



**BTBA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2019 – 7pm**  
**Bloomington City Hall – Haeg Conference Room**

**Agenda Items:**

7pm – Call to Order – Jim Peterson

1. Welcome
2. Approve Minutes from Feb 17 Board meeting
3. Executive Committee Update

7:05 – Registration Update – Robert Chamberlain

7:10 – Treasurer’s Report (only if needed) – Robert Chamberlain

7:15 – Legal Report (only if needed) – Aaron Dean

7:20 – Tournament Committee Update – Jodi Syrjamaki

7:25 – 2019 Field Crew Planning – Austin Hamilton

- Compensation for 2019 Field Crew members

7:30 – Concessions – John Coady

- Compensation for 2019 concessions workers

7:35 – Committee Updates:

1. Player & Coach Development – Scott Nelson
  - 2019 Paid Coaches Update (13U & 14U AAA teams)
  - Coaching Manual
  - Winter Workouts (High Schools & P2P)
2. Tryout Committee – Corey Vucinovich
  - Tryout Organization
  - Duty Roster and Volunteer Requirements
  - Team Selection Update
3. Communications Committee – Jean Gonzalez
4. Equipment & Uniforms – Brian Carter & Corey Vucinovich
  - Uniform Sizing
5. Hrbek Improvements – George Bender
  - “Vote Yes” initiative for Bloomington Sports Facilities
6. Fundraising Committee – Currently Suspended

8:00 – New Business/Public Comment Period

- Parent Volunteering

8:10 – Adjournment

**Next Meeting:** April 14, 2019 at 7pm

## Attendees:

### **BTBA Board Members Present:**

**Jim Peterson – President**  
**Drew Squires – Vice President**  
**George Bender – Secretary**  
**Scott Nelson**  
**Jean Gonzalez**  
**John Coady**  
**Corey Vucinovich**  
**Austin Hamilton**  
**Justin Remsbottom**

### **BTBA Board Members Absent:**

**Robert Chamberlain, Aaron Dean, Jodi Syrjamaki, Adam Brown, Scott King, Brian Carter**

### **BTBA Membership Present: 7 members present**

The March Board meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Jim Peterson.

- The minutes from the February 17, 2019 were considered for approval. Justin Remsbottom motioned to approve the minutes and Scott Nelson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Jim mentioned a possibly amending the minutes from January 20.

## Presidents Update

### **Executive Committee Update:**

- Jim Peterson indicated that he spoke with Ryan Schilling on February 19 and Ryan decided to resign from the Board effective February 1. This resignation puts the total Board membership at 15 which is in compliance with the By-laws.
- Registration is up approximately 40 players from last year's total.
  - 10U registration is nearly full – we will accept 1 more player and then create a waiting list.
  - 11U is at 41 players. It seems that BAA may be struggling a little with numbers based on their adjusted age groupings and the fact that BTBA registrations are up. A discussion ensued whether to attempt to recruit a few more players or to cut a few players. Also considered was where would another 8 home games be played because the availability at Hrbek is nearly full. Hampshire Hills was discussed but not a preferred option. Asking BAA to allow a few games on Hrbek 8 was also considered. It was decided to host 4 teams at 11U.
  - 12U is at 37 players. Teams of 12 at AAA, 12 at AA, & 13 at A will be formed.

- 13U is at 43 players. Decided to form 4 teams and 1 more player will be accepted and then a wait list will be created. One team will need to be added to the home 14A tournament and 3 away tournaments will need to be scheduled.
- 14U is at 40 players. A few parents from Jefferson 9<sup>th</sup> graders have reached out to BTBA to have their sons join a 14A/15A team.

- BTBA is still seeking an Assistant Field Coordinator.

### **Treasurer and Legal Reports:**

- A Treasurer's Report and a Legal Report are not being presented due to Robert Chamberlain and Aaron Dean not being in attendance.

### **Tournament Committee:**

- A discussion occurred relative to adding more parent volunteerism to the tournament process.
- Additional information will be added to the tournament binders to help the parent volunteers be more effective and further streamline the tournament process. Such as a contact sheet and a Q/A sheet that could include lights, rule violations, tournament seeding, where to get assistance.
- Justin Remsbottom Plans to build spreadsheet in Google Docs to automate the tournament seeding process.
- A tournament assistant (parent volunteer) is desired to be added at each age level.
- Jim Peterson will give a description of the volunteer opportunities at the meetings with the parents at Tryouts.
- There was discussion of adding a fee if a family doesn't volunteer. This has previously been discussed and this hasn't been added to date for various concerns.
- Justin Remsbottom sent proposed brackets to Jodi Syrjamaki. Some will need to be adjusted for the additional teams but these need to be sent to BT Umpires by Jim Peterson to allow the umpires to sign-up to work at the home tournaments.

