

PTAA Baseball Board Meeting Minutes

****Date:**** February 17, 2025

****Time:**** 8:02 PM

****Location:**** In-Person, L&I

Attendees:

- Brent Burmeister (PTAA Director of Baseball)
- Brandon Quinn (PTAA Baseball Secretary)
- Chris Cole (PTAA Baseball Equipment Manager)
- Nick Aquaviva (PTAA Assistant Director of Baseball)
- Matt Butler (PTAA Baseball Field & Maintenance Manager)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM.

Director of Baseball and Main Board Updates

1. Baseball program revamp in progress. Currently, 30 six-year-olds are registered for evaluations before the draft.
2. Equipment purchase planned: Four new pitching mounds for fields 1, 2, and 3. Existing mounds will be relocated to the bullpens.
3. Concession stand water will be turned on once weather permits.
4. Amber will upload updated bylaws once reviewed.
5. Sponsorship Updates:
 - \$10,000 donation received from the Pittsburgh Pirates.
 - \$2,000 donation from Dick's Sporting Goods.
6. Key Upcoming Dates:
 - Draft Day: March 20th @ Blue Room.
 - Opening Day Event: Considering a Home Run Derby and other activities.
 - PNC Park Day Options: May 4th, June 6th, or June 29th.
7. Action Items Before Draft:
 - Update coaches' documentation.
 - Registration closes on March 10th.

- Team rosters and evaluation plans to be finalized.

8. Next PTAA Board Meeting: March 10th.

9. No updates on new LED lighting.

Assistant Director Updates

1. Pony League Rules: No changes required.

2. Outreach efforts ongoing with Norwin, East Allegheny, Hempfield, Delmont, and Franklin leagues.

Secretary Updates

1. Draft Day Preparations:

- Clarification needed on required documents.
- Brent will grant report access for rosters.
- Registration officially closes March 10th.
- Players may still sign up until March 17th.
- Team roster templates to be provided.
- Evaluation procedures under consideration.

Equipment Manager Updates

1. Catcher's Gear:

- Existing gear is in poor condition; older players typically have their own.
- Proposal to purchase 5 new sets of catcher's gear but possibly 30 sets depending on main board getting potential donation opportunities.
- New equipment catalog available
- Plan to retire equipment older than 3-5 years.
- Limited supply of baseballs (only 3-4 dozen available).

2. Keys & Access:

- Chris requests key access; Hannah had it last season.
- Discussion regarding combination lock updates and potential key reassignments.

3. Jersey Orders:

- Brent noted that LNJ business has resumed operations and is typically low cost
- Chris to obtain quotes for budgeting.

- Exploring Washington-based vendor for their website apparel integration. Explore option of possibly using a similar service with whomever we decide to sue for jerseys

Director of All-Star Updates

1. Updates from Flick:

- Uniforms and hats have arrived.
- Tybo plans to meet with All-Star coaches to discuss fundraising.
- All-Star teams will participate in Opening Day Weekend (April 26th).
- Board will review and approve jersey bids and designs.
- Tournament Update: 25 teams registered so far.

Field & Maintenance Updates

1. Discussion regarding field conditions and maintenance.
2. Field 9: Requires lip removal.
3. Field 4: Needs leveled out
4. Some board members were unaware of current maintenance protocols, leading to further discussion.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

****Next Baseball Board Meeting:**** TBD.