



WHITE BEAR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA & MINUTES 2024

March 18, 2024

1. Tryout update - John

- a. Schedule is set
- b. Going to be a busy weekend
- c. Makeups are 3/28 at 8pm at gyms 1 & 2 at North Campus Fieldhouse
- d. Will get the 3rd graders in at 9am and team will arrive at 8:30 to set up
- e. Registration will close on Thursday
- f. Be sure that it is clear that kids should enter on loading dock side
- g. Bring a sign to post on the freeway side that says to enter on the other side
- h. Bring a couple of yard signs to put on the loading dock door
- i. Let parents know to stick around in case kid gets done early

2. Registration update

Grad yr	Gr. '23	Gr. '24	2024	2023	Diff
2033		3rd	36		36
2032	3rd	4th	30	26	4
2031	4th	5th	39	25	14
2030	5th	6th	34	31	3
2029	6th	7th	39	33	6
2028	7th	8th	32	37	-5
Total			210	152	

- a.
- b. Most age levels will have enough kids for 3 teams
- c. 12A tournaments are full, we got into 2, but still looking for one more (on 17 waiting lists)
- d. We have enough players for one 9AAA and one or two 9AA teams

3. Training update - Nick
 - a. Complete for the season, very successful
 - b. Fieldhouse worked out really well for the offseason training
4. Fields Update - Brad
 - a. If we have 8 teams at the 60', we will need some additional fields availability
 - b. Will need additional portable mounds or to use the lights
 - c. Preference is to add night games at Lakewood
 - d. April 6: turf fields at North have been reserved
5. Trusted Coaches update
 - a. Needs to be completed by board before tryouts begin
6. Tournament update - Chris
 - a. Fields are reserved – Still waiting on agreement
 - b. Permit for food is being worked on
 - c. Still looking for the two additional 14AAA teams, Chris will lower the price
 - d. Volunteer signups have been created and will be sent out to board and
 - e. Wheelhouse working on the schedule, including two umpers for the championship and 3rd place games
 - f. Trophies and rings have been received
7. Fundraising update - Dena
 - a. Fan gear site is ready to go – need to send an email blast
 - b. Will keep some gear for sale at the tournament
 - c. Cane's fundraiser raised \$175, plus player certificates & free kids' meals
8. Umpire update - Erin
 - a. 29 umpires are signed up
 - b. There will be a training coming up in April
 - c. Need polo shirts, clickers, sweepers, pouches ordered
 - d. In-house games will start mid-May
 - e. Erin will use Google Sheet to manage schedules
9. In-House update
 - a. Picture day – May 18 at N. Campus cafeteria
 - b. Jamboree – June 22
 - c. End of the year tournament date – July 13

Next Meeting:

Bathrooms at Babe -

March 4, 2024

10. Tryout update - John

- a. Finalizing volunteering schedule
- b. Facilities, Jimmy's are good to go
- c. Nick will transport new pitching machine to tryouts

11. Registration update - Michelle

- a. Numbers on par with last year, 8th grade lagging
- b. Will be promoting early bird pricing over the next week to drive traveling registrations
- c. After traveling registration ends, will shift focus to in-house & GSRec promotion

12. Training update - Nick

- a. One training session remains on 3/17, everything set

13. Tournament update - Chris

- a. Fields are reserved – waiting for WBT to send agreement
- b. Permit for food is being worked on
- c. Game schedule is set – Blair will send to Wheelhouse

14. Fundraising update - Dena

- a. TCO has committed \$2k sponsorship and will be printed on sleeve of jerseys
- b. Cane's fundraiser went well, not sure on total funds raised yet
- c. Seeking gift card donations for jamboree
- d. Board members can have a sponsorship space
- e. Fan gear coming soon – the vendor will host the shop and fulfill the orders (Signature Concepts)
- f. Launch site next week and keep up until April 3
- g. Promote over course of the 4 weeks

15. Umpire update - Erin

- a. Recruitment email sent to last year's umpires
- b. 19 signed up so far; aiming for around 30 umpires
- c. Would like to do some additional promotions to boost the number

- d. Megan will order additional umpire polos
16. Waiver vote - Greg
- a. Board reviewed player request to transfer to WBL
 - b. Unanimous 'no' vote
17. Pitching Clinic with Eric Lovedahl
- a. April 13, 9-11am – traveling coach clinic (cost is TBD)
 - b. Eric will also be available to work individually with coaches/teams during the season
18. In-House update
- a. Picture day – May 18 at N. Campus cafeteria
 - b. Jamboree – June 15 or 22
 - c. End of the year tournament date – July 13
19. Field scheduling
- a. Coaches will need to input their game schedules before team selection
 - b. Could we use the turf fields at the high school before fields are open?
 - c. D-Bat could be an option for pitching/batting practice
20. Other business
- a. Need to set date for opening Babe Ruth cages

February 22, 2024

1. Association donation to WB Baseball Boosters
 - a. Unanimous approval
2. Registration Update
 - a. Michelle has started putting flyers in the Digital backpack and has the yard signs. We'll figure out how to distribute and put them out strategically.
3. Training Update - Cancel March 3rd session due to timing and lack of facilities
4. Tournament Update -
 - a. Field reservation has been sent to The Town
 - b. Jon Anderson has confirmed his crew to get the fields ready
 - c. Do we need to do a permit for food with the county?
 - d. Wheelhouse has asked for the schedule as soon as possible. They don't care about teams so if we can get an estimate of the schedule they can put the games out for their umpires to claim.
5. Tryout update
 - a. Team Genius will be ready to go

- b. Blair to prepare letter that will be sent out a week before tryouts, similar to the high school baseball letter.
- 6. Apparel - Hat Vote
 - a. 7-6 Vote to use the hat that we have for a couple of years
- 7. Fundraising
 - a. Canes Fundraiser a week from today
 - b. Dena is reaching out to sponsors next week
 - c. Apparel store to open soon
- 8. Shoreview
 - a. Shoreview to have 3 11-12 teams. We will work them into our schedule and we'll use 1-2 of their fields for these games. Each to provide our own umpires and pay for our own field expenses.
 - b. We agreed to share Kohler
- 9. Umpire update
 - a. Inhouse game fee
 - b. Erin and Wheelhouse are connected. Wheelhouse will offer a zoom link or in person training to our umps, no charge. They are asking for some of our older umps for possible traveling assignments.
- 10. Inhouse
 - a. Picture day is set, just need to confirm with Jon Anderson.
- 11. To do:
 - a. Equipment Swap

February 5, 2024

- 12. Budget Approval
 - a. No fundraising is included in the projected income
 - b. Training reduced by about \$4000 in 2024
 - c. Registration fees increased by \$5 across the board
 - d. Used last year's tournament numbers to project 2024
 - e. Placeholder included for 15U and senior league
 - f. Motion to approve the 2024 budget, unanimously approved by board
- 13. Umpire Director
 - a. Erin has agreed to take on the umpire director role

- b. Motion to appoint Erin Hauber as Umpire Director, unanimously approved by board

14. Registration Update

- a. Registration opened on Feb 2
- b. 39 in-house, 36 traveling so far
- c. MK to send out the code for board registration and to Jesse and Blair for scholarships
- d. MK to print yard signs, small Facebook campaign, backpack
- e. MK to send flyers to Nick for trainings

15. Tournament Update - look into tournament WB email

- a. Chris needs email address to get into the site
- b. Blair to check if there is an email address tied to the tournament
- c. Volunteers need to start getting coordinated now, 12s are primarily used (but we will also use the 13s/14s)
- d. Jason Hilderman will help getting the food, getting set up; but will need volunteers to run the concession stand and cook burgers
- e. Nikki will help with volunteer coordination
- f. Would be nice to have the high school players helping out at the tournament, but are unsure if they will have availability (they will be in season)
- g. Could use Facebook to promote the need for volunteers

16. Apparel vote

- a. Megan reviewed options for uniform
- b. Board voted on options and Megan will coordinate with the vendor

17. Pitching Machine Purchase

- a. Jr. hack attack pitching machine would be purchased by WBBA and stored at North Campus fieldhouse – can throw curve and off-speed pitches. Expected to last a long time
- b. Could use/store at Babe over the summer
- c. Can use field improvement budget to purchase
- d. Board unanimously voted to purchase machine

18. Tryout update

- a. Page is set up with dates/times
- b. We will use indoor facility regardless of weather
- c. John will start organizing the volunteers
- d. WBL HS will provide at least 4 scorers
- e. Still need to pay for facilities, but they are booked

- f. Team Genius has been renewed and ready for scoring
- g. Team selection will need to happen quickly so that coaches are in place/prepared when MYAS game scheduling occurs

19. Shoreview

- a. Shoreview asked us if we'd like to participate in the "Sunday at Sitzer" for 5th/6th
- b. We'd leave it up to coaches to coordinate a team(s)
- c. Shoreview 5th/6th is expected to play with WBBA in-house

20. Trusted coaches - GY

- a. Board will need to take the training/background check asap
- b. GY will send link to training via email

21. To do:

- a. Inhouse Pictures
- b. Equipment Swap

January 22, 2024

1. Winter Training

- a. Update on 1/21 session
- b. Add 4 spots
- c. Dena to add the option to cancel so we can replace that player.

