

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball January Board Meeting

September 22, 2013 – BBC

7:09pm

Board Members Present:

Ernie Johnson – President
Rick Fanning – Vice President
Carl Nyberg - Treasurer
Sarah Anderson – Secretary
Jason Vogel – Equipment Director
Carrie Folstrom – Tournament Director

Absent

Pete Riola – Traveling Director/Player Development

Others Present

None

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Ernie Johnson at 7:10PM

Financials – Carl Nyberg

- Last Statement 9/12/13
 - Balance - \$21,794.77
 - Largest Payments
 - \$1530 – Player fee to City of Blaine
 - \$1,000 – Accountants
 - Balance from Today - \$20,928
 - \$650 to school district and some checks to workers to clear
 - Coming \$8,000 to NSC
 - \$3000 for field project
 - Overview – Tournament set us back a bit this year but still comfortable with where we will end year.

- Discussed early purchase of baseballs as often buy in fall for better pricing. We are working with Soderville teams in an effort to leverage buying power.
 - Equipment Bags – May be about 5 to carry over, due to ripping.
 - Jason will touch base with Darrell Singh at Soderville regarding possible new bag option.
 - Helmet Discussion – Will reduce to 3 and recommend players have their own. Coaches can request additional if they are running short on their team.
 - 1 full set and extra mask and mitt per team for 2014.
 - Balls – 6 dozen per team
 - L-Screens – Discussed purchasing of a few more.
 - Leave in sheds for easy access – Will put plan together

- Equipment turned in after Fall Ball and then all equipment will be turned in.
 - Discussed creating an overview of what to put in each bag by age group.

Tryout Review – Ernie Johnson

- We had approximately 255 prospects tryout for our 2014 teams this fall. Coaches are finalized and teams posted.
- Volunteers were great this year! Everyone who signed up to help did work. Things went well logistically and our volunteers were an important part of the process.
- Have received some feedback on process.
 - Some very positive as well as some opportunity areas.
 - Logistical note: Pine’s should be handed out in numerical order. We will clean and inventory pine’s to be sure to get any possible missing numbers and will plan to order more for next year as numbers have gone up.
 - Discussed tryout criteria and current policy of how fielding and pitching are scored/weighted.
 - Discussed running and importance, especially at older age levels. Discussed if running should be weighted heavier at older age levels. This will be reviewed along with overall criteria prior to next year.
 - Board reviewed tryouts and will have further review of the system to determine where changes may need to be explored. A committee may be formed to make recommendations.
- Discussed this year’s rules and guidelines for AA Coach Call Back Policy. Pete led discussion.
 - This year was optional for AA Team Coaches to have Call Back. It was suggested we give more info to coaches to review and that call backs should potentially be required for both AAA and AA Coaches in future. This will be reviewed prior to next year.

Organizational Structure – Ernie Johnson

- Board agrees that we need more hands to help with the work throughout the year. We have discussed ways to get others involved and discussions were held on following ideas:
 - Team Rep for each team or age group or Rep at each age level.
 - Have committees for fundraising, volunteers, registration, spirit wear, uniforms, etc.
 - The Board agreed to implement mandatory parent meeting for association this year.
 - This will allow us to send the same message to all parents on expectations and goals of the organization.
 - It will also give members another opportunity to share feedback and to get involved.
- Board Discussed At-Large positions that would help to take on some of responsibilities currently handled by Board.
 - Discussion held and it was proposed to have 1 Rep or Member per age group for 1-year term.
 - Manager – The Board has recommended that each team have a Team Manager to help the coach and to be another “go to” person on the team. Sarah suggested that our Team Managers should receive volunteer credit for their time. Ernie motioned that Team Manager gets volunteer credit. Rick seconded. Passed

- New Board Positions – 1 Year Terms (one from each age level at: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14)
 - Ernie will put together proposed language and Board will take vote to approve. It will include that we will add up to 5 additional Board Members.
 - Discussed current 501©3 Status and Carl will follow-up and report back.
- SBAA Meeting coming up next month as well.
 - President and Treasurer most likely to stay on as reps on SBAA Board
- **Mound Project** – Ernie Johnson
 - School District came through with mound project – Should be done Tuesday of this week.
 - Some volunteer help in tearing it down.
 - Board agreed to pay \$25 to teens who helped on recent mound project.
 - Beacon Athletics – Tarp
 - Ernie will do some additional research on Tarp options to get pricing, etc.

Upcoming Meeting – Ernie Johnson

- Annual Board Meeting will take place on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 7:00pm at Soderville Building and elections will take place.
- SBAA Annual Board of Directors Meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm at the SBAA Building.

Meeting Adjourned by President Ernie Johnson at 8:41pm.