



BATBA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2019 at 7:00pm

Blaine Baseball Complex

Board Members in Attendance

Jeff Amelse – President

Andrea Puder – Secretary/Communications

Kevin Bross—Administrative Director

Al Gottschalk—Vice President

Luke McLain – Blaine 9-11U Traveling Director

Jim Conlee – Blaine 12-14U Traveling Director

Absent

Jason King – Tournament Director

Bryan Guse – Treasurer

Visitor

Ted Erickson-BHS Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Call to Order: 7:05, Jeff Amelse

Welcome

BHS & BATBA Partnership

- Jeff and Ted shared their goal to partner BATBA and BHS baseball programs.
- High school coaches will take over the BATBA 15U summer team(s). BATBA will administer registration and tournament scheduling. Jeff motioned to go forward with this plan, Rick 2nd, approved.
- BHS Dugout Club purchased 3 new L screens.
- Ted proposed BATBA donate \$1,000 towards a Big Bubba batting cage for BBC #1. Jeff motioned to send a check by the end of November, Rick 2nd, approved. Bryan will send the check.
- Jim invited Ted to speak at the BATBA coaches/managers meeting on December 10. All BHS coaches are invited to join the Raabe event on January 27. Andrea will email Ted more information.
- Discussion on field maintenance and long-term project goals.
- The hope is to connect HS players with traveling players. Perhaps including HS players at trainings or practices.
- BHS baseball meeting is scheduled for Jan 12. Kevin will represent BATBA.

Financial Updates/Business Structure

- Bryan shared the BATBA financial update via email.
- Bryan, Rick and Andrea are all signers on the TCF account.
- Bryan is working diligently on the 501©3 update. More documentation is needed to complete the application. Jeff, Rick and Andrea will provide Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as needed.
- Bryan is working with non-profit attorneys and deciphering the need for filing taxes.

Winter Training

- Al scheduled 30 hours at the Icemen facility and 12 weeks, 4 hours each at the Expo. Bryan sent checks for both.

- Each 10-14u team will get 10 hours of indoor training. Jim will schedule.
- The possibility of using some of the indoor time for a coaching camp or clinic was discussed.

Fields & Equipment Update

- Rick collected 8 of the 12 team equipment bags. Rick will follow up with coaches, then order necessary equipment for the 2020 season.
- The next step in field improvements is the bullpen at Peterson.

2020 Uniform Update

- The online apparel store is live now through November 28. Orders will arrive before Christmas.
- Families will order uniforms directly through Rambo at the January registration event. 60+ spirit wear items will be available to order at that time.

Gopher State Director's Meeting

- Luke reported the number of games will remain at 16 for 10-14u and 12 for 9u.
- 15u cannot have continuous batting order and need a certified chest protector.
- No bat changes.

2020 Tournament May 15-17

- Jeff reported we will not be able to use all BBC fields on the Blaine tournament weekend.
- Luke reported proposals from both Maxbats and Delano bats for providing wood bats for the entire tournament. Andrea motioned to go forward with an all wood bat tournament, Jeff 2nd, approved. Luke will continue to work out details with the bat company.
- Jeff and Jason will schedule fields.
- Jason will set up Tourney Machine and open online registration ASAP.

Field Scheduling

- Andrea sent e-mail asking for approval of \$295 for Bookafield renewal. Approved. We will share the site and set up with SLPBA. Andrea and Chad will facilitate. Bryan will send check.

Adjourn 8:45, Jeff Amelse

Minutes submitted by Andrea Puder, Secretary