**B.A.L.L. Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Melissa

Introductions took place

Roll call- in attendance is: Melissa, Paul, Kerri, Ericalynn, Nini, Abby, Maria, Keirsten, Kirsten, Kelsi, Jo, Matt, Chris, Andrew, Matt, Jebediah, Amy

Paul motioned to approve the November minutes and December agenda. Melissa seconded.

Melissa gave the President’s update

* New Hope, Parkway, and Apple Valley – interested in tournaments
* Interested but no one has given dates
* Paul said we should have the tournaments on weekends (Fridays and Saturdays) ; majors, minors, and rookies
* No tournaments for BATT- May 31st

Discussed BBC 5- lights; $250K, additional $200K- ear marked for improvements as needed. Kerri’s ideas were new Bluetooth scoreboard on field 2, 3, & 4. Kerri also mentioned lights on BBC 4 (this would use all the $), additional shed by BBC 4 to store supplies and maybe a chalker, cameras on the fields to stream games.

Chris mentioned a lightning strike indicator.

Paul talked about better parking on Oak Park Blvd, new field for machine pitch, improved facilities for Challenger division. The number 1 request would be: adult size changing tables.

Abby will be at the Dec 16th, 2024 City Council meeting. Abby will write up an ask list. Abby mentioned that we need to have a very specific ask to bring to the council. She shared with the Anoka County Adaptive Parks & Programming Board that BBC structure needs support and possible funding for accessible (disability friendly) bathroom updates.

Matt said we are going to have trouble finding umps for the years. Kate said we are not paying competitively. There was discussion about where we are advertising for umps; word of mouth and we send out notifications to “aged- out kiddos”.

Paul talked about cost savings: the city is providing the materials per Nate. Fields 2-4 will need 15 bags of clay and 20 bags of clay conditioner.

Kiersten talked about step 1 or step 2 option for registration.

Abby will post on Facebook and create a new Instagram since we cannot access the old account. Abby mentioned posting on Twitter.

Kerri will set up mailers for registration to schools.

Kate talked about partnering with Blaine High School for their Youth Night; Friday May 9th, 2025. Commissioners will send out emails about Youth Night.

Dustin Campbell came to educate the board on the Blaine Area Tournament Team. It starts in January. Select rosters in September. The website is Battbaseball.org. BATT requires the players to be registered with the Blaine Area Little League in order to try out for BATT.

Melissa talked about Day of Baseball- May 31st, 2025. We will need to set up a meeting in February. Day of Baseball committee will be Ericalynn, Abby, Chris, Kelsey, Jo, Matt, and Kerri.

Kerri will get Ericalynn the BBC room schedule that will need to be sent out at midnight on 1/1/2025.

Round table-

Kelsi wants the schedule for the year

Matt mentioned that Winter Workouts could be at Concordia. Concordia coaches will be there and will run the drills. Concordia has a football field dome; where the Winter Workouts can take place. Matt will meet with Neil 12/02/2024 to discuss. The Winter Workouts could maybe take place Sunday mornings in February.

Jebediah talked about The Lab Athletics in Ham Lake possible partnership with BALL.

Kerri said that scheduled evaluations will be March 3rd- March 6th, 2025 from 5pm- 9pm at Westwood Middle School.

Paul motioned to adjourn. Melissa seconded.