2. Tournament Update

- a. All full except 3 spots of 14AAA
- b. Have Greg get in contact with Chris about MYAS email.

3. Erik Lovedahl clinic promotion, other clinics to add to website

4. The Iceberg System - Volunteers to go through the first segment?

5. Umpire Director update

- a. Erin Hauber - volunteered to do it, will confirm

6. Budget discussion

- a. Vote to increase fees \$5 was unanimous.

7. Brian Raabe clinic 1/25 at Getty CoWork

- a. 23 registrants as of today, still looking for more

8. Final planning for opening registration

- a. President letter?
 - b. Open by February 1st?
9. To do:
- a. Inhouse Pictures
 - b. Update costs matrix
 - c. Equipment Swap

January 8, 2024

1. Winter Training
 - a. Sessions fill quickly when released! Email/social media working well
 - b. Successful beginning to the winter clinics...plenty of balls, volunteers, etc.
 - c. Nice to have the larger space in the fieldhouse for long throws, etc.
2. Budget discussion
 - a. Jesse provided high-level overview of 2023 actuals and proposed 2024 budget
 - b. Board will vote on budget and 2024 fees at upcoming meeting
 - c. Board should bring forward or revisit ideas for using existing funds to determine what our actual needs are for 2024
3. Sponsorship updates/Marketing
 - a. Sponsorship requests haven't begun...a bit early yet
 - b. Dena recommended considering "in-kind" sponsorships
4. Tryout updates/planning
 - a. All set for March 23/24
 - b. Saturday: Blizzard from 8 am – 5 pm (kids from 8:30 - 4:45)
 - c. Sunday at TCO
 - d. High School Scorers will be available
 - e. Nikki will order more stickers for tryout numbers
 - f. John will contact Jimmy's to reserve a section for Saturday night
 - g. Blair will be ready to be TeamGenius admin
 - h. Equipment reminders will be needed in communication leading up to tryouts - cups, helmets, no jerseys, etc.

- i. Make-up tryouts - plan is Thurs. March 28th. Need to confirm with [Jon Anderson](#) in the coming weeks.
5. Other business
- a. Discussed posting arm care exercises that players can do indoors/at home – thought maybe we could film high school students, a Blizzard instructor or share existing videos.
 - b. Discussed a more robust season kick off or jamboree that would include activities like wiffle ball, home run derby, throwing contests, dunk tank, etc. to bring together the WBBA community and potentially raise funds

December 18, 2023 (Final Meeting of 2023)

1. Winter Training

- a. Ready to go?
 - i. Nick will meet with Jon at North to show Nick how to use cages, etc.
 - ii. Will move a pitching machine to North for trainings. There is also a pitching machine stored at South. Will have collapsible L-screens available on site as well. Two mounds are also available at North if needed.
 - iii. Plenty of balls, tees, wiffles available for trainings.
 - iv. Volunteer sign ups are looking strong
- b. Dena to set up Square site
 - i. Jesse working with Dena on set up
 - ii. First registration will open on Jan 2, and then every Monday following
 - iii. \$15/session, requesting players only register for one session to enable maximum participation

2. Coach Fitzpatrick Update

- 1. Varsity Field Update*
 - 1. Three varsity-sized fields available at South Campus
 - 2. Varsity will be moved to the field closest to South, adding wind screen and piping
 - 3. District looking into turf infield in the future
 - 4. 20x20 shed will be built this spring, with the capability for concessions
 - 5. Looking to host many tournaments over the summer (youth, Legion, VFW, club) to raise money for the high school/WBBA baseball programs
- 2. Scoreboard Update*

1. South power supply is maxed out, so not able to move the scoreboard at this point. This could be something WBBA helps to sponsor/support.
2. District is looking into options and will keep the WBBA posted as more info becomes available.
3. Coaches Clinic (Target Field, and High School Coaches Clinic)
 1. If any WBBA coaches are interested in attending the Target field session, connect with HS coaches, who will also be there
 2. Coach Fitzpatrick will host a coaches clinic again this year, more information to follow
4. Proposal of joint batting machine at North Campus Field House*
 1. HS would like to share a pitching machine at North.
 2. Coach Fitzpatrick will look at the machine supplied by WBBA to see if it will meet the need.
5. Questions and Suggestions for Summer Youth Camps*
 1. Coach Fitzpatrick is interested in hosting a summer camp if there is sufficient demand
 2. We will help promote the camp once the registration is available, aiming for early Jan
3. Wheelhouse Contract - Vote to approve
 1. Board unanimously approved Wheelhouse contract
 2. Would like Wheelhouse to meet with coaches and train coaches again
4. WB Tournament
 1. Received MYAS and MBT bids for 13s and 14AA, received MYAS bid for 14AAA
 2. Registration update
 1. Full at all ages, except 14AAA (three teams currently signed up)
 2. 13s/14AA waiting lists are also full, so we will begin requesting payments in Jan
 3. Materials: Need to be ordered by end of January - chalk, Diamond Dry, baseballs
 4. Concessions: Blair to connect with Jason Hilderman
 5. Umpires: Blair to tell Wheelhouse about dates and ask if we can get two umpers for 14s
5. Brian Raabe - January 25th. Getty Work space in WBL. 6-8pm.
 1. 11 coaches are currently signed up
 2. Keep reminding coaches to sign up
 3. Will need to send coaches a link to a waiver from the MN Twins
6. Upcoming topics:
 1. 2024 meeting schedule – Blair working with Jon to schedule
 2. Budget planning – Jesse to send out 2023 budget vs. actuals
 3. Megan working on jersey samples

4. Kevin Fernandez

December 7, 2023

1. Winter Training

- a. Volunteers starting to sign up?
- b. Ready to go on sign up?
- c. Equipment ordered?
 - i. Keith to order L Screens and make sure we have enough baseballs
 - ii. Nick to talk to Jon Anderson to make sure we can store equipment at North.

2. WB Tournament

- a. Received MYAS and MBT bids for 13's and 14AA, received MYAS bid for 14AAA
- b. Many teams have signed up already, update on openings?
- c. Order Materials
 - i. Chalk
 - ii. Diamond Dry
 - iii. Baseballs
 - iv. Blair to talk to Jason Hilderman about concessions
 - v. Blair to tell Wheelhouse about dates and if we can get two umps for 14s

3. Budget

- a. Any end of the year items?

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- a. Blair to put together sign up sheet

5. Traveling Coaches for 2024 - Have Michelle put on website about coach selection process.

- a. 9AAA - Nick Anthony
- b. 9AA - Unfilled
- c. 10AAA - Jesse Murphy
- d. 10AA - Casey Zafke
- e. 11AAA - Tyler Gregory
- f. 11AA - Erin Hauber
- g. 12AAA - Nick Dettinger
- h. 12AA - Joe Howe
- i. 13AAA - John Alexander
- j. 13AA - Adam Anderson

- k. 13A - Unfilled
 - l. 14AAA - Dave Conners
 - m. 14AA - Dan Piilola
 - n. 14A - Derek Ryan
6. Discussion on traveling team restrictions for out of state tournaments.
 - a. Unanimous approval for new travel tournament policy.
 7. Other items?

