

Tea Baseball Association
Board of Directors Meeting
May 1, 2024 • 7:30 p.m. • Tea City Hall

MINUTES

Board Members:

Present: Rob Schramm, Rick Willemsen, Amy Smolik, Kevin McIntyre, Chris Vasecka, Mark Jelen

Not present: Cory Olson

1) CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

2) APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Mark, seconded by Kevin. Unanimously approved.

3) APPROVE THE TEA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD MINUTES

Motion by Rick, seconded by Chris. Unanimously approved.

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

No guests present

5) REPORTS

A. Chase the Ace: pot is at \$5,855, crowd probably down during graduation season.

B. Grants: TBA didn't receive anything from Lyon County; approximately 50 out of 124 applications received a grant (up to \$3,000). There is no news yet from the Tea Community Foundation. Rob advised any Board member who sees a grant opportunity to apply using the batting tunnel project.

C. Senior Night: The event is Friday, May 10, with Tea playing Rapid City Stevens at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.; in between the games the seniors will be recognized. The announcer will do the recognition from the booth. The Neighborhood Grill food truck will be onsite at 4 p.m. as concessions will be closed. Amy will send information about Senior Night to the Tea Weekly. Kevin was going to talk to Andrea (President of Chamber) about holding the TBA Ribbon Cutting on May 10 also.

D. Batting tunnels: The project will need to take place after the season is over. There will need to be a meeting between TBA representatives and the City administration.

E. Sponsorships: Billion Automotive has a donation program for people taking test drives.

F. Preliminary indoor plans: Rob put together a drawing showing a potential layout for how the indoor space could be configured for baseball. There was discussion about spacing and suggestions to add drop netting from the ceiling to divide the space and to allow seating somewhere for spectators in case of any scrimmages/games or to watch practices.

G. Practice/game schedules:

Practice / game schedules have been sent out to all coaches. The MS is the last one to get done. Game schedules for the minors/majors are done and for the most part Tea teams will play in Tea. No SEBA schedule has been released yet. The machine pitch/coach pitch meeting will take place May 2.

H. Teapot Days: do a vendor

Misc. Discussion:

There is a Chamber Mixer at J & R Mechanical on May 2.

Tournament dates:

Class A has opened registration for State tournaments.

State: weekend of Aug. 1-4

16u in Rapid City

13u Sioux Falls

14u Watertown

16u

June 21-23 — Yankton

July 12-14 — Brookings

13u has 3 tournaments

9u-12u

July 19-21 Brandon

Legion

Region: July 24-27 in Lennox

This is the last year Tea will be in Class B Legion.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/FUTURE OUTLOOK

A. Player fundraising: n/a

B. 2025 tryout date: late June/late July

C. Cost to play: not ready to talk yet

7) NEXT MEETING DATE:

May 22 at 5 p.m. at City Hall — this date was later changed to June 5 at 8 p.m. at City Hall

8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Rick. Unanimously approved.