

BIG LAKE FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION
Open Board Meeting Minutes
Innovation Lab -Sun Oct 12th, 2025-6-8pm

OPEN

- The BLFPA open board meeting was called to order at 6pm at BLHS-Innovation Lab on Sunday, Oct 12th, 2025 by Brian Dietz, board president.

BOARDMEMBERS: Brian Dietz, President Aaron Mevissen, Travel Coordinator
Dan Nadeau; Treasurer Nathan Marcks
Meghan Weerts, Secretary Kim Bowen, Varsity coach

Association Members: Laura Hale, Loren Ulvog, Brian Ommen, Nicole Fagerstrom, Abbie Devriendt, Kristin and Dave Ales, Megan Weber, Steve Warnke

REPORTS:

Review September meeting minutes:

- Motion: Aaron Mevissen. Seconded: Brian Dietz, all present approved the minutes as they were written.

ELECTIONS: (see Old Business for resignations)

Voting of open positions took place and the following were voted in:

President: Aaron Mevissen

Vice President : Loren Ulvog

Secretary/Treasurer combo: Meghan Weerts

Volunteer: Nicole Fagerstrom

Fundraising: Abbie Devriendt/ Laura Hale

Field & Equipment: Dan Nadeau

Concessions: Megan Weber/Kristin Ales

Travel Coordinator - Brian Ommen

TREASURER:

- Bank Transactions are for what had cleared the bank as of 10/10/2025
 - Current Cash Balance \$25,457.36
 - Checks to be deposited \$131.00- P.S. I Love You apparel kickback
 - Waiting for Fall Community Ed Invoice
 - \$350 Hutchinson Letter- Kim said it was from a 16U tournament 7/9/2024 that was rained out. Meghan called on 10/15/2025 spoke with Shayla (originally mailed to Aberdeen Way)- Emailed form to have the check re-issued on 10/15/2025.
 - Will need to get check to community ed for \$3000 for lazer leveling donation
- Motion to approve Kim Bowen, Second Aaron Mevissen, all present approved financials.

SECRETARY:

- Youth Association Meeting with Community ED (10/08/2025)
 - Kim will go back to Steph and clarify parts of the meeting minutes from this meeting.
- Bylaws- Uploading and sending out Email for all new board members to review.

- Board Position Emails- Will be updated to XXX @biglakefastpitch.com (Example: VP@biglakefastpitch.com). That way we can just reset passwords when terms are up.
- Board Decision Framework- Reviewed and agreed that the everything we do is FOR THE KIDS

TRAVEL COORDINATOR:

- Evals- work on fine tuning
- Clinic Planning- Aaron will be reaching out to get gym time scheduled ASAP- Meeting 10/23/2025.
- Clinic Ideas- Winter break- Grace & Syd, Addie- littles pitching, PT/Plyo, Chelsea- Emmy/Addy Pitching 8U-??, Chelsea- Availability
- Pitching clinic- tough with mixed ages- need to possibly extend to April, last year paid \$25hour.
- Coaches- necessity vs standard to pay coaches if needed to have consistent coaching- would we need to up cost to cover? Brainstorm ideas.
- Coaches Clinic- Julie Standering- Awesome- Cost- Aaron will email.- We would like anyone to be able to attend.
 - Open this up to surrounding communities and have parents attend also so that we can create a standard for form, etc.
 - Right way to raise the kids (Kind approach)
 - Create a standard for parents and players for after practice
 - Rake fields and Batting Cages
- Update Player Contract- We need to create a culture for the teams.
 - Examples:
 - Make a mess clean it up
 - Right way to raise the kids up
- Created a softball Etiquette player meeting. (after parent meeting)
- Amazon Wishlist- Add number pennies for tryouts, Practice Field Fence and plugs (moves to Field/Equipment Coordinator)

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

- One check will be cashed for fall
- Need more volunteers- brainstorm how we get more hours
- Need to communicate:
 - Parents need to know that being at home is not a guarantee each weekend.
 - Don't sign up on a day that your kid plays

CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR:

- Meghan will finalize concession numbers and transfer to Megan Weber and Kristin Ales.
- Detailed Inventory
- What can we do better
- Aaron was going to see if there is an extra Ipad.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR:

- Looking at quick ways to bring in cash: skyzone, Bowling, out to eat. etc .
- Winter hats have come in and are being disbursed. Get the remainder to Abbie/ Laura to post on facebook and start selling.
- Meghan will share spreadsheets with fundraising coordinators.
- Need to get letters out to big business to get scoreboards, pressbox, covered dugouts etc.
- Transparency on what fundraising goes towards.
- National Fund:
 - Association covers \$1,000 Entry Fee, Gate Fee and pins
 - Additional fundraising for the team use, needs to be approved by the board and given to the board in that team's name.

FIELD/EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR:

- Email out that all equipment needs to be returned Monday 10/12 5pm
- Shed Panel was replaced
- All equipment was turned in and inventory done.
- Backstop installed and Net pulled up for winter need to be done.
- Aaron or Dan will create a SOP for the shed
- Aaron created a checkout sheet for gear we will use in the years upcoming.

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR

- Matt Baufeld expressed interest in running next year's tournaments again.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Brittany Judge VP- Resigned Oct 1st, 2025
- Katlynn Broerman Volunteer- Resigned Oct 7th, 2025
- Aaron Meviseen Travel Coordinator- Resigned Oct 12th, 2025
- Sportsline Photography-
 - One year more, lock in date and time with backup (assigned to VP)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meghan will gather information and get a trailer posted with google form.
- Facebook- Tony, Beth and Kim have access to add and delete members.

ADJOURNED:

- **Meeting ended 7:27pm**
- **Next Meeting 11/2/2025 Innovation Lab 6-8PM**
 - **Confirmed via email with Kendra 10/15/2025.**