Next Meeting:

1. Vote on Wheelhouse Contract
2. Budget planning
3. Other items?

November 20, 2023

1. Winter Training,
 - a. We are confirmed for the field house for most weeks
 - b. At Icemen Facility on Feb 4 and 11th, 9-noon, South Campus on
 - c. Equipment needed: L Screens, buckets of balls, Pitching machine?
 - d. Fitz confirmed High School Players to help
 - e. 36 players/hour
2. Christmas Apparel store - Dena/Megan - Not happening, vendor issue.
3. Wheelhouse Update - BO
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8. Traveling Coach Interviews - GY

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13. Traveling Coach Interviews - GY
14. Shoreview inhouse update - Looks like we are a go, more details to come.
15. Brian Raabe Clinic - Tentatively Jan 27th.
 - a. Would like to hold the meeting at Getty Work Space - Cost is \$75 for the night.
16. Next Meetings:
 - a. Budget for 2023 - JK
 - b. Registration Planning
 - c. High School Summer Camps
 - i. Ideas
 - ii. How can we help promote
 - d. Discussion on traveling teams traveling out of MN for tournaments.
 - e. Fundraising Ideas

November 6, 2023

1. Vote for Ben Bush as North Star/Sr. League Director
 - a. Board unanimously approved Ben Bush as North Star/Sr. League Director
2. Winter training: Turf for field house. Other things for winter training. Winter training times and dates set?
 - a. Majority of trainings have been booked at the HS field house on Sundays
 - b. Feb 4, Feb 11, Mar 3 – field house not available for use. Nick will look into alternatives for those dates.

- c. All trainings will be held at the field house in the auxiliary gym and the cages on court 5. Blair will ask if we need turf or anything else for trainings.
3. Summer 2024: High school clinics?
 - a. Blair will check with Coach Fitz on summer training plans
4. Tournament dates for 2024. All the same levels? 14aaa and aa, 13aaa and aa?
 - a. WBL Opener will be held May 10-12, 2024
 - b. Tournament fee will be set at \$450 and Chris will complete the paperwork
5. Vote on Coach Interview Committee - GY
 - a. Vote on committee: Blair, Brad, Coach FitzPatrick, John, Michelle, Greg – unanimously approved
 - b. Application deadline Nov 17; interviews will be held Sept 25
6. Partner with Shoreview for older inhouse?
 - a. In-house director from Shoreview inquired about a mid-season tournament, shared schedule, etc.
 - b. Blair will get additional information to share at an upcoming meeting
7. Charitable Gambling Opportunity - BO
 - a. Started exploring the possibility of charitable gambling – more to come
8. Planning topics for next three meetings:
 - a. Apparel update: Christmas storefront will be launched soon, looking into jersey/hat options – will share at upcoming meeting
 - b. Equipment: practice baseballs are in, logoed baseballs are ordered, catcher's gear will be ordered in Jan/Feb 2024, tournament chalk, etc will also be ordered early 2024
 - c. Budget/reg fees: Jesse will bring forward soon
 - d. Registration will open early February

Contact Wheelhouse for 2024 contract.

October 2, 2023

Now that Joe is gone:

1. Elections - all positions elected as appointed.
2. Traveling picture coordination with Nicole Geiffer
 - a. Does this interfere with our Sportsline agreement?
3. Babe Ruth Nets takedown? - Tentatively, October 14th.
4. Financial update - 2022 Annual Report was approved unanimously.
5. Anything else?

Sept 19, 2023

1. Financial update and overview
 - a. WBBA is in best financial shape in recent memory. Priority is to find worthy projects on which to spend our surplus funds. Board needs to investigate where to use the excess dollars.
2. Survey results overview
 - a. Overall positive feedback from In-house (80 responses), North Star/Senior League (17), and Traveling (61) parents. Full results will be shared with league directors for planning purposes for 2024.
3. Ballot review
 - a. Kory Grandy has volunteered to be on the ballot for the In-house Director role.
 - b. North Star/Senior League Director and Umpire Director remain open.
 - c. Voting will take place at the meeting on October 2nd.
4. Waiver application review - Greg
 - a. Parent from Mahtomedi is asking if we will allow his two boys to be waived into WBBA for 2024 season
 - b. Board voted 11-1 to deny the waiver request. Greg will communicate to the applicant.
5. Practice baseballs vote
 - a. \$7,350 needed to order practice baseballs, for delivery in 2023 so that we are prepared to hand out to coaches at the beginning of next season.
 - b. Unanimously approved 11-0.
6. Babe cages maintenance & clean-up
 - a. Jesse will communicate a date/time for taking down batting cage nets, and will also look into removing branches/weeds that are encroaching on the west cage.

Sept 5, 2023

1. State of the Board, upcoming elections (review ballot), term lengths
 - a. We need to fill In-house Director, NS/Senior League Director, and Umpire Director
 - b. Board will brainstorm/reach out to people who might be good fits between now and the 19th. If nothing shakes out by then, we'll put out an email blast to association specific to those roles.
 - c. Derek indicated he won't leave us high and dry next season for an Umpire Director
2. Equipment update/immediate purchasing needs

- a. Order practice baseballs now?
 - i. Jesse will get firm quote to be voted on on the 19th
 - b. Take a good look at tarps this fall, may need several new ones
 - c. Tree trimming at Babe cages is needed
3. Left-over concessions at Polar
- a. We believe everything was cleared out, Joe will double-check before the 19th
4. Tryout date confirmation
- a. March 23rd and 24th. TCO is booked for the 24th. Greg to look into Blizzard on the 23rd.
 - b. Later date will make things tight for uniform ordering, so Greg will manage expectations with the traveling teams.
5. Winter training - Nick is already looking at options at both TCO and North Campus fieldhouse. Also will consider Blizzard and Icemen again depending on timing/pricing.
6. Wheelhouse contract renewal
- a. Blair and Jesse will work to get this sorted and signed asap
7. Spending ideas for our surplus: Lakewood, Babe, High School field?
- a. Blair & Jesse will pick things up with Andy Wieteki regarding Lakewood and Babe
 - b. Joe explained the high school field situation and will make sure Coach Fitz attends a future meeting to talk about further partnering on field projects.

Mar 27, 2023

1. CoC committee for 2023 will consist of Jesse Kook, Dena Edmiston, and Chad Capra.
2. Tournament updates
 - a. Jason is looking at used refrigerators to replace one at Polar
 - b. All team spots are filled
 - c. Hand-crafted burgers are back!
 - d. Dugout tarps are finished, Nate Kolb to pick up
 - e. Three teams have yet to pay, but should be coming soon
3. Traveling/tryouts loose ends and wrap-up
 - a. Greg has provide list of kids moving to in-house/NS
 - b. Ryan will take care of refunds this week
4. 15U discussion and planning
 - a. 9th grade high school team will be asked to play VFW with Fitz
 - b. Remaining 15s will either play 15A or North Star

- c. April 13th is deadline for 15u registration with MYAS
 - d. Joe to push Fitz for his final roster
 - e. Potentially need tryouts
 - f. Uniform sizing will need to happen
5. Team manager planning
- a. Tournament registration costs are needed for each team
 - b. Nick/Greg to get Nikki the hotel block info
 - c. Nikki has heard from most of the team managers but not all
 - d. Nikki will reiterate the CoC info to team managers
 - e. \$100 to be deposited to each account for coaches to spend on team equipment
6. In-house registration status & planning
- a. 308 registrants
 - b. Lakewood requires permit for weekend use (Jamboree)
 - c. More baseballs needed, Jesse will order
7. North Star/Senior League registration status & planning
- a. Looking at four 13U teams
 - b. Two 14/15 teams
 - c. Coaches are being signed up
 - d. Seven kids for senior league... could be an issue
 - e. Joe to press for Legion roster as well
 - f. Keith to connect with Megan for uniform sizing
8. Umpire updates
- a. Roster is increasing for in-house, will promote Wheelhouse as well to help them staff up.
 - b. Derek to research umpire shirts/costs
9. Field scheduling updates
- a. Every coach has responded to the questionnaire, we're off and running
10. Sponsorship update
- a. Sponsorships have brought in \$3500 so far. Still waiting on TGK and Summit Ortho.
 - b. Fan Gear site officially launched and orders are coming in.
11. Finance items
- a. Lakewood Hills light costs from 2022 - we need more info on what we are being charged and why (current bill is around \$500)

- b. Money market fund - Ameriprise, Fidelity Bond Fund. Plan would be to move \$175k to this account and bring money back to checking account as expenses come up. Ryan to communicate plan and transactions to the board.

