

# Plum Baseball & Softball Association

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## *Board Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2015*

7:00 PM

John Anthony's

### **Board Members**

**Present:** Bob Sekerka, Dave Seitz, Jim Poe, Eric Seigh, Jay White, Mike Bostard, Matt Desantis, Mike Norcutt, Rick Napoleon, Dan Maciocie, Greg James, Greg Foster, Steve Zummo, Ken Kolenik, Greg Bohatch, Rob Carnahan

**Absent:** Bill Rumcik, Mark Dargay, Mark Proviano

**Quorum present?** Yes

**Others Present:**

### **Proceedings**

#### **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Bob Sekerka.

Last month's meeting minutes were previously approved via email.

#### **Treasurer Report**

- We currently have over \$30k cash on hand.
- We have been approved for a line of credit for \$20k.
- Jim shared an analysis of the cost per league and per player across the spring and fall seasons.
- The January financials have been posted to the PBSA web site.

#### **Committee / Board Reports**

##### **Building and Grounds Report**

- Dugouts will be completed on the front four fields before the start of the season except that the roofs may possibly not be done in time.
- The borough plans to move bleachers from the football field to the baseball fields when the weather improves.
- The borough approved a budget to repair the batting cage area between fields 2 and 4. There is a meeting next week to discuss details of the repairs.
- The borough asked us to paint the shed on field 1 and the concession stand.
- Fields 2, 5 and 6 will be repaired from the flood damage last year.
- The borough is looking at costs to put lights on fields 7 and 8.
- The borough wants us to consider making field 6 a parking lot in case they sell the property across the street.
- Saturday work party schedules will be determined once we know the number of teams in each league.

##### **Concessions Committee**

- Tom Gentile submitted a proposal for Steel City Shaved Ice to provide concessions.
- Bill Brash is interested to continue to provide concessions this year.
- Proposals are based on monthly rent instead of a percentage of sales, like last year.
- Dave and Jay to talk with Bill and Tom and then schedule a vote for next month.
- The possibility of a concessions intern is not possible for 2015.

## Reports of Baseball League Representatives

- The baseball tournament directors will be the Cooperstown A and B team managers.

## Reports of Softball League Representatives

- The softball league reps will be meeting on January 27 to plan for the upcoming season.
- Plum will participate in the Eastern Fast Pitch league this spring. The PBSA Board will continue to evaluate fast pitch leagues in an effort to provide the best experience for our players.
  - Eastern FP is considering changing their age groups to 13U and 16U instead of 12U and 15U.
- Fast pitch is still seeking someone to be their tournament director.
- Jay will be the tournament director for slow pitch.

## Old Business

### Spring Registration

- There have been about 100 player registrations so far.
- We will be printing flyers to distribute to elementary schools soon.

### Executive Approval of League Directors

The following appointments to the PBSA Board were approved by the Executive Board prior to tonight's meeting. The terms are effective immediately and will expire at the conclusion of the Fall 2016 season.

League Rep – T-Ball	Mike Norcutt
League Rep – Rookie Baseball	Rick Napoleon
League Rep – Minor Baseball	Dan Maciocie
League Rep – Junior Baseball	Greg James
League Rep – Colt Baseball	Steve Zummo
League Rep – Rookie Softball	Mark Proviano
League Rep – Minor Softball	Eric Seigh
League Rep – Junior Softball	Ken Kolenik
League Rep – Senior Softball	Greg Bohatch

### Atlantic Coast Tournament

As previously agreed, this tournament will be held May 8 – 10, which is Mother's Day weekend. The fields are not normally used by PBSA during this weekend. In response to our concerns at the November Board Meeting, Matt has confirmed that he will know the schedule about 2 weeks before the tournament so that we can plan concessions and the use of field supplies.

## New Business

### Calendar of Events

- Opening day for the spring season is April 18. The playoffs will occur between June 8 and 19.
- We discussed several options for scheduling Photo Day, including May 2 or 3 and opening day. We agreed to schedule it for opening day, April 18. Bob will coordinate with the vendor.
- We discussed dates for the all-star games and whether to have them at all. It was decided that we will schedule all-star games for June 6 (or possibly May 30).
  - Participation by tournament teams and managers for the all-star games is mandatory.
- Mike Norcutt will investigate the possibility of running a carnival this year and report back with his findings next month.

### Clinics

- The coach clinics will be held on March 1, 8, and 22.
- T-Ball will host player clinics on April 19, 26, and May 3 on the front four fields from noon to 2pm.

- Rookie Baseball and Minor Baseball are introducing player clinics this year. They will be held on April 19, 26, and May 3 on the front four fields from 2pm – 4pm.

### **Volunteers**

- Dave will continue to be the SPA for ordering products for vending machines.
- Stocking of vending machines and collecting money will become a routine duty of the Saturday work parties. The responsible league director will coordinate this with other volunteers.
- Bob asked for several volunteers to assist Jim Gilboy with fundraising efforts for the PBSA.
- Bob asked for a volunteer to take responsibility for planning Photo Day.

### **Equipment Needs**

We discussed the following equipment needs of the association:

- Minor Baseball needs larger catchers helmets.
- A cart for moving the portable pitchers mounds (estimated at \$300 each).
- The drag screens need replaced.
- Field liners are damaged (Mark Timko is welding some).
- Face masks and heart guards for softball.
- We do not need balls for any leagues except T-Ball.

### **Other**

- Our accidental rate policy decreased in cost this year.
- Treasurer of Allegheny County requires a declaration that PBSA is a non-profit organization before it can issue a gaming license.
- Bob and Eric approved funding of background clearances for Board members through Justifacts.

### **Motions**

The PBSA was approved for a line of credit for \$20k at 5.25% with no annual fee from S&T Bank. A motion was made and carried to proceed with accepting the line of credit.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 PM.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Eric Seigh.