we need to look at if a team falls into A or AA when setting up teams and could we bring in coaches input after
 - Dan Grove - Could we compare to other communities via Flex scores to get an idea

Communication Coordinator

- Tay Kaeppe will be communication
- Tay reaching out to Dan Grove to get access to Facebook to allow her to post via BLBA

Email Domain

- Per Tay

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- Dan is working on who has the account for GoDaddy Domain
- Tay priced out
 - Go Daddy - 2 people for \$47/year
 - Microsoft - 2 people for \$144/year
 - Comes with 1TB storage
 - Google - 2 people for \$
- Tay creating list of email addresses and pricing for a later vote

Meeting adjourned at 8:49