Feb 27, 2023

1. Tryout update
 - a. Full speed ahead, volunteers and scoring evaluators are set
 - b. Make-up date will be Wednesday the 22nd. Greg and John will plan volunteers, more detail to come.
2. Finalize CoC committee and planning (communication through coaches, execution, etc)
 - a. Three remaining items:
 - i. Identify committee of three people (swap out if conflict arises). These three people will have to reach a unanimous decision. League Director will have input but no vote.
 1. Joe will work on ballot for the committee based on those who volunteer
 - ii. Google form set up for people to submit violations - Jesse to draft, Joe to execute.
 - iii. Coaches to communicate via email for in-house/North Star/Sr League, traveling will communicate at parent meeting.
3. Field investment updates
 - a. Andy from the city of WBL is full speed ahead in gaining council approval for improvements at Lakewood Hills. Estimated timeline is this summer. Official quote still pending.
4. Review registration numbers
 - a. Traveling - 122
 - b. In-house - 168
 - c. North Star - 27
 - d. Senior League - 2
5. Miscellaneous updates as/if needed (equipment, tryouts, apparel, finance, sponsorships, etc)
 - a. Good on baseballs, replacement catchers gear has been ordered.
 - b. Michelle to remove "allowing exchanges of uniforms" verbiage from website (About In-house page).
 - c. In-house Jamboree: Dena to reach out to Doc's to see if there is a partnership opportunity
 - d. Berwood instead of Kohler this year per the city of Vadnais Heights
 - e. Final open spot in tourney is in 14AAA, will adjust somehow if we can't fill it.

Feb 6, 2023

1. Equipment budget/stipend for Traveling Coaches - Greg
 - a. Proposal for \$100 per traveling team to be distributed to team bank accounts for coaches to use towards equipment. Unanimous vote to approve. Coaches would keep equipment at end of season.
 - b. Need to specify "kit" for in-house additional equipment (Chad). Depending on cost and parameters, vote to follow at a future meeting.
2. Apparel update, finalize jersey options/design - Megan
 - a. Jersey type was unanimously approved.
 - b. Script 1 was chosen for this year's design.
3. Tryout update - John
 - a. Fitz and staff will provide some scorers, WBBA legends are lined up to help.
 - b. Nikki to get additional labels for tryout numbers.
 - c. We can proceed to post general timelines for each age for tryouts dates.
 - d. Make-up date is Wednesday March 22nd 8:00 pm.
 - e. Team selection is Friday March 24th.
4. Registration update - Michelle
 - a. Registrations are flowing in as expected. Traveling registration early bird closes on March 5th
5. Tournament update - Chris
 - a. 13AAA, 13AA, 14AA are all full. 21 of 25 teams are paid in full.
 - b. 14AAA has three spots left.

Jan 23, 2023

10. Code of Conduct document review
 - a. First draft reviewed by board, Jesse made updates/edits live as we discussed.
 - b. Revised document was approved unanimously, will be included in registration process and also distributed by coaches to their teams later in the spring.
 - c. Formation of CoC committee will be finalized at a later date.
11. Field investments discussion
 - a. Polar
 - i. Joe will get quote from Nate on canvas tops for dugout.

1. If we move forward, WBBA will need to store these while not in use for tournaments.
 - b. Lakewood (Jon Anderson and Andy)
 - i. Joe will contact Jon Anderson and Andy Wietecki to start discussions on the following priorities:
 1. Netting system around all four backstops
 2. Turn one of the fields into 12/13 field to replace Babe 3? With infield grass?
 - c. New site - to be a topic of on-going discussion. Part of City of Hugo's 10-year plan
 - d. Invest
 - i. Ryan looked into money market account that could earn 4%
 - ii. Ryan is approved to open high-yield account through Jay Jurkovich
12. Brian Raabe clinic 1/30 at Hugo City Hall
- a. 20 registrants as of today, still looking for more
13. Final planning for opening registration
- a. Needs revised President's Letter, Joe will draft
 - b. On track for February 1st, Michelle Kolb will shadow
14. Financial assistance for winter training
- a. Need to go through financial assistance process, then Michelle will create code they can use for subsequent sessions

Jan 9, 2023

1. Sponsorship updates - Dena
 - a. Solicitation has begun with area businesses
 - b. Adding Home Run sponsorship for \$2000
 - c. sponsorships@whitebearbaseball.com - Joe will set up new email address
 - d. Spread out Facebook posts throughout the year
 - e. Do we need to put banners at Lakewood instead of Babe cages? More discussion needed.
2. Review/re-cap on first day of winter training - Nick
 - a. Things flowed smoothly, plenty of room for 30 kids, no need to change anything in coming weeks
 - b. All three sessions sold out quickly
3. Budget review and vote - Ryan
 - a. Ryan presented the budget and discussion ensued on various topics.
 - b. Motion was made and a unanimous vote was taken to approve the budget and keep registration fees flat so they will be the same as in 2022.

4. Update/current status from CoC committee - Ryan, Derek, Jesse, Andrew
 - a. Discussions have been conducted, document under way. Document/text to be ready for inclusion with registration when it opens on or around February 1st.
 - b. More details regarding the committee and the review process will take shape as we get closer to the season.
5. Tryout updates/planning (if any) - John
 - a. All set for March 18/19
 - b. Blizzard from 9-6 on Saturday (kids from 9:30 - 5:45)
 - c. Sunday at TCO from 7 am - 7 pm
 - d. Fitz has 4-6 scorers
 - e. How many stickers for numbers do we have left? Nikki will share at next meeting.
 - f. John will contact Jimmy's to reserve a section for Saturday night
 - g. Blair will be ready to be TeamGenius admin
 - h. Equipment reminders will be needed in communication leading up to tryouts - cups, helmets, no jerseys, etc.
 - i. Make-up tryouts - Greg will plan
6. Polar improvements update - Joe
 - a. Nate Kolb has been included on email thread with Township personnel.
 - b. Township still claiming this needs to be a six figure project.
 - c. Trying to reach a go/no-go decision by end of January so we can look to spend money elsewhere if the bench coverings aren't going to happen.

Dec 19, 2022

1. Winter Training Update - all ducks in a row?
 - a. Coaching volunteer list is filling up fast, both adults and high school kids
 - b. Cap set for 30 kids per hour
 - c. Kids need to bring dry shoes to wear in the facility
 - d. Michelle will open registration on the 2nd for the sessions on the 9th
2. GSTC Qualifier Bid Timeline - Chris
 - a. Must submit by Jan 6
 - b. Bids announced Jan 13
 - c. Tournaments are filling up - make Greg aware
 - d. Unanimous vote to charge \$425 per team for entrance fee

- e. We can open registration before the bid is announced
 - f. Will accept checks only
 - g. Review if order is needed for diamond dry, chalk, baseballs during February timeframe
3. Share and capture official list of traveling coaches
- a. 9U - Jesse Murphy
 - b. 10AAA - Tyler Gregory
 - c. 10AA - OPEN
 - d. 11AAA - Nick Dettinger
 - e. 11AA - Joe Howe
 - f. 12AAA - John Alexander
 - g. 12AA - Adam Anderson
 - h. 12A - Jesse Chapman
 - i. 13AAA - David Connors
 - j. 13AA - Dan Piilola
 - k. 13A - OPEN
 - l. 14AAA - Matt Johnson
 - m. 14AA - OPEN
 - n. 15AAA - OPEN
4. Code of Conduct initial planning and brainstorm, pro-active approach for registration
- a. Without consequences, no policy matters
 - b. Mandatory parent pre-season meeting - consequences explained
 - c. Eagan has a good document that Megan found
 - d. Must come from the association, not the coaches - in person
 - e. Make them click on individual items during registration
 - f. Managers email communication
 - g. Committee of four on the board to review and determine consequences, processes, attending pre-season parent meeting
 - h. Email address created for people to log complaints
 - i. As part of all this, remind them about Bulletproof Parent
5. WBBA Christmas Party at Bear Town - all are invited, none are required (no WBBA dollars will be spent)

Dec 5, 2022

1. Recap of 2022 financials/budget item review

- a. Ryan shared year-end financials of \$174k income and expenses of \$139k
 - b. Per player analysis shows that we should be able to keep registration fees flat in 2023. More discussion/vote to come in early January.
 - c. Roughly \$95k in total equity as we close the year, looking to spend on field improvements starting with Polar bench coverings
 - i. Nate Kolb has identified a new contractor to work with to bring a proposal to Township
2. Apparel update/vote - Megan
 - a. Signature looks like the vendor of choice for all uniforms
 - b. Megan will order 400 hats to make sure we have plenty to start the season
 - c. Unanimous decision on in-house jersey design
 3. Winter training planning/updates - Nick & Michelle
 - a. Everything on schedule
 4. Brian Raabe coaches clinic set for January 30th at Hugo City Hall
 - a. \$100 room rental fee has been paid
 - b. Greg, Chad, and Keith to communicate to our pool of coaches
 5. Travel coach selection update - Greg
 - a. Coaches have been named at each level as appropriate, Greg will be communicating throughout the week.

