



BATBA Board Meeting Minutes (8/8/2024)
8:30pm @ Guse Garage

Attendees

Chris Coleman – President
Lindsey Hanson - Vice President
Lindsey Kirkham – Treasurer
Erik Peterson – Travel Director (9-10U)
Bryan Guse – Senior Advisor, Travel Director (11U)
Marc Bjorkland – Facilities Director / Travel Director (12-14U)
Ryan Busch - Communications Director
Amber Schiller - Fundraising Director
Chris Cazin - Equipment Director

Absent

Steve Miller - Assistant Tournament Director & Scheduling Director
Andy Burmeister - Tournament Director

- Treasury Report
 - Lindsey shared the treasury report.
 - Fixed fees will go up next year and there are other expenses that will need to be considered (Example: losing the NSC cages and finding a replacement).
 - Raise registration fee for all age groups increases by \$25. \$300/\$350 and have the extra \$25 payable on the second registration payment.
- Apparel Updates
 - Uniforms will stay the same for 2025.
 - Zipper issue in pants is identified and resolved for next year.
 - 4 designs ready to be shared in October meeting for next year hoodies.
 - Invoice for CPL tryout stickers coming to Lindsey H. Lindsey H. to pick up stickers 8/8/24.
- Fundraising Updates
 - None.
- Equipment Updates
 - Not too many teams using the BATBA supplied catcher's gear
- Social Media Updates
 - Good luck message to be sent via social media on Monday.
- Communication Updates
 - BATBA AAA Callback Schedules
 - BATBA AA Callback Schedules
 - 2025 BATBA Teams
 - 2025 BATBA Initial Registration Live NOW!
 - 2025 BATBA Initial Registration and BATBA Board Election

- 2025 Custom Hoodies and Pull Overs are now available for purchase
- BATBA Board Election / Annual Meeting
- Send an email to the group and indicate that feedback was received, and we have shared feedback with coaches.
- Ryan to send another email regarding no BATBA gear for tryouts.
- Facilities Updates
 - Fencing on the outside of Lexington dugouts quote is ~\$6k
 - Peterson infield upgrades quote is ~\$5k
 - Diamond Doctor reserved for another year.
 - Concrete pads for Peterson cages should be contemplated.
- Tryout Prep
 - Wednesday and Thursday fields are set for AAA callbacks of the initial tryout week. Coaches can choose one of those days for the AAA callback.
 - AAA coaches set and AA coaches except for 9AA are set assuming players meet tryout requirements.
 - Based on feedback from the end of the season survey, certain coaches will have conversations with the traveling directors. Based on those conversations, coaches will have to follow up with parents and team and come up with a plan to improve next year. Some of the themes include arguing with other coaches, players, and umpires. Teams need to be a good representation of our program.
 - 183 total registered.
 - Cooper Johnson – little league shoulder cant throw
 - Carter Kubat – 13AA, cannot tryout due to shoulder issue
 - Liam and Ty Pettis will be at first day, but not at callbacks. Coach's option for each, but they need to score well in the initial tryouts
 - Luke Carlson lives in Coon Rapids, currently at Northdale with a path to BHS instead of Coon Rapids. OK to tryout.
 - Lucas Hilker, coach strongly suggests that the kid come to callbacks, would like to see him, but it would be coach's decision at that point.
 - 9U tryout kid broke collar bone, can throw, but not do anything else. Can't make AAA, but can be a coach's pick at AA.
 - Andy Sanders, Travis Scharn, and Mike Dexter have all submitted interest to coach 9AAA. After interviews, Travis selected as the prospective 9AAA coach.
 - Pitching machines will be at the fields and we do have enough extension cords. Cones, boxes, balls, stopwatches, and pen and paper is ready.
 - Student workers at the field at 3pm ready to help prep the fields.
- Walk up items
 - Lost the cages at NSC for 2025 season, NSC is repurposing that area. Need to find another option for winter batting. The Ball Park is an option.

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