



BTBA Board: December Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2017 – 7pm
Bloomington City Hall
Room: Hage Conference Room

Attendees

BTBA Board Members Present:

Jim Peterson – President
Scott Baker – Vice President
Robert Chamberlain – Treasurer
George Bender – Secretary
Aaron Dean
Jodi Syrjamaki
Brian Carter
Adam Brown
Ryan Schilling
Jean Gonzalez

BTBA Board Members Absent: Scott Nelson, John Coady, Corey Vucinovich, and Scott King

BTBA Membership Present: None

Agenda

7pm – Call to Order – Jim Peterson
7:05 – President’s Summary – Jim Peterson
7:10 – Approve Minutes from Annual Meeting on September 10, 2017
7:15 – Legal Report – Aaron Dean (Attachment)
7:20 – Financial Summary – Robert Chamberlain
7:30 – Executive Committee for 2017-18: Discussion and Approval
7:35 – Tournament Director: Jodi Syrjamaki. Vote to add to Board.
7:40 – 2018 BTBA Tournament Schedule
7:50 – Review Parent and Player Survey Results
7:55 – Open Discussion
8:00 – Adjournment

Minutes

At 7:00pm, the monthly Board meeting was called to Order by BTBA President, Jim Peterson.

George Bender reviewed the minutes from the annual meeting held on October 29, 2017. There were no additional comments or corrections noted in reference to the proposed minutes. Robert Chamberlain made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bryan Carter seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes are to be posted to the organization's website.

President's Update:

- Jim Peterson presented an update on items that were addressed by the Executive Committee since the last Board meeting.
 1. One unemployment issue was dealt with.
 2. The taxes were submitted.
 3. An incorporation issue related to the organization is being followed-up on.
 4. There was follow-up on a few checks that bounced.

- A discussion was held regarding the number of teams formed last season in comparison to forecasted registration numbers for next season. The 14U and 15U age levels may only have enough players to field one upper team at each age level and only one 14A/15A team will be formed. The 11U level is also forecasted to be an age group with below average numbers and it factors into the tournaments BTBA will plan to host next season.

Legal Update:

- Aaron Dean noted the following to the Board:
 1. The insurance review is currently being finished up. The organization has the following types of insurance: Unemployment, workman's comp, general liability. An umbrella policy is being considered in comparison to an increase in general liability.
 2. There are no updates related to the City but a training document still needs to be prepared for the maintenance personnel.

Field Maintenance Management for 2018 Update:

- Jim Peterson continued to speak with John Kern regarding managing the on-field maintenance next year. Nothing has been agreed upon as of this meeting. Austin Hamilton agreed to oversee the maintenance staff as the

adult supervisor responsible for reporting to the Board, approving scheduling, preparing training videos & manuals, and other administrative task John Kern would not be responsible for.

Financial Update:

- Robert Chamberlain provided the following update to the Board:
 1. There is an issue with the US Bank accounts and may end up requiring the creation of new accounts. The existing accounts aren't flexible enough for the organizations current needs.
 2. The financial information from the fall ball season has been received and entered into the system. The financial update is complete and can be provided to membership upon request. It was agreed to post this availability on the website and to have them contact the Treasurer.

Executive Committee Update:

- Reference President's Update above.

Tournament Committee Update:

- Jodi Syrjamaki provided the following update:
 - 1) The committee members met early in November.
 - 2) The tournaments the organization plans to host in 2018 have been posted and inquiries are being received.
 - 3) Creation of 9U level within the organization was discussed. It was determined that for 2018 the organization is not prepared enough to add the level and be confident in the amount of 9U players that would join and how the 10U program would be affected. It was determined that the Executive Committee would continue to study the 9U program and bring information to a future Board meeting(s).

- The 10U age level was discussed in regards to the levels the age group will play at next season. Ryan Schilling motion to have one 10AAA team, two 10AA teams, and two 10A teams. Adam Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- The 11U age level was discussed due to the low registration numbers expected. There may only be enough players to fill two teams. The levels for the teams was discussed. A motion was made to have the 11U teams at the 11AAA and 11AA levels in lieu of 11AAA and 11A. The fact the organization will be hosting the 11AA state tournament was an important

factor in addition to the observations from the 10U level last season. The motion passed.

- There is a need to search for and select away tournaments for each age level. It was decided to try to include one out of town opportunity for each team. Robert Chamberlain is going to search for the 10U age level, George Bender will work on the 11U age level, Scott Baker will work on the 12U and 13U age levels and Aaron Dean will work on the 14U age level.

- Bryan Carter presented cost information for equipment for 2018. Necessary and optional equipment was discussed for purchasing.

- The annual Winter Work-outs was discussed. This year the organization will only be able to host a work-out on Wednesday evenings at Jefferson Activity Center. The Kennedy Activity Center is not available on Sunday evenings this season.

- An option was presented by the Coach-Player Development Committee to work with Pitch-2-Pitch to establish a program to offer an opportunity a training opportunity to the membership. It was decided to proceed with this opportunity.

- 2018 Registration opens on January 1, 2018. The 2018 registration fee was discussed. Scott Baker made a motion and Adam Brown seconded to maintain the \$595 cost charged in 2017 for next season. The motion passed.

- The motion was made by Jim Peterson to adjourn the meeting and Aaron Dean seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2018 at 8pm.