



BTBA Board Meeting Minutes

March 05, 2017 – 7:20pm

Bloomington City Hall

Attendees

BTBA Board Members

Aaron Dean – BTBA President
Scott Baker
Jim Peterson
Mark Scott
Scott Nelson
John Coady

Others

Rod Nenovich – American Legion
Corey Vucinovich

Minutes

7:20pm – Meeting Called to Order

Previous Minutes:

Motion was made by Aaron Dean and seconded by Scott Nelson to approve and post the minutes of the February 12 board meeting. Motion passed.

BTBA Bylaws:

The board discussed the draft bylaws prepared by Aaron Dean. Two wording amendments were made. Aaron Dean motioned and Scott Baker seconded that the proposed bylaws be adopted by BTBA. Motion passed. The amended bylaws will be circulated electronically and posted on the BTBA website.

As allowed by the bylaws, Aaron Dean proposed the creation of an executive committee to handle day-to-day business of the league. The executive committee will be made up of Aaron Dean, Scott Baker, Scott Nelson and Jim Peterson. The executive committee will consider day-to-day matters and vote electronically via email on the various topics. In case of a tie vote, the matter will be addressed at the next scheduled board meeting for the consideration of the entire board. The executive committee will report on its activities at each board meeting. A motion was made by Aaron Dean and seconded by Mark Scott to create the executive board. The motion passed.

President's Report:

Field Coordinator

Aaron Dean reported that Heather Bartfield has agreed to serve in a non-board member, non-voting role as Field Coordinator for the 2017 season. Heather has requested that the board find an assistant for her to take over the role in 2018.

MBL Relationship

At the February meeting it was discussed that MBL had requested a meeting with BTBA to discuss various tournament related topics. Aaron Dean has pursued this meeting MBL has not responded to this point and it is believed the meeting is no longer needed as MBL concerns have been addressed through telephone discussions.

Field Crew

Aaron Dean has requested a Field Crew update from Todd Fortner to ensure that all required field crew roles will be filled. A closed board meeting to review Field Crew needs will be held on March 12, 2017 to discuss specific staffing and personnel matters. Jim Peterson will draft an announcement seeking field crew workers for the 2017 season. Workers must be 14-years or older and preference will be given to Bloomington baseball players.

Concessions Update

John Coady has agreed to serve as the BTBA Concessions Manager for 2017. John reported that he has met with the previous concessions managers and is ready to begin hiring staff for 2017. Jim Peterson will draft an announcement seeking concession workers for the 2017 season. Workers must be 14-years or older.

Scholarship Update

Aaron Dean gave an update on the Scholarship Process. It was reiterated that this is confidential process and only the board president and board treasurer will be made aware of financial aid requests. The board will only discuss overall totals and treasury impact, not specific instances. It was discussed that the existing scholarship cap of \$350 is too low. Aaron Dean motioned that the scholarship cap amount be raised from \$350 to \$480. Scott Nelson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pitch2Pitch Update

Aaron Dean gave an update on the BTBA relationship with Pitch2Pitch. BTBA has 24 hours banked with Pitch2Pitch which can be used for coach clinics or some other purpose.

Vice President Report:**MBL Travel Directors Meeting**

Scott Baker gave an update on the MBL Travel Directors Meeting and the significant schedule milestones MBL has which impact BTBA. Teams need to be loaded and paid for by March 15 and the season starts April 25. The update also included clarification of MBL's position on residency, waivers, club teams, age cutoff date stays the same while the bat ratings will change for 2018.

Policy Consolidation

Scott Baker reported that BTBA's various policies are in many different formats and found in many different locations. He will consolidate these into a single document where they can reside in one master location to be easily found, referenced and modified if required. The executive committee will review before presenting to the board.

Tournament Committee Updates:

John Coady gave an update on the tournament committee work. Fields have been secured for all BTBA hosted tournaments and the committee has determined how many teams each tournament can host. Fields have also been secured for the MBT tournaments hosted by BTBA.

There are a few out-of-state teams registered for BTBA tournaments. It needs to be verified that these teams have been granted waivers by MBT in order to be eligible for MBT tournaments.

It was also discussed that some local business would like to operate as vendors at BTBA sponsored tournaments. No action was taken at this time.

Treasurer Update and registration updates:

Scott Nelson gave an update on finances and 2017 Registrations. The current financial situation is fine and there is money available to pay all bills. Checks have been sent or cut for all tournaments BTBA teams will attend. However, Scott Nelson does need to verify that BTBA spots are confirmed and may need assistance from other board members to complete this task.

Scott Nelson and Scott Baker gave registration updates. As of March 5, there were 158 players registered for the 2017 season. It was noted that registration will not close until March 10 and in past years, many registrations occur during the last few days.

It was determined that BTBA will field the following teams in 2017:

5 Teams at 10U – AAA, AA, A(3)

3 Teams at 11U – AAA, AA, A

3 Teams at 12U – AAA, AA, A (NOTE: There are 38 players signed up for 12U and if registrations continue to rise, another team will be added)

2 Teams at 13U – AAA, A

2 Teams at 14U – AAA, A

2 Teams at 15U – AAA, A

As of March 3, 69 players had paid in full. Registration checks will not be cashed until players have been placed on teams in order to ease the refund process in the case of a player being cut.

A request for additional funds for equipment from Brian Carter was tabled.

Coach coordinator Updates:

Jim Peterson gave an update on coach recruitment. We have a good stable of candidates and now that the number of teams is determined, recruitment can be more targeted to age groups where additional numbers are needed. Jim also gave an update on the relationship with Positive Coaching Alliance.

Communication Committee and Secretary updates:

Jim Peterson gave a Communications update and talked about the need to find a volunteer to run the organizations Facebook page.

Other Board Business:

It was discussed to form a Tryout Committee to handle the logistics of the 2017 BTBA Tryouts. Jim Peterson made a motion to form a committee made up of Jim Peterson, Scott Baker, Aaron Dean, Mark Scott and Corey Vucinovich. Scott Baker seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Tryout Committee will update the entire board at a board meeting on March 19.

Ron Nenovich addressed the board and asked the boards assistance in recruiting BTBA Players to shag foul balls at the American Legion tournament this summer. Players will be paid and due to safety concerns, must be from the older teams. The executive committee will handle this request as the date gets closer.

Jim Peterson motioned and Aaron Dean seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

9:02pm – Meeting Adjourned