

BRAINERD BAXTER BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BBBA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 9th, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank, 14091 Baxter Dr. Suite 201A, Baxter

CALL TO ORDER

7:03 pm

Present:

Chair	Steve Hanson
Treasurer	Matt Castle
Director	Phil Berg
Director	Andy Campbell
Director	Mike DeRosier
Director	Wade Haapajoki
Director	Corey Johnson
Director	Matt Means
Director	Nate Olson
Director	Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director	Mandy Vanek
Director	Chris Velasco

Absent:

Director	Mike Eidenshink
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ADDITIONS TO AGENDA / APPROVAL OF AGENDA / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of last meeting minutes pending completion/submission by Ann Scheinost.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Team apparel update from Mandy
- Master schedule of events by Steve

Motion to approve this agenda with additions was made by Wade Haapajoki, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

No one present.

Message from Coach Grams thanking us for having him attend the last board meeting.

REPORTS

1. Presentation of Reports:

a. President's Report – Steve Hanson

- Brian Voight has left CLC to coach in Iowa. He thanked us for our partnership and communication. It was suggested we send him a thank you note and a \$50 gift card. Motion was made by Wade Haapajoki, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.
- A \$500 Dick's Sporting Goods gift card is available to us. There was general discussion as to the best use of the card. Agreement was that there is a need for equipment (baseballs and bases) for skills clinics. The card will be used to secure these items.

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- b. Treasurer's Report – Matt Castle
 - Bank account opened at Randall State Bank. Funds need to be transferred. Identified Phil Berg needing to be added as a signer. Side note: Mike Eidschink's title is "Director", no longer "Assistant Treasurer".
 - Sports Engine status
- c. Committee Reports
 - Tournament / Web Update – Chris Velasco
 1. Tournament numbers were reported:
 - 9U: 4 of 8
 - 10U: 5 of 16
 - 11U: 9 of 16
 - 12U: 7 of 12
 - 13U: 11 of 12
 - 14U: 4 of 16
 2. Visit Brainerd: There are several blocks at various hotels reserved for our Battle of the Lakes tournaments
 3. 14AAA Tourney vs. 15AAA Tourney July 21-23: MYAS is giving us an option to take the 14AAA instead of the 15AAA as long as we have enough fields(need seven). Contact will need to be made with St. Mathias to check on availability of their fields.
 4. State qualifier papers have been filed
 - Equipment – Wade Haapajoki
 1. Quote came in higher than last year, but we have fundraising dollars to cover the expense of the larger, atypical items. Board discussed line items. Wade will identify items that could potentially be purchased at Dick's with our 20% discount. A determining factor to consider in purchasing is equipment availability.
 2. Wade will secure a space for equipment storage, and also request a quote for equipment bags

Motion to increase equipment budget to \$10,000 (aside from L-Screens and Hack Attacks) was made by Cory Johnson and seconded by Matt Means. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Scheduling – Steve Hanson and Mandy Vanek
 1. Meeting with Community Ed next week; goal is to get more scheduled practice time at OK Park and coordinate field maintenance for rec ball teams coming in after we use them. Will also discuss insurance.
 2. Side discussion surrounding skills clinic questionnaire. These results give us reason to consider what we could be looking at for number of teams and/or multiple teams of various levels for each age group (especially 10's, 11's, and 12's)
 3. Mandy's scheduling needs include a.) desired practice time, b.) preferred field selection, and c.) back-up field selection. This information will be vital when she schedules with Community Ed. This will be communicated to the coaches.
 4. New uniforms presented by Mandy: blue shirt and blue pants, white belt, white hat with a blue bill.
 5. Discussed opening an online store with GLS, providing a free t-shirt for our attendees at skills clinics
 - Social Media / Communications – Andy Campbell
 1. Discussion on different options to communicate (such as text, Sports Engine), and ways to provide Andy with any requested announcements/information, together with dates to post/remove posts. Master schedule will be vital in assisting with timely communications.
 - Sponsorship / Fundraising Committee – Matt Means and Corey Johnson

