



BTBA Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2017 – 8:00pm Bloomington City Hall

Attendees

BTBA Board Members

Aaron Dean - President
Scott Baker – Vice President
Jim Peterson – Secretary
Robert Chamberlain - Treasurer
Brian Carter
Mark Scott
Corey Vucinovich
Scott Nelson

Guests

George Bender, Jean Gonzalez, Scott King, Ryan Schilling, Ron Nenovich

Minutes

8pm – Meeting Called to Order by BTBA President Aaron Dean

Previous Minutes:

Motion was made by Brian Carter and seconded by Scott Nelson to approve and post the minutes of the July 9, 2017 board meeting to the BTBA website. Motion passed.

Aaron Dean welcomed all guests to the board meeting and requested all board members and attendees introduce themselves.

President's Update:

Aaron Dean talked about the upcoming annual meeting scheduled for September 10, 2017, and the need to find new board members. Highest on the list of priorities is finding two tournament directors, one to manage away tournaments and one to manage BTBA hosted tournaments.

Board member Mark Scott announced his intention to retire from the board effective at the annual meeting. The BTBA extends its thanks to Mark for his many years of dedicated service.

Board member Corey Vucinovich volunteered to handle the duties of Uniform Coordinator in 2018.

Aaron Dean reported that the BTBA hosted 10AAA and 11AA MBT tournaments went very well and MBL/MBT was happy with these events. In addition, MBL playoff games hosted at Hrbek field and August Classic games hosted at Hrbek and Kelly went well.

BTBA needs to perform an insurance review. Aaron Dean will explore policies up to \$5M in coverage with no declining limits for insurance coverage and will update the board at a future meeting. The Board will also investigate if future Cooperstown teams can be added to the BTBA insurance policy.

Aaron updated the board that he has filed the paperwork to keep BTBA in good standing as a Minnesota non-profit corporation. It was discussed that this process needs to be in place to ensure this registration for the Association is kept up-to-date.

Aaron provided the board with an update of a BTBA employee who was placed on a leave of absence through the end of 2017. Future determinations of the employee's status will be made when the leave of absence is completed. Mark Scott was recognized for volunteering to take on many extra duties after the leave of absence began.

BTBA continues to work with the City of Bloomington to maintain a positive and compliant working partnership.

Discussion of field crew plans for 2018 was held. In 2017, there were concerns with over-staffing and unbalanced maintenance staffing regarding the various fields. A potential field crew leader for 2018 has been identified. It was discussed that a field maintenance budget and staffing guidelines be established for 2018.

Jim Peterson motioned and Aaron Dean seconded that the Executive Committee will work with the identified person to create a job description and discuss salary requirements. An update will be provided at an upcoming board meeting. The motion passed.

Mark Scott discussed extensive repairs needed on the lawn mower at Hrbek. Ron Nenovich has coordinated the transfer of a Toro donated lawn mower from the City of Bloomington to BTBA for use at Hrbek. BTBA thanks Ron Nenovich, Toro and the City for this donation.

The election of new officers for the 2018 season was discussed. The election of officers will occur at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Aaron Dean motioned and Mark Scott seconded that the BTBA Board of Directors recommend that Jim Peterson be nominated as president of the BTBA board at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Scott Baker was elected vice-president in February 2017 before BTBA adopted its bylaws in March 2017. The bylaws provide for two year officer terms. Because Scott Baker was elected to the vice-president position before the BTBA Bylaws were adopted, the Board will hold an election for the Vice-President position at the Annual Meeting.

Aaron Dean motioned and Mark Scott seconded that Scott Baker be recommended to continue as Vice-President for a one year term for the 2018 season for the election of the vice-president position at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Robert Chamberlain was elected as Treasurer at the July 9, 2017 board meeting effective August 1, 2017, so there will be no election for the office of treasurer at the Annual Meeting.

The office of Secretary will need to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Board emphasized that officer elections occur at the Annual Meeting and there can be nominations for the officer positions at the Annual Meeting.

The position of secretary was discussed and Jim Peterson volunteered to send a job description of the position to all attendees.

Guests at the BTBA Board meeting expressed their interests in joining the board as at-large members and for specific roles that they discussed with the board.

Treasury Update:

Treasurer Robert Chamberlain gave an update of the various bank accounts opened by BTBA over the years. There needs to be some consolidation and updates as some of these bank accounts were opened in the late 1970's as personal checking accounts and this causes the bank accounts to be difficult to manage when working with U.S. Bank.

The payroll systems still need some maintenance.

A financial update from January 1 through September 1, 2017 will be given at the annual meeting.

Scott Nelson and Robert Chamberlain are working with a local CPA to get the taxes filed. Taxes must be filed by October 15. The goal expressed at the Board meeting was to file taxes by the end of August, but the October 15, 2017, deadline will be met.

Financials are in good shape and all bills have been paid.

Concessions Update:

Concessions update was tabled to a later date. Financials for 2017 concessions will be presented at the annual meeting with the organization's financials.

New Business:

It was discussed whether BTBA should offer payment plans in 2018 to allow families to spread out registration payments and whether payment plans would have any unintended consequences that need to be fully considered. This will be discussed in upcoming board meetings.

Jim Peterson motioned and Brian Carter seconded that BTBA loan the 2018 Cooperstown team \$1,000 to cover the initial entry fee due September 15. The money will be paid back by November 2017 by the 2018 Cooperstown team. This motion passed.

2018 Tryouts were discussed. Due to scheduling issues at the school district office, BTBA cannot hold tryouts at JAC on March 17 and 18, 2018 as previously planned. It was determined that this is the optimal weekend for tryouts in order to avoid conflicts with season ending tournaments for winter sports and conflicts with Spring Break, so the tryout committee will explore other options and make a recommendation at the next board meeting.

It was discussed that Dred Scott Fields 1 & 5 need new L-Screens for safety. BTBA can pay for these but they are used by many organizations so Aaron Dean will speak with the city to see if the city will share in the cost of the L-Screens.

Scott Baker motioned and Corey Vucinovich seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

9:57pm – Meeting Adjourned