

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday April 12, 2021

Meeting Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

8:05 PM

Present:

Co-Chair	Steve Hanson
Co-Chair	Troy Rushmeyer
Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Eric Fenstad
Director	Zach Heidmann
Director	Derek Owen
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Guest	Phil Berg
Guest	Corry Lund
Guest	Dave Rozinka

Absent:

Treasurer	Jim Haakonson
Director	Steve Schaitberger
Director	Mandy Vanek

OPEN FORUM

Time allocated for non-members to bring matters not on the agenda to the attention of the Board. Time limits may be imposed.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Addition: Request to move item 1 under "New Business" to the first item of meeting discussion to allow Corry Lund, and Dave Rozinka and Phil Berg to speak.

Resignation of Director Derek Owen was submitted, effective immediately, and regretfully accepted. Thank you, Derek, for your dedication and service to the Board and the players in our community!

Motion to approve this agenda, with addition, and minutes from 3/08/2021 meeting was made by Zach Heidmann, seconded by Eric Fenstad. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Drip campaign updates (Troy Rushmeyer, Steve Schaitberger)
 - a. Jeremy Millsop to be contacted for a 2nd article to include more of a Community Ed focused component to affirm their role in helping to make this happen. Clarification should be provided on how we are affiliated with the cities as well. Better for us to "tell the story" in the future. Troy will also contact Community Ed and the Parks Departments for both cities ...

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2. Email, Website, Facebook - Any updates? (Steve Schaitberger, Steve Hanson) – Communications through email and social media has been good. The Dick’s Sporting Goods promo was also pushed by Coach Grams via the Remind app. Sponsorship updates will also be made on the website.
 - a. Real time home tourney scheduling/games/standings/weather, etc. information capabilities - There is an app-based option called “Tourney Machine” (owned by Sports Engine) that allows for real-time updates on scores, field changes, cancellations, etc.
 - b. Meeting minutes and bylaws need to be added to the website
3. Board of Directors (Coordinator Role Assignments remaining to be filled)
 - a. Umpires Coordinator/s: Dave Rozinka and Phil Berg
 - b. **Volunteer Coordinator/s** (Needs to be filled)
4. Equipment/Uniform orders – Steve Hanson has been updating board via emails
 - a. Banners/Tablecloths with Logos received
 - b. Most equipment has been received
 - c. Uniforms are on order
5. New ISD field fees to be addressed (Troy Rushmeyer, Steve Hanson, Derek Owen) – Cost quoted for the BHS and Forestview fields (June 25th–27th, July 16th–18th) is a total of \$3,300.00. This is a result of the school district revised facility fees. We’ll need to work with them to work out a solution. Charley Campbell (A.D. for BHS) was to have met with Jennifer Rushin to find out where these new fees are coming from, Troy will follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Umpire coordinating opportunities (Steve Hanson, Eric Fenstad, Troy Rushmeyer) Topics: Umpire shortages, recruiting/training/marketing (Home grown), outsourcing, partnership, potential fees for Phil Berg and Dave Rozinka to manage Tourney schedules working directly with Schedule and Tournament Coordinators; Board needs to negotiate and approve their fee. (\$1,000 was discussed, but nothing was decided.)
 - a. Phil Berg and Dave Rozinka: Need to get the word out about umpire needs; they will partner to work to coordinate umpires for a fee, which is to be determined. Phil and Dave will work with the coaches and Mandy on scheduling.
 - b. Steve Hanson is working with Corry Lund to build tourney brackets and establish game counts for umps: Corry presented bracket/game needs and friendship games, based on what was done in the past, the age brackets, and the current number of teams registered for this summer’s tournaments; Steve also brought up was how Friday night games drive business to Cragun’s, etc. Discussion items: eliminate “friendship games”, teams have indicated that their last day of school is the Friday of our tournament, it was determined that it is best to guarantee three games of each of our tournaments. Dave Rozinka suggested waiting until after registration closes for the tournaments before creating brackets and scheduling umpires.
2. Skills Clinics/Tryouts – Feedback from attending board members: events went well; it suggested that these be limited to one day instead of multiple (makes it easier on the volunteers), our scheduling was hindered by the changes in the hockey and basketball seasons.

