

Blaine Area Traveling Baseball Board Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2013
Centerstone Suites, Blaine
7:00pm

Board Members Present: Ernie Johnson – President; Rick Fanning – Vice President; Sarah Anderson – Secretary; Pete Riola – Blaine Traveling Director; Jason Vogel – Equipment Director; Erik Fenn – Fundraising; Kathy Coello – Tournament Director; Justin Kehner - Assistant Tournament Director; Corinne Olson – SBAA President

Board Members Absent: Carl Nyberg – Treasurer; Doug Kaltved – SLP Traveling Director; Carrie Folstrom – Volunteer Coordinator; Scott Gagnon – Uniform & Apparel Coordinator

- 1) Call to Order – President Ernie Johnson called to order at 7:03pm.
- 2) Meeting Minutes Review/Changes/Approval – Approved by email last month.
- 3) Open Forum
 - a. Discussed Soderville interest in BATBA sponsoring Traveling Baseball
 - i. Soderville approved a draft process for 2014. Corinne attended meeting and discussed value of considering A level teams. Group discussed potential challenges and benefits.
- 4) Treasurer’s Financial Review- Ernie reported in Carl’s absence.
 - a. No concerns, new income or bills since last month.
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Equipment Order
 - i. Jason and volunteer took went through equipment and inventory recently and group discussed helmet inventory. Board discussed helmet policy. Recommendation made to offer helmets to each team but will recommend players to get their own helmets going forward.
 - ii. First Aid Kits were mostly damaged and will order more along with ice packs.
 - iii. Catcher’s gloves and masks (We will provide 2 sets per team).
 - iv. Equipment bags – Need to order approximately 5 bags and assume they will hold up better without extra helmets. Goal to distribute in 1-1 ½ months.
 - v. Bats – Will purchase Qty 2 -5 Bats for 14U
 - vi. Estimated Costs – Motion made by Ernie, Seconded by Pete - Passed
 1. \$2400 approximate expense for equipment + \$160 for yellow wiffle training balls.
 2. Baseballs – Still working on estimates – approximately \$3,000
 - b. Tryout Call Back Policy for AA Teams discussed. Group decided to have further discussion at next couple of meetings. Ernie will put together proposals to review our tryout procedures.
 - c. Tournament –
 - i. May 16-18 will be 12U and 14U (Airport, BBC, and BHS).
 - ii. May 30-June 1 will be 11U and 13U (Happy Acres, Peterson West BBC/Sat).

- iii. MBT has qualifier request on file.
- iv. Need to create flyer – Ernie will send past flyer to Tournament Directors to create new flyers to distribute and will also promote on website. Transition will begin to turn over duties to new Directors. Revised flyer will have our refund/tournament cancellation policy on it so teams know this at the time of registering for our tournament.
- v. Discussed plan to assist coaches with tourney recommendations. Pete will schedule.

6) Monthly Review Checklist – Rick

- a. Rick gave overview of Checklist Tool and reviewed recent tasks. Updates will be done each month.

7) Reports

a. President’s Report

- i. Blaine City Meeting coming up and will discuss field improvements and availability.
- ii. Ernie proposed to work on Bylaw re-writes.
- iii. Soderville/Blaine Meeting last week – Discussion on coaches’ training and Ernie volunteered BATBA to help.

b. VP’s Report – Rick

- i. Attended meeting with Blaine Hockey to request money (\$3,700) to assist with tryouts at HS level and to help transition 9th graders. BYHA is considering the request and we need to follow up with Jamie Chester.

c. Secretary’s Report – Sarah

- i. Erik will create Team Manager Task List for 2014 team managers. The board agreed there are expected tasks or functions for a Team Manager to perform and this will be documented and communicated to the Team Managers. Team Manager will be getting credit for their volunteer hours starting this year.

d. Treasurer’s Report – Carl

- i. PO Box coming payment coming due (approx. \$150).

e. Blaine Traveling Director’s Report – Pete

- i. Need to finalize spring training plan and finances. Discussed bridging of youth to HS programs.
- ii. BHS tryout funds to NSC due by end of November.

f. SLP Traveling Director’s Report – Doug No Update

g. Equipment Director’s Report – Jason See Old Business

h. Uniform Coordinator’s Report – Scott No Update

i. Volunteer Coordinator’s Report – Carrie No Update

j. Fundraising Coordinator’s Report – Eric

- i. Raffle fundraiser perhaps for BHS tryout support
- ii. Silent Auction at pizza fundraiser (collectible items)
- iii. Signs for fields?
- iv. HOM Furniture will donate \$500 for fundraiser

k. Tournament Director’s Report – Kathy See Old business

l. Asst. Tournament Director’s Report – Justin

- i. Justin has us registered on-line with MBT and will do this for MYAS

8) New Business

- a. NSC Spring Workouts – Pete is looking to finalize this commitment and fund it.
- b. Coach Mentor Program/10U “What to do list” – Jason discussed this; how do we onboard new coaches so that the coach/players/parents understand how BATBA works, expectations
- c. All Association pre-season parent meeting (with Registration?). We will conduct this at our pizza fundraiser. Ernie does a review of last year’s team performances and will now add a brief discussion on player and parent conduct.

9) Adjourn – Ernie motioned to approve these minutes. Pete seconded motion. All approved. Next meeting on 12/12 at 7pm at BBC building.