

BRAINERD LAKES AREA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, February 18, 2019

Meeting Time: 5:30 PM

Meeting Location: Brainerd American Legion Post 225, 708 Front Street, Brainerd, MN 56401

CALL TO ORDER

5:35 PM

Present:

Chairperson	Troy Rushmeyer
Vice Chairperson	Derek Owen
Secretary	Ann Scheinost
Treasurer	Mike Eidenshink
Director	Brian Scheinost
Director	Jon Toft
Director	John Schafer
Director	Joel Kubesh

Absent:

Director	Zach Heidmann
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OPEN FORUM

Time allocated for citizens to bring matters not on the agenda to the attention of the Board. Time limits may be imposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Approval of January 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes - A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Derek Owen, and seconded by Joel Kubesh. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Tryouts: Post-event discussion
 1. Review evaluation method and Evaluators:
 - Discussion on how to best address scores for players who did not participate in the pitching and catching activities, as well as evaluating sprint times
 - Other Associations hold mock try-outs to sync up the evaluators and work out any issues with the evaluation methods; this is something we will consider for future sessions on an annual basis since our evaluators and/or scorecard may change.
 - Ideal to have more evaluators, perhaps 2 at each station
 - Best-practice is to refrain from using school coaching staff as evaluators; this will aid in the perception of eliminating the perception of bias or discrimination.
 2. Review scorecards – The Board agreed that the current scorecards are sufficient for the next round of try-outs.
 3. Review printed documents available (Ann Scheinost) – No further edits are needed at this time for the Parent/Player Agreement, Liability Waiver, and Handbook.

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4. Community Education Invoice for Forestview custodial fee – The invoice received reflected a \$405 cost, not the quoted \$360. Troy Rushmeyer to contact Jennifer Rushing at Community Education regarding the discrepancy. Also discussed Growth Zone payment process.
 - Mike Eidenshink reported on current bank account balance, and advised that online banking has been set up.
5. Spring try-out session will be held March 30th, Bane Field. Due to spring sports and religion classes, it was determined that it is best to stay away from a weeknight tryout. *(As a result of post-meeting communications, this date was changed to Saturday, April 6, 2019. The website has been updated to reflect this new date.)*
 - Timing of publishing articles related to try-outs, in the Brainerd Daily Dispatch, will be determined.
 - Players who attended the first try-out session can also attend the spring session at no additional fee. If they do attend both, their spring session results will be used to determine team eligibility and placement.
6. Revisited how many kids should make team automatically per highest scores: Board agreed that this will remain at six players.
7. Any further communication from Baxter 13U team? The group continues to explore their options, and we welcome further inquiries.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Process address addendum for corporate documents: Troy Rushmeyer and Mike Eidenshink will meet to proceed with submitting for changes; Ann Scheinost passed along the paperwork that she had started completing for this process.
- B. Resume Marketing/Fundraising Committee Meetings:
 - Marketing Committee will meet on Friday, March 1st, 5:30, at the Owen residence
 - Sponsorship application: Troy Rushmeyer found an example on the Buffalo Baseball Association website, and provided to Derek Owen for review and editing. Troy also shared some of the fundraising activities from that organization, such as flowerpot sales from a local greenhouse (Mother's Day and Memorial Day), softener salt sales, and "Building a Legacy" (personalized paving bricks in the shape of a baseball, landscaped at the fields). Troy will contact Derrick Pfeffer to obtain contact information for Buffalo's Association to use as a resource.
 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Crosslake, Saturday March 16th at 2:00 = Marketing Committee to discuss possibility of participation.
- C. Discuss equipment needs and purchases = Due to current variables in potential needs (team and player counts), as well as the requirement to secure funding, this topic will be deferred to a future meeting.
- D. Review apparel store options = Teehive and Eastbay (Chuck Rodgers): Joel Kubesh will approach the Teehive to discuss discounts and store options, and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Decision will be made at that time. Considerations we will cover are product pricing, quality, availability, turn-around time, etc. All options will be taken under careful consideration.

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- E. Coaches: Current coach application was reviewed and one minor edit was made. The application files was updated and has been posted to the website in the "About Us" section. Troy Rushmeyer will contact the current applicant to provide him with an update on selection status.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting Date: Friday, March 22, 2019

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm was made by Mike Eidschink and seconded by John Schafer. Motion passed unanimously.