Nov 21, 2022

1. Tournament planning
 - a. Moving forward with 13AA, 13AAA, 14AA, 14AAA - all at Polar. Babe is back-up site. Unanimous consent. Chris has the schedule developed.
 - b. Joe will alert Wheelhouse and Jason Hilderman about tourney dates
 - c. Chris to reach out to Bobby at MYAS for bid info
 - d. As tourney approaches, Jesse will coordinate equipment/field maintenance items (Diamond Dry, chalker, rakes, etc.)
2. In-house Jamboree
 - a. Sunday May 21st at Lakewood Hills. Combine with pictures.
 - b. Food truck - permit? Joe will ask Jason
 - c. Possible concession of our own as well (beverages at least)
3. Uniform/apparel ordering timelines/pricing/etc
 - a. Money will need to start being spent sometime in December

- b. Hisdahls and Signature will likely be main vendors - everything is on track at the moment
 - c. To be further discussed and addressed in upcoming meetings
4. Brian Raabe clinic tentatively Jan 30th
- a. Joe is working to connect with the City of Hugo on a venue

Nov 7, 2022

1. Winter training update
- a. Locked in with Icemen facility from 4:00-7:00 on Sunday afternoons at \$175 per hour
 - i. Nick has provided dates and will continue to lead the relationship with the Icemen facility director
 - ii. Discuss/vote on price we will charge
 - 1. \$15 per hour (unanimous vote), 25 kids per hour
 - 2. Communication should go out before Christmas so people are aware of this year's plan, then Michelle will open up registration week to week like she did last year.
 - iii. Fitz and at least one other coach from his staff will be at every training session. High school players may also be helping out (TBD)
 - b. Fitz is working on the possibility of a High school-led camp separate from Sunday sessions. Date/time/location is still pending and is with Fitz to drive. Will coordinate with Nick.
2. Bulletproof Hitter/Parent roll-out - site is active and ready for use
- a. Michelle will blast all of last year's registrants with the link and password
 - b. Greg will blast traveling coaches
 - c. We'll include the link with registration as well in 2023
 - d. Password may change from time to time based on discretion of Bulletproof Hitter content owner
3. Traveling coaches selection committee review and approval
- a. Registration is open for applications
 - b. Interview day is Saturday December 3rd
 - c. Committee for interviews: Greg, Joe, John, Blair, Megan, Michelle K, Coach Fitz
 - i. Committee unanimously approved
4. Planning topics for next three meetings:
- a. Uniforms/Apparel
 - i. Megan will be checking with vendors (Hisdahls, Signature) to start to get prices
 - b. Tournament planning
 - i. May 12th - 14th - Polar - 14AAA, 14AA, 13AAA

- ii. Thinking of adding 13AA if the schedule works - Chris will analyze
- iii. In-house Jamboree at Lakewood this year? Will discuss
- c. Equipment purchases
 - i. Umpire equipment?
 - ii. Baseballs are ordered, catchers gear focus on younger kids and North Star
- d. Budget and registration fees discussion - Ryan will need some dedicated time to review and approve with the board

Oct 3, 2022

1. Vote on 2023 Board Positions

- a. 15 ballots collected, unanimous decision for the following board members:
 - i. Greg Young - Traveling Director, 2 year term
 - ii. Andrew Cannon - North Star/Senior League Coordinator, 1 year term
 - iii. Chad Capra - In-house Director, 2 year term
 - iv. John Alexander - Tryout Director, 2 year term
 - v. Brad Fredrickson - Field Scheduling Director, 2 year term
 - vi. Blair Oklobzija - Vice President, 1 year term
 - vii. Michelle Kolb - Website/Communications Coordinator, 1 year term

2. Player development planning and potential new spend

- a. "Bulletproof Hitter" subscription - online videos and quizzes for both athletes and parents
 - i. Motion is to make this available to all players in the association
 - ii. Password protected page for WBBA, \$1500 total for a 2-year subscription
 - 1. Brought to a vote, unanimous decision to move forward and purchase the subscription
- b. Blizzard facility timing and dates
 - i. Greg to check with Barta about locking in Sunday dates/times
- c. Summer 2023: Fitz to run "Sandlot Program" for all ages
- d. Coaching clinics need to be prioritized for traveling coaches - Nick willing to take lead

3. Update on spending ideas:

- a. Polar/Township - new specs provided by Township, need to resubmit proposal. Nate Kolb is working on the revised plans.
- b. Village tractor - John will keep trying to reach the owner

4. 2021 Annual Report & Tax Filing

- a. Ryan reviewed with the board and there was a unanimous vote to approve the annual report and proceed with the tax filing.
5. Volunteer dinner - gift card door prizes
- a. Nikki/Greg/Keith/Blair to ping all volunteers one more time, final headcount due by Oct 7th.
 - b. Joe to ask Legion if they offer gift cards, if not, some other suggestions: Visa, Kwik Trip, Hisdahls, or Dick's.

Sept 19, 2022

1. Financial update - Ryan
- a. Very solid position, roughly \$70k of equity to spend on our various initiatives heading into next year
 - b. Definite increase in in-house numbers
 - c. Parent surveys show positive view of the value we offer
2. Ideas for spending - all
- a. Polar dugout plans - \$37k from Kolbuild, less if we can find some volunteer labor. Waiting to hear back from Township.
 - b. Can we spend on player development, specifically pitching instruction?
 - i. Someone to work with teams throughout the season?
 - c. General field condition maintenance across multiple sites
 - d. Partner with high school?
 - i. Turf infield?
 - e. Umpire gear kits for in-house umpers, including shirt and pants
 - f. Net canopy at Lakewood
 - g. Our own field drag tractor - Village? John to ask.
 - h. Marketing in-house program and off-season training
 - i. Thinking bigger - new complex with the city of Hugo as a long-term initiative?
3. League survey results overview - Joe
- a. Overall very positive feedback from parents across the leagues. Overwhelming majority had fun and will be registering next year
4. Dena is working on re-vamped fan gear offerings, also discussing sponsorship levels for jersey advertising
5. Jesse update:
- a. Baseballs are ordered and working on exact equipment budget

- b. Still looking for contractor to fix Babe building doors. Will throw up some plywood in the meantime
- needs a truck.
- c. Old tarp/mats/nets/trash removal will be scheduled.

Aug 29, 2022

1. State of the Board/possible movement

- a. Joe - President - 1 year left
- b. Ryan - Treasurer - 1 year left
- c. Megan - Apparel Director - 1 year left
- d. Nikki - Team Managers Director - 1 year left
- e. Greg - Traveling Director - up for re-election, confirmed for ballot
- f. Brian - Traveling Coordinator - up for re-election, retiring from Board, not planning to backfill
- g. Blair - will be on ballot for Vice President (shadow Joe)
- h. In-house Director - Chad Capra has agreed to be on the ballot
- i. Keith - North Star/Senior League Director - 1 year left (brainstorm potential shadow)
- j. John - Tryout Director - up for re-election, confirmed for ballot
- k. Jesse - Equipment Director - 1 year left (shadow Ryan as well)
- l. Michelle K - shadow Michelle A for Website/Communications
- m. Field Scheduling Director - ballot currently OPEN, interest from Brad Fredrickson who is meeting with Michelle K to discuss
- n. Michelle A - Website/Communications Director - 1 year left
- o. Dena - Fundraising Director - 1 year left
- p. Nick - Player Development Director - 1 year left (assist Greg as/if/when needed)
- q. Derek - Umpire Director - 1 year left
- r. Chris - Tournament Director - 1 year left (also assist In-house Director)
- s. Andrew Cannon - shadow Jesse on equipment?
- t. Todd Wanka - expressed interest in potential board positions but also heavily involved with hockey
- u. Annual Meeting with elections on Oct 3rd - need to post on website at least two weeks prior

2. Surplus to spend

- a. Do we need to think bigger? Start pooling money for a much larger spend in conjunction with high school program and/or city?
- b. Bench coverings at Polar - Nate Kolb to offer up plans to be submitted to Township

3. Surveys and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - all have been sent out, will review summary of results in a future meeting
4. Ordering baseballs and/or other equipment?
 - a. It's worth looking into what The Stadium will be doing with their used equipment
 - b. Jesse to create cycle schedule for replacing catcher's gear
 - c. Practice and some game balls need to be ordered by end of September
5. Babe Ruth porta-potties and building maintenance
 - a. Ryan has canceled one of the porta-potties, leaving the other one there through the end of September
 - b. Still looking for contractor to fix the doors at Babe building once and for all - we have insurance money to spend
6. Left-over concessions at Polar
 - a. Joe will bring to the meeting on the 19th to distribute
7. Tryout dates confirmation
 - a. March 18th/19th (Blizzard Sat, TCO Sunday), make-ups later that week
8. Feedback from Wheelhouse
 - a. WBBA did not do well in Wheelhouse's year-end survey of umpires. We'll need to address how to improve this heading into next season through a re-vamped Code of Conduct and other steps.

