

Tea Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Oct. 6, 2024 • 6 p.m. • Tea City Hall

MINUTES

Board Members:

Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen, Mitch Smith, Cory Olson

1) CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Rick. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Mitch, seconded by Cory. Unanimously approved.

4) PUBLIC SPEAKING (5-minute limit per speaker)

5) REPORTS

A. Chase the Ace — Pot is at \$25,545. Discussion about how to involve Titans Tavern. Rob will talk to owner Seth North. Other discussion about things to think about for the next CTA process.

B. Other indoor facility costs (winter training) — Mitch called DBAT and Impact. Both are about same dimensions 25x100 for cage sizes, each charge \$40/hour. We have 90 kids who can participate in weekly Arm Care. Age groups 9/10/11/12/13 teams plus HS. An estimate of all 7 teams in one day would be \$280, do it four times a month would be over \$1100. Are there other options in Tea, i.e. a contractor shop to throw turf down and use it?

C. Update email to competitive teams — Sent an email out promoting arm care (Aaron LaBrie, can't do Tuesdays, starting Oct. 15 and Rob knows the Day 1 program and could get it started), 90 kids on 9u-Senior, 6:30/7/7:30/8. Start on that time and then finish. Field D until November and then DEC. Also asked for Sponsorship Committee members and plugged CTA.

D. City Council meeting — went well. Oct. 16 is the first available date to have a small group meeting of council members, TBA, City maintenance and Justin Weilend. Things to discuss: costs, labor/volunteers, Field A improvements, baseplates on fields C and D, tournament hosting.

E. Class A agenda requests — Meeting of all A teams will take place Oct. 13 in Brookings. TBA requested removing the Thursday from State Tournament. TBA

also proposed adjusting Class A from birth year to grade year. Rosters can be sent out after that is decided. This proposal changes nothing to Legion program. USAAA rules are pretty much grade level. Rob said a cursory glance teams should be OK. May need to look at coaches shifting, too. Adjusting the teams will enable us to hopefully grow.

F. Sponsorship committee — So far no volunteers have stepped up. We will continue to put out asks.

G. Cost to play — Rob proposed \$400 for HS 9-12, a flat fee that covers all costs associated and fall/winter training. There was discussion about including summer expenses for one total fee for both seasons. Rick made a motion to set high school fees at \$400 and look at summer fees when they are set for all other age groups. The motion was seconded by Kevin. Unanimously approved.

H. Fall instructor payment — Aaron LaBrie will receive \$2500 payment for fall, which includes 3+ hours one night a week for 12 weeks. He would be available for winter training, too.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

A. Player fundraising — been on every time. Need to look at options.

B. Board member duties — duties, terms of service

C. 2025 Budget — on the future outlook

7) NEXT MEETING DATE — Sunday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m.

8) ADJOURNMENT — 7:43 p.m.

Motion by Mitch, seconded by Mark. Unanimously approved.