BIG LAKE FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

Exploration Lab- BLHS

March 2nd, 2025

6-8pm

**OPEN**

The BLFPA open board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at BLHS-exploration lab on Sunday March 2nd, 2025 by Brian Dietz, board president.

**PRESENT**

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

    Brittany Judge, VP Kristi Brown, In-House Coordinator

    Dan Nadeau, Treasurer Abbie Devriendt, Fundraising

    Kim Bowen, Varsity Coach Meghan Weerts, Secretary

Others Present:   N/A

**REPORTS:**

Meeting Minutes:

* Review Feb Meeting Minutes
  + Motion: Brittany Judge, seconded: Aaron Mevissen, all present approved the minutes as they were written.

**TREASURER:**

* Please save receipts in google drive with the following naming convention:
  + Example: 2025-02-07-$209.50 Becker Blast 8U Tournament Registration Fee
  + Verified that all board members have access to the google drive folder to upload receipts.
* Bank Transactions are for what had cleared the bank as of 2/27/25
  + Current Cash Balance $34.102.65
* Venmo Transfer initiated $834.95 3/2/25 (Merchandise and Jersey Upgrades)
* Dan and Nathan have been working with the IRS for $3,200 owed.
* Motion to approve Treasurer report: Kim, Second Aaron. All Present approved.

**TRAVEL COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Registration numbers:
  + 6U-9- Moving registration to waitlist basis, 3/11 opened registration
  + 8U-12- Moving registration to waitlist basis, 3/11 opened registration
  + 10U-32- 3 (Teams) Blue Playing as “A” Black/Gold playing as “B”
  + 12U-24- 2 (Teams) Blue playing as “A” Gold playing as “B”
  + 14U-11- Playing as “A” Level
* See attached Roster/Coach list
* Evaluations done and rosters made, Will get these and Skill Shark out ASAP.
* Aaron will be emailing the coaches for each team with the dates of possible tournaments to be able to coordinate with their teams
* Coaches Meeting- March 21st @TBD (Discuss Meg Rem @ this meeting)
* Spring Meeting Big West- 10U-14U- April 8th @Medina Entertainment center 6pm/10U-12U & 8pm/14U (Kim has away game in North Branch- Roy will attend for her)
* Key Dates Flyer- Aaron is working on updating on google drive and Meghan will share to the website.
* St. Ben’s Game- Aaron is waiting to find out from Chelsea Time and Date for all BLFPA youth players to go up for a game.

**IN-HOUSE COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Big lake is hosting the 8U Multi-town League coaches meeting on April 2nd from 6-7:30pm
* 15 Coach Login Meg Rem- Kristi’s login will get returned and the $$ will go towards the multi coach login
  + Motioned for purchase by Meghan, Second by Brian. All present approved change.
* Do we have access to fields for 8U play Wed Night 6:30-7:30pm (April 30-June 18th)
  + Liberty Field 3 and Liberty Field 2 are used for in-house play only and available
* Do we have access to fields for 6U play- Thursday Night June- July
  + Liberty Field 3 are used for in-house play only and available
  + Aaron was able to contact Amy Jo @ Monticello to get contact name for scheduling.
* Gym Date for In-house clinic set (4/26, 5/10, 5/17) Kendra is working on contracts
  + 4plex with back up of the High school gym
* Jamboree- “Big Lake Buzz off”
  + Currently looking at 12 teams, 4 fields plus skills competition.
  + Estimate for tournament came back @ $350 for fields, $550 awards/ Bag tags, $400 ump fees= $1300/12teams= $109/team.
    - Pricing compared to Becker $200, Champlin $275.
    - Kristi motioned tournament fee set at $230, Brittany Judge second. All present approved.
  + Concessions- Softball normally buys extra concessions from Basketball and Volleyball- Brittany Judge and Meghan will look at what is needed and obtain from Sam’s Club.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Tentative Volunteer dates will come out ASAP
  + Signup Genius- Brittany Judge will add to and run for now. Meghan will send the login to Brittany and Brian.

**FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR REPORT:**

* Family Fun night/ Silent Auction
  + Vendors coming: Mason SnoCones, Nautical bowls, Concessions (Board Members will run)
  + Silent Auction: Each team to supply a “basket” which will be marked as a silent auction (bidding style vs tickets)
    - Raised Funds will go towards Equipment/Batting Cages
    - Present at the coaches meeting for the coaches to collect $, decided and get the basket started.
* Moonlight Bowling
  + McPetes- May 3rd 10p-12a- We assign lanes, $25 must be collected ahead of time ($22 stays with the association for strike pot payouts. $3/bowler gets paid to McPetes)
    - Google Form (Brian will send to Meghan) Flyer (Abbie will send to Meghan) We will need to assign lanes (max 5 bowlers per lane)
* Fill my softball
  + This will be used as a fundraiser for teams, with board approval on what the funds will be used for. Bring to the coaches meeting to explain.

**EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

* Dan will get report back with the list.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* Community Ed Winter Meeting Recap:
  + Brian got quote back:
    - New Cage at Varsity Field $11,425.
    - Practice Field Fence (1st/3rd Base line) 180 LN Feet and will off set from current fence for entrance.
      * 8ft: $10,325
      * 10ft: $11,125
      * Motioned for 8ft fence by Brian, second by Kristi. All present approved purchase.
  + Community Ed can bring over Benches to the practice field for the summer, from the football field.
  + Practice Field: Temp fencing in the outfield- Back Shed has fencing possibly will just need new sockets.
  + New porta potty company
  + Rules/Regulations document- Brian will send out to board and save to google drive.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Parents Meeting- March 19th @BLHS Lecture Hall 6-8pm.
* Sign up Genius- Do we need to purchase yearly or who will make sure to cancel after Summer/Fall Season- Per board members we will use and cancel as needed.
* Community Outreach:
  + Spud Fest Parade- Candy/Cards/Flyers- Meghan will look into these.
  + Rise and Sine March 22nd Event- Stress balls Amazon QTY 100 $32.99 X2
    - Motioned for purchase by Kim, seconded by Kristi. All present approved purchase. Meghan will purchase.
  + BLCE Summer 2025 Kickoff Event- Softball stickers 1000pc $9.99
    - Motioned for purchase by Kim, seconded by Kristi. All present approved purchase. Meghan will purchase.
* BSN Store Open:
  + Closing on March 13th
  + [My Team Shop](https://bsnteamsports.com/shop/WQUbS2DC6c)
  + Meghan will email Frankie to get order for winning Jersey contest up to $50 item
    - Motioned for approval by Brian, seconded by Brittany J. All present approved purchase.
    - Item purchased: BSN SPORTS Women's Cotton Rich Fleece Hoodie, SKU# BSN8002, **$39.95- size Small**
* PS I Love you store open:
  + Standing store
  + [Big Lake Youth Softball – PS I Love You Minnesota & The Frozen Spoon](https://psiloveminnesota.com/collections/big-lake-youth-softball)
* Equipment/Uniform store open:
  + Closes March 20th
  + Gloves, masks, helmets, belt, socks, pants
  + [Big Lake Team Uniforms & Equipment | Game One - Stores](https://biglaketeamuniformsequipment25.itemorder.com/shop/home/)
* Scoreboards@ 4Plex- AIM
  + Company AIM
  + 5-8K at each field, Lauren- Football, Dan-baseball, Softball
  + Each team covered one scoreboard- ask school to cover existing one.
  + Can we look at a digital run (Maple Grove/Rogers/St. Michael)
* Summer Concessions- during the week games
  + We are not equipped to allow this yet
* Food Licensing- Need to service Hot food that we are preparing
  + Need to know exact dates- Aaron will get this:
    - June 20th/ June 21st
* 3-5 Year old T-ball (HIVE ball)
  + We could pay Addie/Emmy to run this clinic
  + Get QR code set up to link to google form to see if we have enough interest in this event
  + <https://forms.gle/5k4N9SY9QgjckbXq5>
* Matt B Tournament director- 2 Tournaments (14U)
  + Pay $500-600/weekend
  + League gives $$ to run Tournament- Aaron will find out how much and bring back to the board next meeting.
* Team Pictures
  + SportsLine Photography
  + Brian will email- photos confirmed for Sunday June 9th at varsity field.
* Trailer
  + Aaron will get the trailer from Matt’s house and look into getting it registered and then work with the school to donate it so that Varsity could have concessions.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned by Brian D at 8:00pm

**NEXT MEETING:**

Sunday April 6th, 6-8pm

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