Mar 28, 2022

1. Tryout re-cap, next year's dates
 - a. Looking at 2023 - March 18th/19th - good to go - John will reach out to Ramsey County
 - i. 3rd grade parents lingered a little too long
 - ii. Try to do stickers with numbers filled in, not outline only
 - iii. Try to have more helping hands there (high school kids), and if people aren't needed, let them go
 - iv. Give more thought to make-up tryouts - re-think it for next year perhaps
2. Tournament Update
 - a. Games will be at Polar only - Babe won't be available
 - i. Friday games will be 4/6/8 for 14s
 - ii. 13's will be Sat/Sun only

- b. Need to revisit rules and update if/as needed - Bill/Chris
 - c. Concessions discussion
 - i. Freezer is not working again, probably not worth fixing
 - ii. Maybe grab the one from Babe Ruth? Or no need for freezer this year?
 - iii. Ramsey County - Jason will be in touch with them
 - d. Volunteers
 - i. Joe to notify 12u coaches that their parents are expected to serve
 - ii. Chris/Michelle get Sign-up genius ready with shifts
 - e. Can we get a 4-wheeler reserved? - Jesse/Blair will check their sources
 - f. Umpires - confirm with Derek that it is on their radar
 - g. Diamond Dry - Joe will ask Township if they will re-stock us
3. North Star/In-house/Senior League Planning
- a. In-house teams will start forming next week
 - b. May 21st (Saturday) will be picture day
 - i. Blair will need help staffing this - 9:00-2:00
 - c. Keith - April 14th is the cut-off to submit North Star teams - Joe to contact Hank about VFW team so we can get a good count on 15AAA vs North Star, plus arrange 15AAA tryouts
4. Batting cage nets, other equipment needs
- a. Jesse will get a team together for April 2nd/3rd to hang nets
 - b. Blair will work on getting turf fastened down because it's too cold to glue
 - c. Board has approved additional \$2k spend for equipment (catcher's gear)
5. Babe Ruth building maintenance
- a. Kitchen door is not repairable - need to spend some money. Jesse is catching up with Nate Kolb.
 - i. We should get some video surveillance stickers
 - b. Mound delivery - first or second week of April
6. Sponsorship update/banner printing
- a. All is on track.

Mar 14, 2022

1. Registration numbers
- a. Traveling:
 - i. 3rd grade = 22
 - ii. 4th grade = 21

- iii. 5th grade = 37
 - iv. 6th grade = 36
 - v. 7th grade = 29
 - vi. 8th grade = 28
 - b. In-house:
 - i. 1st & 2nd grade = 90
 - ii. 3rd & 4th grade = 66
 - iii. 5th & 6th grade = 48
 - c. North Star = 23
 - d. Senior League = 4
2. Tryout update/planning/final details
- a. Ryan will pick up 3 buckets of new practice baseballs
 - b. Everything else is good to go
3. 12 year olds playing up to North Star?
- a. Blair will handle, holding pattern for now, need more info
4. Apparel update/what needs to happen and by when
- a. Things are on schedule, team selection is March 25th and then the wheels will be in motion.
 - b. Megan will come to make-up tryouts on the 24th as well for sizing.
5. Sponsorship update
- a. Stadium, Cup & Cone, Greg Young, all on board for sponsorships.
 - b. Brian follow-up with TGK
 - c. Joe contact TCO
 - d. Dena sent 25 letters out to area businesses
6. Umpire roster update - Derek
- a. 15 committed umpires for in-house, plus 3 leads
 - b. Need to order umpiring shirts

Feb 28, 2022

1. Field improvement spend proposal & vote
- a. 4 portable mounds approved for purchase, Jesse will place the order
 - b. Other items such as a temporary fence, chalker, rakes, and tarps will be decided at a later date
2. Registration numbers update
- a. Traveling:

- i. 3rd grade = 15
 - ii. 4th grade = 12
 - iii. 5th grade = 22
 - iv. 6th grade = 17
 - v. 7th grade = 16
 - vi. 8th grade = 14
 - b. In-house:
 - i. 1st & 2nd grade = 65
 - ii. 3rd & 4th grade = 43
 - iii. 5th & 6th grade = 21
 - c. North Star = 12
 - d. Senior League = 1
 - e. Michelle will make sure there is communication throughout this week about early bird pricing ending for traveling registration
3. Umpire update/Howard's roster update
- a. 9 in-house umpires for now, about 50% response rate
 - b. Joe to get Derek some names of 8th graders
4. Insurance renewal & financial assistance update
- a. Board approves renewing with current vendor
 - b. Joe to inquire about getting Lakewood Hills added to our policy
5. Sponsorship update
- a. 2 new Triple Sponsorships
 - b. Top-line Design interested in in-kind sponsorship
6. Brief circle-back on North St. Paul for in-house
- a. Positive conversation, full speed ahead if their registration leads to either 1 or 2 teams at either or both in-house levels. Blair and Joe to keep in touch.
7. Tryout update (if John's makes it to the meeting)
- a. Plan is in place, things are lining up well. No issues currently
 - b. Specific times to be communicated roughly 1 week in advance

Feb 14, 2022 (virtual)

1. Sponsorship update/planning
- a. Dena will communicate to those people who sold sponsorships last year and will track progress

- b. All are encouraged to think of businesses to solicit
 - c. Ryan will contact Summit Orthopedics about possible home run sponsorship
2. Discussion: request from North St. Paul to join our in-house league
- a. We did this once in the past with Mahtomedi (10 years ago or so)
 - b. Players would need to register through our site
 - c. Would they handle uniforms? Or wear WB jerseys?
 - d. Do they supply their own gear?
 - e. Our fields/our umpers - most plausible outcome
 - i. Thinking a max of 2 teams at 7/8s and 9/10s
 - f. Joe and Blair to connect with NSP President for more details
 - i. Registration launched today
 - ii. New non-profit, new website, etc.
 - iii. 1 or 2 teams per level
 - iv. Uniform/equipment and coaches
 - v. They have fields if we need them
 - vi. Umpers and field prep would be only costs - give them a bill
 - vii. They are insured, but make them register with waiver on our site
3. Field improvement costs/shopping list
- a. Jesse has shared pricing on mounds and fences and will put a proposal together for us to vote on during our meeting on Feb 28th
 - b. Porta-potties at BR Fields would be treated separately from field improvement budget per Ryan.
Jesse to also look into costs for a cleaning service if we were to open the bathrooms again
4. Trusted Coaches process/awareness
- a. All board members must do this. Expect communication from Greg soon and get it done promptly.

