



BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017 at 7pm

Blaine Baseball Complex

- 7:06 Call to Order – Rick Fanning. **All board members present except for Scott Sonmore.**
- 7:05 Public Forum – **Melissa Williams from our membership attended and is interested in a Board position in 2018.**
- 7:10 New Business – Training facility in Blaine; iPad \$250 donation to **SLP Media Center approved. Board approved fee reduction for one of our players. Jaymi will track this.**
- 7:10 Reports
- Treasurer’s Report – Jaymi Greseth
 - 14AAA GSTC and 13U All Star Series summaries. **All Star Series more profitable. Rick and Jaymi to submit a proposal to MYAS to enhance the profitability of hosting this event.**
 - Fundraising going into calendar year-end. **Looking to take action on business year-end donations, selling outfield banners, running clinics at NSC, and sponsorships for uniforms and field improvement projects. Jen will work with Jaymi, Melissa Williams and others to organize these activities.**
 - NSC reservations for 2018 – contract signed and sent in. **We have the opportunity to get free turf from NSC. Al to find out how much we can get.**
 - 2018 Registration #1 commitment payment. **Amount confirmed and deadline will be Oct. 31. Jaymi will work with Erik Roell and SBAA on transaction process.**
 - **Will have over \$7,000 in volunteer deposits to make and around \$9,000 in Tryout Fees.**
 - 2017 Season Summaries – Jim Conlee, Scott Sonmore. **Jim was happy with on-field league performances of teams; the 13AAA team won the MBT state championship and several teams made it to the semifinals at GSTC. Miracle League participation was great and we will have two teams buddy per game next year. Discussion going forward about forming a subcommittee for complaint measures during 2018 season. This group would meet biweekly/monthly to proactively address issues – people could attend to discuss grievances/complaints.**
 - Evaluations that were turned in common theme was more practice time which would include more tryout time/more field options. **Jim suggested additional education for Coaches as well on field options, i.e. come early for a game and balance the competitive nature vs what is realistic for the age and expectations.**
 - Tryouts in August/September – Scott Sonmore, Jim Conlee
 - Debrief meeting on Tryouts process. **Overall Tryouts went very well. The app and ipads really helped out given the bad weather on Tryout Saturday; everyone really liked the app and its ease of use. In order to provide more consistency we will**

develop more defined responsibilities for the Tryouts Committee Members and create a Provisional Coach Guideline to standardize their involvement.

- Teams – 20 from 9u-14u (added one overall)
- Uniforms and Apparel – Jerome Balsimo **Board approved using CA Gear this year out of Burnsville. Highly recommended by three organizations that we talked with. CA Gear will do apparel and rebate offerings like the last vendor. Uniform set cost will be the same as last year and we are working to identify the jerseys for Blaine and SLP. Jerome will need artwork files to get to CA Gear so we can have on-line apparel ordering in time for the Holidays. Board approved moving forward with CA Gear.**
- Facility improvements (3-year plan) – Rick Fanning
 - Storage of equipment. **Rick mentioned that SBAA is starting the process of identifying storage options for our equipment and BATBA will be a part of those efforts.**
 - 3-Year Plan. **Board discussed the entire plan and approved the purchase of four dugout wraps for Peterson for next season. Rick will communicate this with the vendor Freedom Fence. We also agreed that we want to pursue two hitting cages and a bullpen at Peterson and Rick will continue with project planning. Board also considered an app for field scheduling and Chad will take the lead on this; he has found an app that other organizations use for less than \$1,000.**

8:30 Communications – Sarah Anderson. **Will make the final remaining team selection postings and work with Jaymi and Corryn on Registration #1 commitment payment communication.**

TO DO: Discussed online field scheduling <https://bookafield.us/> \$595/year.

8:30 Next meeting October 12, 2017 at BBC at 7pm (Annual Meeting, 2018 Board elections)

9:40 Adjourn