### **Field Crew Update:**

- 14 kids (5 – 14s, 5 – 15s, and 4 driving age kids have submitted applications to work on the field crew but 3 - 4 more applications are desired to add depth to the crew and kids that can drive are preferred because only 2 members from last year are planning to return. Austin Hamilton also spoke with Todd Fortner and he is planning to work on the crew this year as a foreman.
- A motion was made by Austin Hamilton and seconded by Scott Nelson to raise the minimum pay for field crew members to \$9/Hr. Typically crew members increase their pay by \$1 per year for coming back. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Concession's Crew Update:**

- A motion was made by Jim Peterson and seconded by Drew Squires to compensate the Concession Manager a salary of \$7,500 plus one player credit valued at \$595. This is the same as last season. The motion passed unanimously.
- The concessions crew is not set as of yet. More workers are still needed.
- John Coady is still talking to the City about BBQ'g at tournaments and setting up concessions at Kelly. There isn't any running water at Kelly Fields. John is also looking at acquiring a trailer for concessions use. The City has strict requirements related to use of trailers.
- It is thought that coolers with beverages and snacks can be staged at Kelly during tournaments and have the field crew sell the goods in addition to tournament coordinators and parent volunteers.
- John Coady brought up providing food and drinks to the umpires during tournaments because of the significant cost. The Board discussed this and decided to continue the process due to the umpire shortage and desire to have quality umpiring at the home tournaments.
- Pizza was discussed to be sold at the concession stand. A few could be ordered and sold by the slice.
- Compensation for the concessions crew was discussed to be the same as the field crew. George Bender motioned for this concessions workers to be paid the same as the field crew workers and Austin Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- John Coady is planning to get another roller for hot dogs.

An advertisement will be posted at the tryout table for interested 14 year olds and up. Last year there were only 12 field crew members and the crew was short-handed many weekends. 14-15 crew members are desired or more. John Kern's set of keys also needs to be retrieved from last season.

### **Player and Coach Development Committee Update:**

- A meeting with Starters was held last Friday. Starters is currently scheduling the paid coaches. Dates and times were provided for the coach's clinics. There will be three meetings that last approximately 2 hours and the meetings are planned to be video taped for coaches that can't attend. Three wheel practice dates were also set. They are the last Thursday in April and the first two Thursdays in May.
- The new Coaching Manual was discussed. Scott Nelson set it out which included guidelines for playing requirements. Scott and the committee made some changes to the manual provided by Zack Horn from the Kennedy Sr. Legion team.
- Less than desirable feedback was received from the winter workouts hosted by Pitch2Pitch for BTBA players.
- A meeting has been set for the selected team coaches for March 20 at City Hall.

**Uniforms:**

- The same jerseys as last year will be provided this year.
- The same hats as last year will be provided but with the new 'B' on them.
- The same pants will be provided as last year.

**Tryout Committee:**

- Pitch speeds for each age group have been set.
  - 10U will be at 45 mph (last year was 45 mph)
  - 11U will be at 50 mph (last year was 45 mph)
  - 12U will be at 55 mph (last year was 50 mph)
  - 13U will be at 60 mph (last year was 55 mph)
  - 14U will be at 65 mph (last year was 60 mph)
- John Coady will bring a cooler with drinks for the workers and Robert Chamberlain will order a lunch due to the volunteers working all day.
- Discussion about use of a 10-point grading system in lieu of a 5-point system in order to provide more differential amongst the players. Jim Peterson or Scott Nelson will ask P2P to follow this.
- Pitching scores will continue to be separated from the overall aggregate score similar to last year.
- The tryout manual has been updated and needs to be posted on the website.
- Authority was granted to the Board members in charge of tryout stations to give extra pitches vs the pitching machine if the pitches are bad.
- BTBA or Club team hats or gear are not to be worn at the tryouts.
- Jim Peterson will speak with Corey Vucinovich about creating a duty roster for the Board members to assist with tryouts throughout the day.

**Communications Committee:**

- Upcoming dates will be advertised on Facebook and the website.
- Jim Peterson is planning to invite the Mayor to Field Clean-up Day.

**Equipment:**

- Scott Nelson will speak with Brian Carter about providing resistance bands in each team bag.
- An inventory list for the team bags should be added to the coach's manual.

**Hrbek Improvements:**

- George Bender provided an update on the 'Vote Yes' committee regarding sporting facilities in Bloomington.

**New Business:**

- The City hasn't discussed further the new peps at Hrbek for the new bases.
  - Jefferson hockey provided Adam Brown an update as requested at the last Board meeting which Adam provided to Jim Peterson.
  - Jim Peterson indicated Robert Chamberlain has been offering to set up payment plans to parents in lieu of offering scholarships if it works for the requesting families.
  - The MBL game scheduling meeting is April 6 from 9am - 1pm.
  - The MBL mandatory coach's meetings are April 16, 17, and 18.
  - Mike Steffen attended the meeting and indicated he has volunteered to be in charge of the Legion Blue program. He would like BTBA to direct 15U players that don't want to be on the 14A/15A level to the Jr. Legion program.
  - Field Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2019 as league play is scheduled to begin on April 22. This remains weather dependent.
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- Adam Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting and Drew Squires seconded the motion. The motion passed and the March Board meeting was adjourned.
  - The next Board meeting will be held on April 14, 2019 at 7pm at City Hall.