

Brighton Township Bears – Board Meeting Minutes - March

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 7:45 PM

1. Call to Order

- John Wattick called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.
- A sign-in sheet was distributed for in-person attendance.
- Virtual attendance records were also taken.
 - Anyone joining the call for less than one minute is not recognized as attending for voting purposes.
- Post-meeting note: The Board should discuss establishing a minimum duration an attendee must remain on a meeting for their attendance to count toward voting privileges.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Jamie Wattick provided an update on the organization's finances. The full report is at the end of this report.
- Summary: The organization currently has more cash on hand compared to the same time last year.

3. Commissioners' Reports

Football – J. Walker

Helmet Purchases

- 10 helmets have been ordered under the "Buy 10, Get 2 Free" promotion.
- The plan is to purchase an additional 10 helmets, bringing the total to 24 new helmets this year.
- Helmets requiring reconditioning (with a 2024 sticker) have been sent to Riddell for reconditioning.

Warm-Up Suits

- Warm-up suits were explored but determined to be cost-prohibitive (~\$100 each) if added to registration.
- They may be offered instead through the Spirit Wear Store.

Football Registration

- Requested to go live on March 15.
- Registration fees will remain the same based on the current budget.
- The website should be tested prior to launch to ensure all information reflects 2026 details.

Custom Jerseys

- Still of interest and may be offered as an optional team expense separate from registration.

Football Pants

- Pants will be distributed as needed, as many families purchase their own.
- Current inventory is sufficient for the season.

Press Box WiFi

- Request approved to provide WiFi in the press box.
- A second AT&T MiFi device will be purchased for the season.

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- A Monday “Nuts and Bolts” game will be offered.
- This will help provide additional meaningful playing time and development opportunities due to expected roster size.

Cheerleading – J. Metzler

Competitive Cheer

- An email was scheduled to be sent March 6, 2026, outlining the new competitive cheer initiative.
- Sideline cheer will still be offered.
- Competitive cheer registration opens March 9, 2026.
- Parent Meeting: March 24, 2026
- Expected Competitions: 3–5 per year
- Tryouts: April 18 at Dutch Ridge School
- Judges will not be affiliated with the Brighton Township Bears.
- Tryout cheers will come from a national organization to avoid competitive advantage.
- A strict attendance policy will be implemented and shared later.
- Competition cheer practices will follow sideline practices, with additional practices leading up to competitions.
- Cheerleaders from Western Beaver and Beaver will assist with teaching routines and cheers during tryout week.
- There will be three squads.
- Maximum of 24 athletes per squad.
- Final numbers will depend on scoring and skill distribution.

Sideline Cheer

- Registration will open by the end of April.
- The registration website must be tested to ensure 2026 information is accurate.
- A new age requirement will be introduced: Athletes must be 5 years old by July 1 to participate.

4. Board-Appointed Positions

The Board is requesting nominations for the following roles:

Concession Stand Coordinator

- Responsible for daily operations and stocking of the concession stand. Works directly with the Treasurer with support from the Board.

Fundraising Coordinator

- Responsible for organizing and managing fundraising efforts. Volunteers will assist with events and setup. Works directly with the Treasurer with Board support.

Social Media Coordinator

- Responsible for posting updates across social media platforms to keep members informed of meetings, events, and activities. Works directly with the Secretary with Board support.

Volunteer Incentive: Individuals serving in these roles will be eligible to have their volunteer check and registration fee waived for one athlete.

5. Fundraising Ideas

- The Board discussed reducing the number of individual fundraisers in favor of one larger event.

- Potential options discussed included: Golf Outing, Cow Patty Bingo, and Night at the Races.
- Next Step: Night at the Races will be further explored.

6. Open Items

Meeting Attendance

- Coaches and sponsors should attend meetings as part of their responsibilities and in consideration of their waived volunteer check. The Board may consider holding a volunteer check for coaches to ensure participation.

Meeting Audio/Visual

- AV for meetings needs improvement. A microphone and speaker system may be required.

CPR / First Aid Training

- A request was made to explore offering a CPR/First Aid class through the Brighton Township Volunteer Fire Department. Nikki Starkey will provide contact information for follow-up.

7. Adjournment

- Jamie Wattick made a motion to adjourn.
- Jeff Snedden seconded the motion.
- Meeting Adjourned.

March 2026 Treasurer Report

Reporting Period	February 6 – March 5
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Initial Cash Balance \$19,455.86

Revenue

TOTAL REVENUE	\$0.00

Expenses

General Operating/Office Expenses Taxes, Field Lights, Insurance, Paper/Ink	\$ (1,899.77)
Fundraiser Hoagie Refund	\$ (24.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (1,923.77)

Cash on Hand

\$17,532.09

Outstanding Payments

New Helmet Purchase (10 new)	\$ (3,335.95)
Helmet Reconditioning (45)	\$ (3,189.00)
TOTAL OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS	\$ (6,524.95)

Accounts Receivable

TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	

TOTAL \$ 11,007.14