



BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

January 11th, 2018 at 7pm
Blaine Baseball Complex

Board Members in Attendance

Jeff Amelse – President

Andrea Puder – Secretary

Luke McLain – Blaine 9-12U Traveling Director

Rick Fanning – Facilities & Equipment Director

Chad Sweno – Tournament Director

Jaymi Greseth – Volunteer Director

Jim Conlee – Blaine 13-15U Traveling Director

Scott Sonmore – SLP Traveling Director

Jerome Balsimo – Uniform & Apparel Director

Traci Payne – Communications Director

Absent

Al Gottschalk – Vice President

Tom Jensen – Treasurer

Kristy Powers – Fundraising Director

Visitors – Ted Erickson, BHS 9A Head Coach

Call to Order: 7:09, Jeff Amelse

Treasurer's Report

- Tom sent the treasurer's report to all board members via email due to his absence from the meeting this month. Included was the Budget 2018 Fiscal Year, Bank Statement Reconciliation, Bank account status, and first draft budget.
- Paypal and Square accounts have been set up.
- Steps are being taken to re-establish BATBA's EIN.
- Projected 2018 budget will be prepared for next month's meeting. Fundraising options such as selling banners on outfield fences will be discussed. Possible fee increase will also be discussed.

Fundraising Activities

- The contract for our fundraiser at Bowlero has been signed and the deposit has been made.
- Kristy and Jeff have contacted some businesses asking for donations for our silent auction.
- The Board will meet at Ham Lake Bowling on January 21 from 5-8pm to assemble envelopes for the final registration event.
- The possibility of having a uniform sponsor is being discussed.
- A couple of outfield banners have been sold. Rick has a list of contacts for local businesses.

Registration Updates

- Jeff motioned to approve the December meeting minutes, Traci seconded. Andrea will post on website.
- Andrea worked with Corryn to get all players registered. We have 17 teams with 12 players, and 3 teams with 11 players.
- Andrea spoke with Corryn about getting the BATBA check from Soderville for the confirmation registration fees. Tom will meet Corryn 1/15 or 1/16.
- The Boyceball pitching clinic has five sessions, each full with 10 players. We have a waiting list as well.

- As of 1/11 there are 33 coaches and players registered for the Cody Beam arm care seminar.
- Rick will send Andrea the latest Board task list, and Andrea will then upload to google drive.

Tournament Update

- The Blaine Tournament is both Gopher State and MSF qualifier.
- There are 40 teams registered at this point, one of which is MBL.
- The Paypal setup has been removed.

Uniforms/Spirit Wear

- Uniforms will be ready in early April.

Ted Erickson BHS 9A Coach

- Conversation with Ted included our hope to bridge the gap between the high school season and the 15U traveling season. The high school coaches are willing to run some daytime practices for the 15U traveling boys after the high school season is complete. They are also willing to give input on tryouts at the 15U level.

Managers Meeting

- Traci, Chad, Jaymi and Jeff will lead the team managers meeting on February 6 in the Cloverleaf room at Blaine City Hall.
- Traci will inform managers of the meeting.

Coaches Meeting

- Jim, Luke and Andrea will lead the coaches meeting on January 26 at 7pm at NSC.
- Andrea will inform coaches of the meeting.
- Andrea will collect assistant coaches names for volunteer credit, as well as dates of Trusted Coaches completion for all coaches.

Tryout Committee

- A tryout committee has been formed to coordinate and improve the tryout process for the 2019 season. Discussions will be held on scoring methodology, evaluator training, pre-tryout communication to membership, and setting expectations.
- Initial tryout dates and rainout dates will be published on the BATBA website by 2/1/18.
- Committee members include Andrea Puder, Jaymi Greseth, Scott Sonmore, Chad Sweno and Luke McClain.

Administrative Activities

- Jeff made a motion to approve one head coach, one manager and THREE assistant coaches receiving volunteer credit. Traci seconded the motion and all approved.
- Jaymi will contact David Banks studios about team pictures.

Jeff motioned to adjourn, Traci seconded.

Adjourn 9:16, Jeff Amelse

Minutes submitted by Andrea Puder, Secretary