

Tea Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Jan. 10, 2025 • 6 p.m. • Chris Vasecka's office

MINUTES

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

Not present: Kevin McIntyre

1) CALL TO ORDER

6:10 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Rick, seconded by Cory. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mark, seconded by Chris. Unanimously approved.

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

A. Mike Grecco

Rob invited Mike Grecco to the meeting to talk about his experience managing baseball programs in Renner. Mike is looking for a part-time position and was recommended to Rob at the Class A Annual Meeting.

B: Chase the Ace

The 2025 raffle has started slower. The Legion will stream the basketball games and tentatively draw at halftime. We need to keep a list of businesses that have helped TBA (for CTA and other events) — Octane Ink and Dakota Traffic Solutions for 2025.

C: Sponsorship Committee

Volunteers are out talking to businesses; all BOD members have access to the Google Sheet. Tea Park & Rec put their fundraising email out.

D. Chislic Feed

The date is Saturday, March 29, at the American Legion with times to be confirmed. Amy will post the event on Facebook and we will schedule a meeting soon to get more volunteers on board.

E. 10u coach

There was discussion about this age group and ensuring there are enough players.

F: Tea Steam / Freshman-Sophomore Coaching / 12u team

Tea Steam: We still need a Tea Steam coach. Mitch said he would talk to Jeff Portner to see if anyone else on the team could coach/play. We don't have a college connection.

Freshman-Sophomore Coach: Rob talked to Austin VanHove about coaching Fr/So team as a paid position for the six weeks of the season and is waiting for an answer. Austin manages the Garretson team and he can't do Tea Steam this year.

12U team (6th grade): There have been some changes on the roster and coaching. Mitch volunteered to coach with Brad Javers. Ideally the team will stay with SEBA for their league play.

G: Administrative Associate discussion:

There was discussion about Mike Grecco's experience and how it could benefit TBA. However, there is no job description yet that would determine if Mike's skill set matches what TBA is looking for and if the job is what he wants to do. BOD members were tasked to start a document outlining what items could be on a job description to discuss at the next board meeting.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

Coaching: several board members mentioned it would be helpful to have a written "Titan Playbook" for baseball to ensure that all age groups are utilizing winter practices the best way possible to feed players into the high school/Legion system.

7) NEXT MEETING DATE Sunday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

8) ADJOURNMENT 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Mitch, seconded by Cory. Unanimously approved.