

Brainerd Baxter Baseball Association BBBA

March 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 4, 2024

Meeting Time: 5:30 pm Central Time

Meeting Location: Brainerd High School, 702 South 5th Street, Brainerd, MN
56401, Room E109

Call to Order:

5:29 pm central time

Present:

President Chris Velasco
VP Corey Johnson
Treasurer Matt Castle
Secretary Andy Campbell
Director Jeremiah Piepkorn
Director Matt Means
Director Mike DeRosier

Absent:

Director Phil Berg
Director Nate Olson

Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2024

- Motion By: Matt Castle
- Seconded By: Matt Means
- Motion carried

Approval of March 2024 Agenda

- Motion By: Corey Johnson
- Seconded By: Matt Means
- Motion carried

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Open Forum:

- **No items offered**

President/VP Report – Chris/Corey

- a. Working on Scheduling with Haley from Brainerd**
- b. Teams cancelled for Tournament**
- c. Coach’s Meeting before practices start – discussion on whether or not to have a meeting prior to parent meeting/practices start. Board agreed a meeting should take place – especially to help the new coaches and provide a forum for them to meet the other “veteran” coaches.**
- d. Tryout schedule reviewed**

Treasurer’s Report – Matt C.

- a. Quick overview of Financials**
 - **Financials look strong – a little over \$47k in the bank**

Secretary – Andy

- a. Any past agenda points need to be addressed? – None**
- b. Reminder to get the new 2024 background checks link sent out to those who need it**

New Business:

- 1. Codes of Conduct to be added to Handbook**
 - **Executive Committee reviewed new/updated standalone documents to be added to the handbook: Parent, Players, & Coaches**
 - **These documents will be required to be signed by all three groups prior to the start of the season**

- **Motion to approve adding these documents to the Association Handbook made by Matt Castle and seconded by Matt Means. Motion carried.**

2. Uniform Committee Decision

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- **Board discussion on the Committee’s findings between the 4 vendors who expressed interest in supplying the Association with BOTL t-shirts, Association gear store and Association team uniforms.**
- **Motion was made by Matt Means to use the committee’s 2nd choice recommendation for uniforms and the committee’s choices for the tourney t-shirt supplier and the Association gear store. Seconded by Mike DeRosier. Motion carried.**
 - **Awarded vendors are GLS for t-shirts and Tee Hive for Association gear store and Association gear store.**
- **Corey Johnson made a motion to approve spending up to \$2k to purchase 1 uniform in all sizes for team meeting night for all players to try on uniforms. Matt Means seconded. Motion carried.**
- **Motion made by Corey Johnson to have Tee Hive redesign our Association logo from the “B with a tail” to the “block style B”. Jeremiah Piepkorn seconded. Motion carried.**

3. Discussion on Player Placement – 5 minutes max.

4. Accountant Discussion

- **Motion made by Corey Johnson to accept Matt Castle’s recommendation for our CPA. Matt Means seconded. Motion carried.**

5. Off-season practices

- **Big picture discussion on whether or not the Association is ok with individual parents (whether they were coaches the previous year or not or simply just parents from a travel team) inviting players to participate in off-season workouts/practices. General consensus seemed to be that as long as the outreach was not done through a previous season’s Association-accepted team communication pathways (i.e. Team Reach, SportsEngine, etc.). As long as**

communication is done through public communication means, the Association finds that acceptable.

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6. Sponsorships

- Corey presented a new tournament sponsor, team sponsor and Association sponsor proposals. Discussion on ensuring that the Association would be able to perform the necessary commitments that the sponsor was paying for.
- Motion made by Matt Castle to approve sponsorship proposals. Seconded by Mike DeRosier. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Tryout Information, the plan, how numbers look, 1 or 2 days, outside??
 - Jeremiah updated the Board on discussions he'd been having with Tom Fairbanks regarding our tryout evaluations. Tom committed to having plenty of guys available for our tryouts.
 - 17 players for 9U currently signed up to try out
 - 16 players for 10U currently signed up to try out
 - 21 players for 11U currently signed up to try out
 - 28 players for 12U currently signed up to try out
 - 16 players for 13U currently signed up to try out
 - 12 players for 14U currently signed up to try out
2. Handbook Changes – will be sent to entire Board for review before next Board meeting
3. Player Fees – discussion on finalizing 2024 fee schedule. Motion to approve the final fee schedule made by Matt Means and seconded by Corey Johnson. Motion carried.
4. Google or Microsoft – Phil, Final decision on what to use – Google wins
5. Player Eligibility

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by: Corey Johnson

Seconded by: Jeremiah Piepkorn

Motion carried