Jan 31, 2022

1. Vote on jersey design
- a. Script 3 was the chosen font via vote
 - b. UA ignite 2-button orange, and 2nd jersey is white with black shoulders
 - c. Logo on sleeve TBD after understanding additional cost, if any
2. Vadnais Fields registration go/no-go
- a. We are reserving the Kohler 60 and 90 foot fields for the season, but not Berwood
3. Board member registration codes

- a. Chris unanimously voted to board as Tournament Director
 - b. Board votes for board reimbursements for one free registration per family 13-1 - Michelle will provide the code
4. Tournament update
 - a. Tourney is full at all levels
 - b. Chris and Bill will look into getting tarps for bench covers at Polar
 - c. Dena finalizing t-shirt designs - team names on the back is up in the air depending on cost and timing
 - d. We need a 4-wheeler for field dragging - Jesse looking into this
 5. Umpire update
 - a. Derek will reach out to last year's list to see if interested in this summer, as well as if they want their name submitted to Wheelhouse
 - b. Derek will work with Michelle on promoting the need for umps on our FB page
 - c. Century College students is another avenue Derek will pursue
 6. Tryouts update/discussion/needs
 - a. Everything on track, John reaching out to volunteer scorers soon
 7. Sponsorship review/ideas
 - a. Joe to get Dena the sponsorship info, asked group to brainstorm other sponsorship ideas
 8. Brainstorm field improvement spend
 - a. Check on Lakewood Hills storage - Michelle K.
 - b. 4 porta potties for Babe?
 - c. Cleaning service for Babe?
 - d. Babe 3 - snow fence?
 - e. Goal is for Jesse to share costs on the 14th and decide what we will spend on during the meeting on Feb 28th
 9. Next meeting virtual - 8:00 pm on the 14th

Jan 10, 2022

1. Budget approval and setting registration fees & timing
 - a. Ryan walked the board through the various line items in the 2022 budget, which was then approved unanimously
 - b. Registration fees set:
 - i. 7 / 8 in-house: \$100

- ii. 9-12 in-house: \$225
 - iii. Gopher State Traveling: \$375
 - iv. North Star: \$300
 - v. Senior League: \$320
- c. Registration can go live asap
- 2. Initial logo designs for WBL Opener - Dena
 - a. Well received! Feedback provided for round two revisions

Dec 20, 2021

- 1. Vote on signing with Wheelhouse umpires
 - a. Unanimous approval to sign the Wheelhouse contract - Joe delivered signed contract to Jordan on 12/21
- 2. Uniform ordering/planning - Megan
 - a. 456 hats will be pre-ordered for traveling, North Star, coaches, and to sell for fundraising. We pay \$14, will sell for \$25 - unanimous vote
 - b. 365 hats will be pre-ordered for in-house - unanimous vote
 - c. Samples are being sent for jersey material so we can make that decision in January
- 3. Financial review - Ryan
 - a. Updated docs delivered to all board members and budget line items assigned
 - b. We need to approve budget and set registration fees on Jan 10th
- 4. Tournament planning - cost, registration, volunteers, etc - Bill/Chris
 - a. \$400 tourney fee is set - 4 teams already registered
 - b. Chris to have MYAS change name to White Bear Opener
 - c. 12u parents expected to help as volunteers - Greg will ensure those teams don't register for their own tourney that weekend
 - d. Derek to track umpire needs with Wheelhouse
 - e. MYAS bid to be awarded sometime in January, will need to pay once we are informed
 - f. Dena to explore logo options for tourney t-shirts/rings
- 5. Coaches clinic with Brian Raabe
 - a. Tuesday January 25th at Stadium from 7:00 - 9:30
 - b. RSVP form needed - Joe to create and share - Greg, Blair, and Keith to share with coaches

Dec 6, 2021

1. Wheelhouse Umpires joining us to present/review contract - Jordan Voit
 - a. East, NE metro umpire group
 - b. 3rd year as owner with his brother Taylor
 - c. They do all of their training - 5 hour classroom training, plus on-field
 - d. Arbiter sports is the scheduling system - coaches and administrators have access
 - i. Audit trail
 - e. They will provide recruiting content for soliciting new umpires
 - f. Umps will be at least 4 years older than the age they are umping
 - g. All umps over 18 have a background check every 2 years, concussion certified
 - i. Documentation coming from Jordan - put in contract
 - ii. Independent contractor agreement covers insurance
 - h. Jordan to provide revised contract with discussed tweaks, Joe to distribute, vote on signing on the 20th
2. Finalize winter training pricing/planning/packages so we can launch registration
 - a. Do we need gym time for throwing leading up to tryouts? Blair/GY to discuss
 - b. Sundays at Blizzard 10:00 - 1:00
 - c. \$15 per session per kid, capped at 25
 - i. Board approved the vote 10-1
 - d. Michelle to put out communication on when registration will start, and also making people aware of tryouts
3. Tournament submission to MYAS
 - a. Bill and Chris will be submitting our bid soon
 - b. Brian is going to register 9AAA - 14AAA for Brainerd tourney
 - c. Greg has signed up several teams for Ice Breaker Classic in Elk River
4. Time for Megan
 - a. Greg and Keith need to project number of teams this year so that Megan can come up with a hat order estimate
 - b. Orange bill black hat - Megan will order no later than end of month. Payment not due until they ship

Nov 22, 2021

1. Code of conduct - revisit it - use MYAS template
 - a. Joe to circulate link, Michelle to update page

2. MYAS North Star League trying to expand to 9-12
 - a. No-go, board is not interested. Sticking with our in-house program as is
3. Winter training planning
 - a. Sunday mornings only - 9:00 to noon are our hours
 - b. \$525 per week is what Blizzard charges us
 - c. Todd Wanka will call Mario at Fieldhouse to check Sundays from 7-10 am
 - d. Three, 1-hour sessions
 - e. More discussion needed during the meeting on Dec 6th
 - f. Joe will get with Nick for list of coaches to start scheduling
4. Equipment research discussion
 - a. Jesse to continue research pricing for mound/fences
 - b. Roughly \$6k per field for mound, fence, foul poles... pending other supplier options
 - c. Catchers gear - Jesse taking inventory and examining pricing
 - d. Joe still waiting on the city for costs around safety netting around backstops at Lakewood
5. Up-coming meeting schedule/location
 - a. Stick with Monday nights at Stadium - try to avoid 2nd Mondays if possible as they conflict with school board meetings
6. By-laws/documentation discussion/review
 - a. Policy document - more specifics around
 - i. Code of Conduct
 - ii. Board positions
 - iii. Board reimbursement
 - iv. Grade-level policy
 - v. Jesse & Ryan to look into this
7. Traveling coach selection update
 - a. 13 interviews conducted on 11/20
 - b. All AAA coaches assigned and accepted
 - i. 9U; Gregory 5-0 vote
 - ii. 10AAA; Dettinger 5-0 vote
 - iii. 10AA; TBD pending tryouts
 - iv. 11AAA; Alexander 4-0 vote; Alexander abstain
 - v. 11AA; TBD pending tryouts
 - vi. 12AAA; Hawes 4-0 vote; Young abstain

- vii. 12AA; TBD pending tryouts
- viii. 12A; TBD pending tryouts
- ix. 13AAA: Kolb 4-0 vote; Kolb abstain
- x. 13A: TBD pending tryouts
- xi. 14AAA: Humphrey 5-0 vote
- xii. 14AA; Altringer 5-0 vote
- xiii. 15AAA; Reeves 5-0 vote

Nov 8, 2021

1. Review/Approval of traveling coaches selection committee – Greg/Joe
 - a. Traveling Interview Committee: Kolb, Fredrickson, Anderson, Eckerle, Alexander, Young. Approved by the Board.
 - b. Interviews on the 20th.
2. Umpire update - moving forward with Wheelhouse – Joe/Derek
 - a. MN Umpire Association call went well but they are not equipped with umpires in the north metro. We would need to recruit our own and they would schedule. Not ideal.
 - b. Wheelhouse has verbally committed to us, and us to them. Contract is forthcoming
 - i. References from East Ridge, Woodbury, and Hudson all checked out.
3. Review tournament dates and details
 - a. May 13th - 15th
 - b. Stick with 14AAA, 14AA, 13AAA - Straight-8 bracket
 - c. Bill to submit application for MYAS bid
 - d. 12u families pitch in and volunteer
 - e. Luke Kohler - Joe will reconnect about his solution for covering dugouts
4. Uniform input/discussion - Megan
 - a. Signature concepts - starting discussions in November
 - b. In-house jerseys: stick with 2 cotton or 1 dry-fit with different colors per team. Megan will analyze.
 - c. Do we place a big order this year to ensure extras? Or try to order only what we need? TBD, more info needed.
5. Winter training planning - Joe
 - a. Starting January 9th, eight Sundays, no SB Sunday (Feb 13th), no Sunday first week of Spring Break (March 6th).
 - b. Specific hours and rates are still forthcoming - Greg will chase

- c. Do we want to do a dome day if we can find space? Ryan will check schedule with Ramsey County
 - d. Nick will start reaching out to coaches in December
 - e. Michelle & Dena will get Square site set up once we have times and rates
6. Plans for Lakewood Hills - quote on backstop netting, portable mounds, etc - Joe
- a. Backstop netting is top priority - Joe waiting on quote from city
 - b. Jesse will look into portable mounds
 - c. Other considerations: temporary outfield fence? Amount of storage space? Utilizing "press box"?

