

**Tea Baseball Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Feb. 4, 2024 • 6 p.m. • Tea City Hall**

**MINUTES**

Present: Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

Not present: Chris Vasecka

1) CALL TO ORDER 6:07 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA: Motion by Mark, seconded by Kevin. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES: Motion by Rick, seconded by Mitch. Unanimously approved.

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5 minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

- A. Chase the Ace
- B. Chislic feed
- C. Registration
- D. Coaches
- E. Tea Chamber for Development
- F. Pant Day
- G. Bank ledgers
- H. Fundraising money

A. Chase the Ace

Traffic has been good at the Legion. There was discussion about providing ticket discounts on higher bet amounts. This will be revisited after the Chislic Feed.

B. Chislic feed

The committee is working off a timeline to put everything together. Rob sent a Remind to the HS players/parents about volunteering and bringing a dessert. We are planning for 1,000 people to attend. The Silent Auction has approximately 18 items on it. The Board needs to make sure to promote the event as well. There was additional discussion about having a Casino Night at the Legion as they have a number of tables in the basement.

C. Registration

Registration is now open on the City's Park and Recreation website. Some language needed to be tweaked. Eventually we'd like to have one competitive team at every age group. Once registration is complete there will need to be discussion about adjusting the sizes of competitive and recreation teams and tryouts.

D. Coaches

Rob talked to Nathan Babb (TAHS grad, current college baseball player) about coaching the 14u team. Babb suggested adding assistant coach Logan Boom (TAHS grad, current college baseball player). Both will be paid as this is a competitive team. Currently, parents who volunteer to coach receive an 80% discount. The total comes to \$5,200, which includes games, mileage and practices. This will be paid by TBA and they will be paid monthly.

E. Tea Chamber for Development

The Tea Baseball Association is now a member of the Tea Chamber for Development. President Andrea Kuiper will send over more information.

F. Pant Day

This event is Saturday, March 2 from 2-4 p.m. Dauby's will be there with apparel only. Rob will be at the event until it is done and then will go to the Chislic Feed.

G. Bank ledgers

Rob has started registering for some tournaments.

H. Fundraising money

There was discussion about how to allocate the money that has been raised at Chase the Ace and will be with the Chislic Feed. Some items mentioned included new turf for the old batting cages, mobile mounds. TBA needs to discuss with the City their list of improvements and coordinate on where we can make an impact.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

A. Sponsorships: Amy shared a sponsorship sheet in its draft form

B. Field upgrades: need information from Thad

C. Council approval of field names: still TBD on presentation

7) NEXT MEETING DATE

Feb. 25: 6 p.m. at City Hall

Feb. 28: 7 p.m. Chislic Feed set-up at the Legion

8) ADJOURNMENT 7:32 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mark, seconded by Rick. Unanimously approved.