



**BTBA Board: November Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2018 – 7pm**  
**Bloomington City Hall – City Council Chambers**

**Agenda Items:**

7pm – Call to Order – Jim Peterson

1. Welcome
2. Approve Minutes from Aug 19 & Sept 30 Board meetings
3. Executive Committee Update & Roster
4. “Vote Yes” initiative for Bloomington Sports Facilities

7:15 – Bloomington Baseball Continuity Initiative – Mark Scott

7:30 – Treasurer’s Report – Robert Chamberlain

7:35 – 2019 Budget

7:40 – 2019 Team Count Forecasting

7:45 – 2019 Paid Coaches (13U & 14U)

7:50 – Tournament Committee Update – Jodi Syrjamaki

1. Request for a volunteer to fill an Assistant Tournament Director position
2. Board member roles for hosted tournaments

7:55 – Legal Report – Aaron Dean

8:00 – 2019 Field Crew Planning – Austin Hamilton

1. Review of the 2018 season

8:05 – Winter Workout Planning

8:10 – Board Roster & Committee Roster Update – George Bender

8:10 – Committee Updates

1. Player & Coach Development – Scott Nelson & Ryan Schilling
2. Tryout Committee – Corey Vucinovich
3. Communications Committee – Jean Gonzalez
4. Fundraising Committee – Ryan Schilling
5. Hrbek Improvements – Ryan Schilling & George Bender

8:20 – New Business/Public Comment Period

8:30 – Adjournment

**Next Meeting:** December 2, 2018 at 7pm

**Attendees:**

**BTBA Board Members Present:**

**Jim Peterson – President**  
**Drew Squires – Vice President**  
**Robert Chamberlain – Treasurer**  
**George Bender – Secretary**  
**Jodi Syrjamaki – Tournament Director**  
**Scott Nelson**  
**Adam Brown**  
**Jean Gonzalez**  
**Corey Vucinovich**  
**John Coady**  
**Brian Carter**  
**Austin Hamilton**

**BTBA Board Members Absent:**

**Aaron Dean, Scott King, Ryan Schilling**

**BTBA Membership Present: Scott Baker - Webmaster**

**Others Present: Mark Scott, Ron Nenovich, Zak Horn**

**Minutes:**

The Board meeting was convened at 7:00pm by Jim Peterson.

The minutes from the November 4, 2018 meeting were not reviewed at the approved at the board meeting following the special meeting on December 2. The minutes were approved by proxy vote by the Executive Committee for posting to the website. This will be formally approved by the Board at the next meeting.

A roster of the current members of the Board and the contact information was passed around for review and editing. The roster will be used to update the website.

Committee assignments were reviewed from the 2017-18 season and discussed for the 2018-19 season. The President is automatically a member of each committee.

- Jean Gonzalez and John Coady were added to the Executive Committee
- Adam Brown was added to the Tournament Committee and John Coady was removed.
- No new members were added to the Communication Committee.
- George Bender and Scott Nelson were added to the Tryout Committee.
- Drew Squires was added to the Player & Coach Development Committee.
- The Fundraising Committee is currently been suspended.

The new 'Vote Yes' initiative for the 2019 voting cycle was discussed. The initiative is to attempt to gain support to improve sports facilities for the City through a bonding referendum. Lots of organizations were present at the meeting. BTBA member Josh Syrjamaki is part of the leadership behind the initiative. Improvements to the Hrbek baseball complex could certainly get wrapped up into the initiative.

A community baseball initiative was discussed next. Mark Scott, Ron Nenovich, and Zak Horn were in attendance to make a presentation and stimulate an open discussion. The presenters are part of the leadership within the Legion program. Zak Horn is the Head Coach for the senior legion gold team. Points from the discussion are as follows:

- Baseball within Bloomington is silo'd within different organizations with very little coordination between the organizations.
- Working cohesively under a common umbrella could provide benefits to each organization.
- Zak Horn has prepared a manual in order to support coaching within the community. Requests can be made to Zak Horn in order to view it. It is a living Google document and can easily be updated. The Legion program is working with Starters. Two new coaches (1 for Sr Legion team and 1 for Jr Legion team) may be provided by Starters for next season for the blue program. A blue legion committee has been started. Legion baseball is going to be under a common umbrella. There will remain separate Legion teams for each high school.
- A motion was made and passed for BTBA to adopt the coaching handbook.

A financial report was prepared and presented by Robert Chamberlain. An 8 page management document was presented that summarized 4 years of financial data.

- Concessions volume is trending downward. This year concessions were a loss.
- Part of this concern is prices haven't been raised.
- Providing signage and regulations in the tournament literature to ban outside food is a reasonable option.
- Consideration of utilization of the grill for tournaments may be an option. There are many hurdles to clear for this option to become a reality.
- New labor personnel will be necessary for next season.
- There was discussion to establish a budget and discuss it further at the December meeting.

Team counts for the 2019 season were discussed.

- 0 teams are expected at 15U
- 14U is expected to have 14AAA, 14AA, & two 14/15A teams
- 13U is expected to have 13AAA, 13AA, & 13A teams
- 12U is expected to have three teams. There is two options that were discussed. Option 1 is 12AAA, 12AA, & 12A. Option 2 is two 12AA teams and a 12A team. It was determined to apply for a AAA waiver from MBL.
- 11U is expected to have 11AAA, 11AA, & 11A teams
- 10U is expected to have 10AAA, two 10AA teams, & two 10A teams

The home tournament schedule is as follows:

5/3-5/5: 11AAA & 11AA

5/10-5/12: 12AAA, 13AAA, & 14AA

5/17-5/19: 10A, 11A, & 13A

6/7-6/9: 12AA, 13AA, & 15AAA

6/14-6/23: 10AAA, 12A, & 14AAA

6/21-6/23: 10AA & 14/15A

10AAA MBL State Tournament

11AA MBL State Tournament

August Classic

- A motion was made and passed to raise our tournament prices to \$400.
- Discussed a desire to assign a Board member to attend and support each tournament weekend.
- Scott Nelson will assist Jodi Syrjamaki with tournament weekend coordination.

Paid coaching for the 2019 season was discussed.

- Jim asked Scott Nelson to prepare a summary of last season's paid coaches experiment.
- The Board agreed to host a special Board meeting from 7-8pm in December 2, 2108 to discuss this topic. The Communication committee will advertise the special meeting. An abbreviated Board meeting will be held after the special meeting from 8-9pm.

Winter workouts were briefly discussed.

Tryouts for the 2019 season were briefly discussed. Tryouts are scheduled for March 16-17, 2019. Tryouts will be Pitch2Pitch again – possibly at their new facility in Chanhassen to gain additional space. The Tryout committee will review the new facility.

Scott Baker will remain the webmaster for BTBA and help with some of the mass emails.

Adam Brown recommended a discussion to encourage membership to volunteer on the committees that assist the Board. This may be discussed in December if there is time.

A review of Field Maintenance for the 2018 season was discussed. Need to determine if John Kern wants to come back. There is a possibility of losing a majority of the field crew from 2018. New bases for the 2019 season were discussed with a possibility of changing the type of bases.

Robert Chamberlain made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Corey Vucinovich seconded it. The Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.