Oct 11, 2021

1. Vote on board member elections

a. Unanimous approval for all open positions (2-year terms):

- i. President - Joe Eckerle
- ii. Treasurer - Ryan Allshouse
- iii. Website/Communications Director - Michelle Allshouse
- iv. North Star/Senior League Director - Keith Anderson
- v. Team Manager Director - Nikki Farrington
- vi. Equipment Director - Jesse Kook
- vii. Fundraising Director - Dena Edmiston
- viii. Apparel Director - Megan Fredrickson
- ix. Player Development Director - Nick Dettinger
- x. Umpire Director - Derek Larsen

2. Feedback for Jon Anderson inquiry

- a. What is the impact of charging for indoor space usage for WBBA? Likely minimal impact but Ryan will seek more details on what Jon has in mind. Will need to understand specifics prior to finalizing registration fees.

3. Umpire update - Joe/Derek

- a. Wheelhouse has provided a quote for all traveling games as well as North Star & Senior League
 - i. Joe and Derek will move forward with reference calls (Woodbury, East Ridge, and Hudson)
 - ii. Will seek an official contract/proposal to be considered during November meetings
 - iii. They are not interested in doing our games for 9-12 in-house. We will need to rely on our ability to recruit teenagers like we did last year
- b. North Metro Umpires - they are not interested in taking us on.

- c. MN Umpires Association - call set up with Derek and Joe for Sunday October 24th so we can discuss/gather some more information. South metro-based group.
4. Volunteer dinner update - Joe
 - a. Current registration stands at 50 people. We have decided not to open it up to plus ones.
 - b. Goal is to spend \$2500 or less for food, beverage, tax, and gratuity
 - c. Joe will work out specific plan for beer/alternate beverages with Becky in the next two weeks
 5. Traveling coaches application/interview planning - Greg
 - a. Application online/email blast before volunteer dinner
 - b. Deadline to apply will be Nov 12th
 - c. Interviews will be Saturday November 20th

Oct 4, 2021 (virtual)

1. Nets ready to be taken down, turf install still planned for this weekend. Help needed?
2. Volunteer dinner - attendance number and estimated costs. Do we open it up to spouses?
 - a. 2019 we spent \$2300
 - b. 2020 we spent \$1500
 - c. 2021 we have budgeted \$3200
 - d. \$17 per head (+tax & gratuity) for food (50 people = \$850)
 - e. \$200 per keg or do we limit drink spend to X then shut the bar down?

Sep 27, 2021

1. Review umpire situation/discussion
 - a. Board is overall in favor of contracting with an umpiring association. Joe was impressed with the conversation/approach from Wheelhouse Umpires. Waiting on formal proposal from them.
 - b. Joe will reach out to another association and get quote/sales pitch
 - c. Joe will ask Wheelhouse for a reference or two (other than Mahtomedi)
 - d. Joe will see if Wheelhouse is willing/able to come to a board meeting to present
2. Review ballot and vote to approve
 - a. Ballot for upcoming board elections was approved by unanimous vote
 - b. Official vote will take place during the annual meeting on October 11th
3. Financial/budget update
 - a. Ryan reviewed 2020 taxes and they were unanimously approved for submission to state

- b. Financial situation is very solid due to fundraising efforts and tournament proceeds
- 4. Two new doors at Babe Ruth Fields were installed at no charge by Chris Berendt
 - a. Chris will be on list of gift card recipients at volunteer dinner. Brian to coordinate.
- 5. Turf install still on track for weekend of Oct 8/9, weather permitting. Rich and John (and others) will take down batting cage nets on Oct 5th at 5:00.
- 6. Tryout dates update
 - a. John has secured TCO Fieldhouse from 7am - 5pm on Sunday, March 20th, 2022
 - b. Greg is still confirming Saturday the 19th with Blizzard
 - c. Joe has Bethel as a potential back-up but nothing concrete

Sep 14, 2021

- 1. Turf install at Babe Ruth batting cages (discussed with Blair/Rich offline)
 - a. Targeting Oct 9/10 for install, nets can be removed at any time prior
- 2. Intros for new attendees and review of board member roles
- 3. Finalize board positions for ballot for annual meeting
 - a. Joe will get draft of ballot ready prior to next meeting
- 4. Pick Howard's brain on role and responsibilities of umpire director
 - a. Losing 5 (of 8) really good umpires for next year
 - b. We may need to consider having coaches ump 9/10 in-house games
 - c. Could potentially use MYAS for ump scheduling for all traveling games
 - d. Joe will look into other ump associations as a possibility
- 5. Finalize 2022 tryout dates
 - a. March 19th and 20th
 - b. John checking in with field house
 - c. Joe to check with Bethel
 - d. Greg to check with Blizzard
- 6. Board would like to continue the WB Classic in 2022 and going forward
 - a. Bill Capocasa open to the idea of running it again but not committed
 - b. Jason Hilderman needs to be asked about his willingness to run concessions again

Aug 24, 2021

- 1. Baseballs have been ordered for next year per Rich/Ryan

2. Board members

- a. Melinda and Rich are leaving
 - b. Coming up for re-election:
 - i. President (Joe)
 - ii. Treasurer (Ryan)
 - iii. In-house Coordinator?
 - iv. North Star/Senior League Director (Keith)
 - v. Team Manager Coordinator (Nikki)
 - vi. Equipment Director (Rich)
 - vii. Equipment Coordinator (John)
 - viii. Apparel Director (Melinda)
 - ix. Website Coordinator (Michelle A.)
 - x. Player Development Director
 - xi. Umpire Director (Howard - follow-up with him)
 - c. Need to post annual meeting notice at least two weeks in advance
3. Turf install - Blair and dad are making plans for fall, will coordinate with Rich/John for taking nets down
4. Parent surveys ready to go
5. Future meeting topics:
- a. Finalize what board positions will be on the ballot
 - b. Bathrooms at Babe stay open, or rent porta potties next year? More secure doors instead?
 - c. Tryout & winter training dates/facility planning (field house sessions?)
 - d. Volunteer appreciation dinner
 - e. Budget/Financial update (taxes approval for 2020)
 - f. Brainstorming ideas for improvements (field, equipment, etc.)
 - g. Tournament review/planning (get Bill to attend?)
 - h. Apparel - stick with current vendors

Apr 5, 2021

1. Budget/Financials update - RA

- a. Interpreter needs to be factored in - JP4 may help
- b. In-house down but still tracking well

2. Registration transfers/totals for in-house/North Star/Senior League - MA/KA/BO
 - a. North Star - close registration on April 16th
 - i. Uniform fitting on the 18th with Melinda
 - b. In-house closing on the 9th - Blair to form teams soon
 - i. Pictures are May 8th - parents will need to pay on their own (Podvin)
 - c. Senior League - we will wait and see.... May not form teams until May
3. 15AAA tryout update - JA/GY
 - a. Scorers and volunteers are ready if we can get enough kids
 - b. Hotel block for Fargo expires May 11th so we need team formed by May 1st
 - c. Reservations for next year's tryouts? Not taking reservations yet. John will call to try and reserve whole facility for March 19/20 of 2022 (either Sat/Sun).
4. Turf installation update/planning - BO/RJ
 - a. Still no firm delivery date - Rich checking with vendor, will communicate with Blair
 - b. Blair's crew foreman is ready to go
 - c. Joe to send note to get water turned on at Babe
5. Sponsorships update - JE/RA
 - a. 6 confirmed, one still yet to pay this week
 - b. Summit/Viverant?
6. Tournament progress - BC
 - a. Concessions inspection on the 8th
 - b. Parent volunteers - need to notify
 - i. Joe will send email blast to all traveling coaches asking for volunteers (46 shifts at 4 or 4.5 hours each)
 1. Need sign-up/dibs set-up so the shifts are managed properly - Michelle & Bill to coordinate
 - c. Waiting on payment from Coon Rapids - Ryan to check PO Box
 - d. Porta potties have been ordered
 - e. Rings have been approved/ordered and waiting for final proof on medals
 - f. Tarps for dugout covers - Bill will measure
 - g. Need batting cages hung at Polar