

PBSA June 2025 Board Meeting

June 19, 2025

Full Board

8:56 – 10:40

Renton Italian Club

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| Meeting called by: | John Lipchick | Type of meeting: | Board Meeting |
| Facilitator: | John Lipchick | Note taker: | John Lipchick |

Attendees:

Exec Board:

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| Mike Devine - President | X |
| Joel Kline – Vice President | X |
| Joe Beresford - Treasurer | X |
| John Lipchick - Secretary | X |
| Paul Bondarenka – Dir of Field Maintenance | X |

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| Matt DeSantis – Dir of Operations | |
| Shawn Lafferty – Dir of Baseball | X |
| David Biondo – Dir of Fast and Slow Pitch SB | |
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Non-Exec Board Attendees:

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| Jeremy Erkel – Tball Rep | |
| Kyle Craig – BR Rep | X |
| Nick Iorio – Rookie Ball Rep | |
| Jim Godula – Minor Ball Rep | |
| Vacant – Jr Ball Rep | |
| Vacant – Pony Rep | |
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| Jeremy Mills – FP SB Rep | |
| Jennifer Dintini – 8u Coach Pitch | |
| Justin Pifer – Dir of Equip | |
| Anthony Iorio – Dir of Player Development | |
| Matthew Clark – Webmaster | X |
| Erica Gribbin - Concessions | X |
| Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations | |

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Joe Beresford

Discussion:

- Option to move bank accounts from S&T Bank to First Commonwealth; First Commonwealth will donate \$5000 to the PBSA. Will get a sign for the fields.
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Agenda Item: Baseball

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Fall Ball dates:
 - Practices: range of 8/18-9/5
 - Season: 9/8-10/5
 - Suspensions – multiple this season (player, parent, coach)
 - Tournament tryouts for baseball in August
 - Closed tryouts – no parents on the field
 - Providing what will be evaluated
 - Evaluators four independent evaluators
 - Attire: No uniforms with names on the jersey
 - *In House tournaments: will not be community only any longer; will be open; AAU allowed in; will be a B level tournament (AC affiliate B/C tournaments); 4/29 Plum teams manage fields, another in June;*
 - June 28 - 29, 2025 Tournament (even ages)
 - July tournament July 25-27 (odd ages)
 - Sept 20 - 21, 2025 Wood Bat Tournament
 - Preferring to keep same league fees for Fall as last season
 - Learn to Play = \$20
 - tball = \$40
 - beginner rookie = \$40
 - rookie = \$60
 - minor = \$95
 - junior = \$95
 - pony = \$110
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Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- Tournament dates for 2025 August 8-10 due to conflicting tournaments in the area
- Summer Speed ball 8u Coach pitch
 - Inaugural season
 - \$25/girl
 - Looking to order 5 different color jerseys
 - Targeting Tues/Wed

- 1-2 games scheduled weekly; practices throughout the season; will be a bye week without any games
- May have all girls in one Gamechanger and tracking scores / schedules within the GC
- Preferring to keep same league fees for Fall as last season
 - 8u coach pitch = \$60
 - 10u FP = \$85
 - 12u FP = \$85
 - 15u FP = \$85
 - 4-6 grade slow pitch = \$85
- 10u/12u/15u playoffs starting next week

Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- No additional updates from above.

Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Justin Pifer

Discussion:

- 2 drop off dates for equipment: Tuesday 6/24/25 6:30-7:30; 2nd TBD after games are completed

Agenda Item: Field Maintenance

Presenter: Paul Bondarenka

Discussion:

- Boro: putting “No Parking” from handicap to road on field 5/6
- Talking to Boro about extending fencing to where it should be on fields 7/8 for safety
- Additional gate being added by Boro on Field 3
- Batting cage plan shifted to be along the fence of field 2; final version submitted; curbs had to be added around the final design; Boro to run conduit to the batting cages; All plans approved; State preliminarily approved our submission for the grant money we were allocated to assist with the batting cages; to start construction in April; bids have been open for 2 weeks; will take a few weeks; expected completion in Spring;
 - Asked McAfee for additional money; specs were requested; saving \$15,000
 - Equipment negotiated additional \$5000 savings
 - Setting up a meeting with Jeremy and contractors to coordinate a date to start the project
- Will have a date before each season for coaches to review home/away team responsibilities
- Will have a date to review with tournament coaches and board members how to drag fields; *Boro wants last Fall ballgame to be the first weekend of October to account for end of season field maintenance*
- *Boro requesting dates for 2026 tournaments by end of November 2025*

Agenda Item: Operations

Presenter: Matt DeSantis

Discussion:

- N/A
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Agenda Item: Concessions

Presenter: Erica Gribbon

Discussion:

- Fall concessions – planning to be open; will have a volunteer requirement (\$75/child)
 - Sending a last call for concession sign-ups – last date 6/22 to sign up before checks will be cashed
 - Ordering Pepsi for pop machines
 - Stand 2 / 3 shut down for summer
 - Tournament coverage for tournament stands June/July/Aug
 - 6/28-6/29
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Agenda Item:

Presenter: John Lipchick

Discussion:

- Fall ball registration
 - Tournament sign-ups
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Agenda Item: Player Development

Presenter: Anthony Iorio

Discussion:

- T-ball clinic TBD
 - Softball clinic TBD
 - Any other clinics?
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Agenda Item: Community Relations

Presenter: Dean Linderman

Discussion:

- N/A
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Agenda Item: League Rep Updates

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- N/A

Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)

Presenter: John Lipchick

Discussion

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- General Assembly suggestions
 - Possibility for an ump in 8u girls playoff games? Will consider in future
 - Consider hash marks for 8u coach pitch
- *In house league – options to improve steady competition?*
- Maintenance plan is currently \$11,000 for all six fields; if we run B/C series through Plum then AC will pay the \$11,000 for fields
 - 5-6 tournaments

Approved Motions:

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes? – approved 10-0
- Approve move to First Commonwealth Bank for PBSA account: – approved 10-0
- Approve ordering Plum shirts for each team in inaugural Speedball league this summer: – approved 10-0
- Approve fall ball volunteer check fee of \$75 – approved 10-0
- Approve same costs for fall ball/ \$20 for instructional – approved 10-0

Place holders for future updates:

- *Coach vetting process – amendments needed?*
 - *Head Coach: continue background check, Child Abuse, FBI clearance*
 - *Consider background check for all assistant coaches*
 - *Assure that there is ALWAYS someone on the field that has had all clearances*
 - *Looking into SafeSport*
- *Draft Standards – consider a trial in Fall*