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1. Being a 501c(3), we can apply for a gambling license and host raffles. For \$50, we can purchase a list from the gambling board of all associations within a 50-mile radius who have gambling licenses and are required to give a percentage of that money away.
Motion to secure mailing list and produce/mail charitable gambling letters to these associations requesting funds, with a maximum expenditure of \$350, was made by Mandy Vanek, seconded by Mike DeRosier. Motion passed unanimously.
 2. We will reestablish a P.O. Box
 3. General commentary around the Fund U program
 4. A small percentage of sales made from the GLS online store is provided to the Association
- Coach Coordinator – Mike DeRosier
 1. Coaches meeting was recapped: commitment of coaches for practices/games is something to keep point on this year; helpers for the coaching staff will be vital (some have been identified)
 2. Coach Clinic opportunity at Target Field, January 14th; we are unaware of anyone going; this is an offering every year
 - Player Development – Jeremiah Piepkorn
 - Umpires – Phil Berg; creating an incentive plan to encourage umps to pick up extra games during tournaments
 - Volunteer – Mike Eidenshink / Steve Hanson – Coach Grams
 1. Master schedule of events

OLD BUSINESS

1. Winter Skills, MYAS North Central League – See Attached, Stars Clinic
 - Winter Skills Status – Steve Hanson
 - MYAS Rising Stars Clinic – February 25th and 26th – Communication made to MYAS
 - MYAS North Central League – Mike DeRosier – Please get level of interest from coaches
 - Try-out Dates / Times for 2023
 - a. Publish Try-Out Dates on Website / Calendar
 - b. Establish Registration on Website – Free to Register
 - c. Discuss Payment on SE for Travel Teams
 - d. Discuss possibility of multiple teams at each age group
2. Tournament Schedules for each team – Publish on Website

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Needed Officer Positions to be filled (VP and Secretary) – nominees should be sent to Steve Hanson and Matt Castle and will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.
2. March meeting will be on the 6th to accommodate for Spring Break

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday, February 13, 2023

Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Riverwood Bank, 14091 Baxter Dr. Suite 201A, Baxter

ADJOURNMENT

9:22 pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Velasco, seconded by Mandy Vanek. Motion passed unanimously.

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WINTER SKILLS and TRY-OUT TIMES

Winter Skills:

7:30 - 9:30 pm

January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

MYAS Clinic – These Times at Booked and Communicated to MYAS

February 25th, 5pm - 9pm Forestview

February 26th, 8am - 12pm (Before LAYSA arrives) - Forestview

Pre-Tryout Skills

March 20, 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Forestview

March 23, 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Forestview

Travel Team Try-Outs are Scheduled for Saturday –25th 2022 - Forestview Middle School

(9U)	(Check in at 7:45)	8:00 – 9:30am
(10U)	(Check in at 9:30)	9:45 – 11:15am
(11U)	(Check in at 11:15)	11:30am – 1:00pm
(12U)	(Check in at 2:00)	2:15 – 3:45pm
(13U)	(Check in at 3:45)	4:00 – 5:30pm
(14U)	(Check in at 5:30)	5:45 – 7:15pm

March 26th = (2nd Try-out Date if Needed) - 7:30am – Noon OR 5:30 – 9:00pm

MYAS NORTH CENTRAL LEAGUE - INTERESTED COMMUNITIES and FEEBACK NEEDED

Teams/Age Levels Forming In 2023							
	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U
Aitkin							
Alexandria		x	x	x	x	x	
Bemidji	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Brainerd							
Crosby-Ironton							
Grand Rapids							
Little Falls		x	x	x	x	x	x
Minnewaska							
Pequot Lakes				x	x	x	
Royalton							
Staples-Motley							
Walker							

How Many Teams at Each Level?							
	9U	10U	11U	12U	13U	14U	15U

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Aitkin							
Alexandria		1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-2	
Bemidji	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Brainerd							
Crosby-Ironton							
Grand Rapids							
Little Falls		1	1	1	1	1	1
Minnewaska							
Pequot Lakes				1	1	1	
Royalton							
Staples-Motley							
Walker							

Preferred League Start Date	
Aitkin	
Alexandria	Beginning or middle of May
Bemidji	End of May
Brainerd	
Crosby-Ironton	
Grand Rapids	
Little Falls	n/a
Minnewaska	
Pequot Lakes	June 1st
Royalton	
Staples-Motley	
Walker	

Preferred # of Games	
Aitkin	
Alexandria	16-24 Games
Bemidji	1 Doubleheader/week
Brainerd	
Crosby-Ironton	
Grand Rapids	
Little Falls	12-20 Games
Minnewaska	
Pequot Lakes	20 Games
Royalton	
Staples-Motley	
Walker	

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