COORDINATORS/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. 2021 Home Tournaments Updates (Eric Fenstad, Mandy Vanke)

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- a. Team counts: 9U = 2, 10U = 8, 11U = 13, 12U = 8, 13U = 10, 14U = 15. Eric has reached out to 9U cities to invite them to the tournament; a few teams have dropped because of not meeting qualifier status.
 - b. Volunteers –
 - i. Concessions: Bane and Jaycees will be covered by BPR (at least for this year, we do not receive a percentage of the sales) and we will take over next year. Food trucks are being looked at for the other sites. We'll need to run them at BHS (with their permission), Forestview, OK Park and Mills Field.
 - ii. Tournament Check-in/Site Directors
 - iii. Shirt and hat sales – all sites, separate area from concessions at Bane and Jaycees
 - iv. In the future, do we look to parents of visiting teams to help with pitch counts, score books, etc.? (We could do this year if we wanted – Most tourneys ask that both teams keep score books and Pitch counts)
 - v. Field maintenance helpers (mounds and chalking)
 - vi. Pitch counts and scorebooks – parents usually help with pitch counts, teams are responsible for scorebooks
 - c. Umpires: fees per game are \$45 for 9U and 10U, and \$50 for 11U-14U. State tournament for 15U all field maintenance and umpire tourney director fees are covered by MYAS and we receive gate fee of \$150 per team – usually is around 35 total teams for this tourney.
 - d. Need for a sub-committee?
 - e. Tony Sailer has agreed to come back and be site coordinator for 15U state tournament if we pay him a fee and we put him up in a hotel for two nights (MYAS would most likely pay his fee – Troy will verify)
2. Fundraising Report
- a. Mandy Vanek to oversee with Michelle Tautges taking the lead – requests parent contact from each team. Any Updates? Per an email from Mandy Vanek, Michelle Tauges has indicated that we need a parent contact from each team to be on the subcommittee and coordinate with their respective team. Per Mandy, they are still working through the goals for the fundraising committee as a whole for the association then for each team, and they'll have something ready for next meeting. She also asked: if individual teams sell concessions and /or apparel at their home tournament, does any go to the individual team to help with travel to state- regions etc.? The Association uses these funds to pay for gear. If there is any left at the end of the year, the Board can look at using an allotment to offset these costs. Fundraising in general needs to be a focus so that this isn't even an area of question or hesitation. Another "next layer" of future needs would be to potential add a Grant Writer (umpire gear, etc.).

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Update on BBBA non-profit status and 990 filing progress – (Jim Haakonson, Mike Eidenshink)
 - a. Non-profit status: no report
 - b. Bank account status: no report
 - c. Sponsorships – website listings (Do we want to establish a structure related to dollar amounts for website listings?) Tabled for another meeting.

COACHES REPORT

1. Coaches meeting – update (Steve Hanson, Troy Rushmeyer)

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- a. 9U and 14U coaches openings: 9U has been resolved, still need a 2nd coach for 14U.
- b. Coaches issues since last meeting
 - i. 14U players not returning: 2 are moving to VFW, and another considering not playing, taking the roster count from 15 to 12 (Steve recapped discussion with Wade Haapajoke. and Mike DeRosier.)
 - ii. Coach not following direction of board members as far as scheduling practices and clinics; Troy recapped the conversation for the Board
- c. Coaches can check out Bane, Jaycees and Mills field facility keys, but must sign their list to verify who has what key – BBBA will pay one-time key deposit fee of \$25

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, May 10, 2021

Meeting Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

ADJOURNMENT

10:02 PM

Motion to adjourn was made by Eric Fenstad, seconded by Zach Heidmann. Motion passed unanimously.