



Big Lake Baseball Association (BLBA) Monthly Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Date: Sunday Jan. 9, 2022

Board Member Attendance:

Name	Position	Attendance (present, absent, virtual, etc.)
Robert Hoekstra	President	Present
James Markfort	Vice President	Present
Jacqueline Van Horrick	Treasurer	Present
Empty	Secretary	
Charles Spoden	Member At Large	Present
Ashley Luoma	Member At Large	
Terra Bruns	Member At Large	Present
Steve Skoglund	Member At Large	Present
Brian Goedker	Member At Large	Present
Guests	Mike Smith	

Agenda:

Topic	Description	Action / Discussion
Minutes Review		
End of Year financial Review		
Facilities Upgrade		
Mandatory Parent Meeting 9U & Newcomers		
Uniforms		
Coach Certs.		
Age Level Clarification		

Minutes:

- **December meeting minutes reviewed:**
 - Steve's motions to approve.
 - 2nd by James.
 - Motion approved.
- **Review of December Financials:**
 - Jackie sent out report just prior to meeting, please look at leisure and let us know if you have any questions.
- **Facilities Upgrades:**



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- James tried reaching out to TJ just before everyone broke for the Christmas and New Year's holiday, no response.
 - Steve offered to reach out again the week of January 10th.
- **Mandatory Parent Meeting for 9U Parents & Any Newcomers to the Program:**
 - Possible agenda to include but not limited to:
 - Discuss the difference between Comp/Travel and Rec/In-House programs to remove any misconceptions.
 - Discuss letting kids develop at their own pace vs rushing their progress.
 - Setting expectations of parents, players, and coaches
 - Q&A from parents
 - Brian and James to take the lead on getting this scheduled with Community Ed & Parents
 - Robert motions to host the 9U & Newcomer Parents Meeting
 - 2nd by James.
 - Motion approved.
- **Uniform Update:**
 - Terra has been working with vendors on a few designs, more to come.
 - Youth hats are a struggle to find due to supply chain issues.
 - Robert reminds that with any vendor we leverage that we require a 4-week lead time for ordering
 - Robert inquires in if the vendors we are talking with can supply up to 400 uniforms, Terra to follow up.
 - James inquiries about the possibility of a team store similar to last season where parents can go to purchase pants, belt, socks, etc., Terra to follow up.
 - James reminds that we will need garments to try and mass registration, Terra to follow up.
- **Coaches Certification:**
 - Motion by James to make USA Baseball 'B' level certifications a 2022 requirement for all coaches 9U and above that needs to be complete before the start of the 2022 season.
 - 2nd by Brian.
 - Motion approved.
 - **NOTE:** There was much dialog through the weeks following our January 9th board meeting regarding the original interpretation of the motion in relation to the actual agenda item itself. There was some misalignment in understanding after the board polled itself for understanding. On Tuesday, January 18th James redacted his original



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motion of 'making 'B' level certs a 2022 requirement' and replaced that motion with the following that 'All coaches at all levels have level 'A' USA Baseball certification completed by the time they receive their 2022 team roster and that all 9U and above coaches have through level 'B' by their first game in 2022'.

- 2nd by Robert
- Pending official ruling as of Wednesday, January 19th.
- **Age Level Clarification:**
 - Robert motions that a player needs to place in the top 3 of the upper/lower tiers to make a comp/travel team.
 - 2nd by Steve.
 - Motion approved.
 - Steve also suggested having parents determine what team a player will play on based on where they rank coming out of a tryout i.e. preference #1, #2, #3. This preference would be captured at the time of signing in at the start of the tryout. The intent is to ensure that not only are parents in full control of where their player plays should there be concerns coming out of tryout, the example being a 9U player playing on a 11U AAA team, where the parent may decide that is too much of a leap and instead would rather their player play on either the 11U AA, A or in-house team instead so that they are still getting the experience the player needs based on where the parent feels their skills best matched up. Taking this approach will also allow the board to still put teams together in a timely fashion coming out of the conclusion of the tryouts that is then communicated to both coaches and parents.
- **Open Forum:**
 - February meeting will be moved to Sunday, February 20th @ McPetes @ 6pm.
- **End of Meeting:**
 - Motion by Robert to adjourn the meeting @ 718pm.
 - 2nd by Steve.
 - Motion approved.