BIG LAKE FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Exploration Lab- BLHS

April 13th, 2025

3-5pm

**OPEN**

The BLFPA open board meeting was called to order at 3:02pm at BLHS-exploration lab on Sunday April 13th, 2025 by Brian Dietz, board president.

**MEMBERS:**

Present Board: Brian Dietz, President Aaron Mevissen, Travel Coordinator

Dan Nadeau, Treasurer Kim Bowen, Varsity Coach Meghan Weerts, Secretary

Absent: Abbie Devriendt, Kristi Brown, Brittany Judge

Others Present: Steve Warnke, Rachel Squires

**REPORTS:**

Meeting Minutes:

* Review March Meeting Minutes
  + Motion: Aaron Mevissen, seconded: Dan Nadeau, all present approved the minutes as they were written.

**TREASURER:**

* Bank Transactions are for what had cleared the bank as of 4/5/25
  + Current Cash Balance $18,872.22
* Skill Shark secondary charge refunded $625.00.
* W/C bill for 2024 just paid, now 2025 came $258.
* Motion to approve Treasurer report: Kim, Second Aaron. All Present approved.

**TRAVEL COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Check for Big West Meeting- $4020
* Field Schedule- uploaded to Kendara, Fields good to go.
* Umpires-assignr- Bill due $4255 (overages will go towards a credit for next year)
  + Head coaches have access to assignr.
  + Head coach will have to contact Aaron if an ump is needed or if one doesn’t show up

**IN-HOUSE COORDINATOR REPORT: (Meghan covered)**

* Big Lake Buzz off
  + Date: 6/21/25- Umps- Kim will send out an email for umps
  + 10/12 teams registered: Big Lake Gold, Big Lake Blue, Chanhassen, STMA, Andover, Becker Grey, Becker Navy, New London Spicer (two teams), Edina
* In-house Clinic Set (4/26, 5/10, 5/17): 4Plex, 10-11:30am
  + Softie’s order (under equipment needs)
  + Clinic shirts order- Final total 624, Motion to pay: Meghan W, Second Aaron, all members present approved.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Katelyn Broerman to join board in this position Motion: Meghan, Second Brian, All members present approved.
  + Meghan will get email and google drive stuff to Katelyn.
* Volunteer Hours (Brittan’s Mock up)- Barebones except 11-2 double coverage, Field workers could move back start time and then make sure that we have multiple on 2 to rake and 1 to chalk
* Signup Genius- will be utilized again this season

**CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR REPORT (open position):**

* Reviewed concessions pricing sheet (Britany submitted)
* Trailer @Varsity Field- We are working on agreement with the school for placement.
  + Stephanie @ Community Ed- is digging into policies with school for concessions, Viking coke for drinks, rest would be on us. BLFPA staff it, we stock it.

**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Family Fun night/ Silent Auction- June 20th- Email will be sent to gauge if we have interest in holding this
* Moonlight Bowling- Push out one more email

4/23/25- postponed event

* Fill my softball- Emailed to interested coaches.
  + Will be used for extra uniforms, banners, etc.
  + Coaches need to track what money has been spent and then make sure they raise enough, if extra funds raised then that would just go towards field improvements.
* Frozen Spoon- We can sign up for a Wednesday to have someone go in and scoop ice cream and get 10% of sales for that night. Contact Jen to sign up.

**EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT (open position)**

* Equipment needs: 6U/8U: (Amazon)
  + Wilson 11in softies: Inhouse Clinic (4) 6U use (3) = $338.39
  + Agility Cones- QTY 200- Meg Rem drills- $43.99
  + Home Plates and tape for pitching
  + Toss and catch paddle set- Kim donated one set needed from HS closet.
* Need to get the number of stems and tee tops that need to be ordered and what styles.
* Lids for buckets/Zip ties- Aaron will pick up from Home Depot
* Fix pitching machine- Mike Wirz to fix @ $40/hour- Motion: Meghan Second Brian
  + One bad cord
  + One shorts out
  + Was able to piece together one working machine, the other needs a new control board and motor- approx. $800 from jugs phone call to fix.
* Purchase New pitching Machine- On hold until we decide what can be fixed

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR REPORT:**

* Matt Baufield- not in attendance but is willing to be tournament director for 14u state and Qualifier weekends and possible 10/12U. Payment would be the $ from MN Softball (approx. 600) to run. Motion: Aaron, second: Dan, all members present approved paying Matt to run tournaments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Game one store recap- $68 raised 34 orders.
* Jersey status and distribution- all Jerseys handed out except 6U Jacki.
* Prime Banners are delivered: Hanging them on Tuesday April 15th @4pm (Dan, Aaron, Brian, Meghan)

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Community Outreach:
  + BLCE Summer 2025 Kickoff Event-June 5th- We are tabling as we don’t know who can work this.
* Softball Trailer is not located @ Meghan’s will need to be emptied (April 16th) and licensed.
* Equipment shed- hole in the side- need new 4x8 8ft grove panel and paint- Aaron is check with TJ on who needs to fix and replace this?
* New net being hung up- Pullies ordered according to TJ- then we will need to get hug up.
* Fencing holding up- just waiting on fence company to schedule- installed April 19/20th.
* Apparel updates (Brian)- Meghan will push PS I Love you; BSN order is shipping.
* Brian will order extra white jerseys, white and blue for Dan on 4/14
* Coach’s Shirts- All ordered and paid for and extra shirts have been paid for by coaches who ordered.
* Female Hate Invoice (PS I love you) $476 Motion: Meghan Second: Aaron Approved by all.
* Team Banner Photo: Dustin Hoeper $25 per team, Scheduled for 4/17 and 4/23.
* Scoreboards @4plex- Baseball and Football are not interested in helping to pay.
  + Brian sent request to Spud Fest for Donation,
  + PRIME- can work with business to help get donations Ex $3,000 ($1,500 per scoreboard per season)
  + Total is approx.: $40-50 (Lions Club- needs to be contacted for donation)
* Abbie D/ Sara Panek looking at tiered sponsors to raise money for 4-plex and press box (@Varsity field)- Old Cargo storage Container. Land work could be done by Loren Ulvog
* Youth Night- Sara Panek will get announcement out on Facebook- need a Friday game- May 1st.
* Association needs to get better with getting involved with supporting the high school teams.
* Sunshine photography: Individual and Team photos: June 8th starting at 3pm.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned by Brian D at 4:43pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

TBD