

PBSA October 2025 Board Meeting

October 9, 2025

Full Board

8:32 – 11:49

Renton Italian Club

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

Attendees:

Exec Board:

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

Matt DeSantis – Dir of Operations	
Shawn Lafferty – Dir of Baseball	X
David Biondo – Dir of Fast and Slow Pitch SB	X

Non-Exec Board Attendees:

Jeremy Erkel – Tball Rep/LTP	X
Matt Clark – BR Rep	X
Nick Iorio – Rookie Ball Rep	
Jim Godula – Minor Ball Rep	
Kyle Craig – Jr Ball Rep	X
Vacant (Anthony Iorio) – Pony Rep	

Jeremy Mills – FP SB Rep	
Jennifer Dintini – 8u Coach Pitch	
Justin Pifer – Dir of Equip	X
Anthony Iorio – Dir of Player Development	X
Matthew Clark – (Webmaster)	x
Erica Gribbin - Concessions	
Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations	X

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Julie Kline

Discussion:

- \$80,100 S&T; \$22,815 First Commonwealth (continuing transition)
 - Need to move Venmo account from previous treasurer to future treasurer
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Agenda Item: Baseball

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Need to get background checks on umpires
 - Wood bat relationship with Monroeville went well
 - Need to Vote on AC B/C Series Games over summer (see below) – AC Sports would pay for fields
 - Targeted dates for tournaments 2026
 - o 4/24-4/26 AC B/C Series: Diamond Duel
 - o 5/2-5/3 PBSA IN HOUSE OPENING WEEKEND
 - o 5/9-5/10 Mother's Day
 - o 5/23-5/25 Memorial Day
 - o 6/6-6/7 B/C Series In house tourney
 - o 6/13-6/14 All ages B
 - o 6/18-6/21 CAP Classic
 - o 6/25-6/28 CAP 2
 - o 7/18-7/19 Plum C Series
 - League Reps 2026 (see vote below):
 - o LTP/Tball: Jeremy Erkel
 - o BR: Joe Seward
 - o Rookie: Matt Clark
 - o Minor: Nick
 - o Junior: Kyle Craig
 - o Pony: Anthony Iorio
 - Working on creating short videos on all Director of baseball responsibilities
 - Looking to add numbers and "baseball" / "softball" on Fall ball uniforms next season
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Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- New umpires starting this Fall – worked out well
- Will need more balls ordered for Spring
- Tournaments

- Targeting 7/10-7/12/26 for tournament
- 7/23-7/26 AC B/C Series Softball

Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball**Presenter: David Biondo****Discussion:**

- No additional updates from above.

Agenda Item: Equipment**Presenter: Justin Pifer****Discussion:**

- Equipment return Monday 10/20 AND 10/21; 4:30-6pm Field 8

Agenda Item: Field Maintenance**Presenter: Paul Bondarenka****Discussion:**

- Met with Boro Tuesday – working on the following;
 - Trying to get water/sink at concession stands 2/3
 - Sun screen on field 3
 - Padding around all back-stops
 - Roofs re-done on concession stand 1 (DONE)
 - Moving netting up on 7/8 and replacing missing piece of netting on field 8
 - Fixing Field 1 fence in right field
 - Field four getting moved to a dirt infield
- Company donating materials and labor to put a roof over the future dirt storage bin
- Gamma has fields 10/10-10/12
- Shutting fields down first weekend of November
- Batting cage: Finalizing plans to initiate. Jeremy Mills and Jeff Galia on board for project.
- Will have a date to review with tournament coaches and board members how to drag fields – Spring 2026;
- Improvements to fields to submit to Boro (on pause as Boro POC in transition)
 - Raise fence on 7/8; put a lip on the fencing
 - Backdrop has a hole behind Homeplate at field 6
 - Field update requests to Boro (lights on 6/7/8)
- Boro requesting dates for 2026 tournaments by end of November 2025

Agenda Item: Operations**Presenter: Matt DeSantis****Discussion:**

- N/A

Agenda Item: Concessions**Presenter: Erica Gribbon****Discussion:**

- Starting plan to make adjustments for concession coverage in 2026 between tournament teams and in-house teams
 - Pop machines – planning to launch in 2026
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Agenda Item: Secretary**Presenter: John Lipchick****Discussion:**

- Voting will be sent out by end of week.
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Agenda Item: Player Development**Presenter: Anthony Iorio****Discussion:**

- Emailing out a quote for conditioning/pitching/batting for 2026
 - Speed and Agility – obtaining plans to share with teams/tournament coaches to work on in off season
 - Will have Plum HS available after New Years Day in early 2026
 - Winter workouts – working on Private lessons for Softball batting lessons; 6 weeks; would come to the Plum HS; working on identifying a resource for baseball
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Agenda Item: Community Relations**Presenter: Dean Linderman****Discussion:**

- Pivik/O'Block Trunk or Treat to market PBSA
 - Looking into a survey for LTP parents; possibly expanding survey to other leagues
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Agenda Item: League Rep Updates**Presenter: Multiple****Discussion:**

- TBD
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Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)**Presenter: John Lipchick**

Discussion

- Motion: Checks that bounce – proposal to add that fee to the family account; Proposed by Shawn Lafferty, second by Jeremy Erkel; Passed 11-0
- Kyle Craig: Motion; second by Shawn Lafferty: Ripken team each year responsible for pop machine stocking and split profits with PBSA (if PBSA buys product split profits 50:50; if team purchases, team gets 90% and 10% to PBSA); motion passes 11-1 (Anthony arrived for this vote)
- Motion: Shawn Lafferty, Justin Pifer second: pass 12-0; Ripken team for 2026 gets \$50 per team that participated in Wood Bat Fall 2025; \$1500 concession stand profit from Wood Bat to Ripken team
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes; passes 11-1
- Motion: Shawn Lafferty new league reps effective 11/1/25, second by John Lipchick; passed 12-0
- Motion: Shawn Lafferty, second by Paul Bondarenka: Plum to host 3 B/C Series tournaments (2 baseball, 1 softball); 3 AC tournaments (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, CAP) in exchange for replacing dirt on field annually up to \$10,000; Passed 12-0
- Review all by-law proposals
 - 1. Fundraising Policy for 12u Baseball Team – Amendment pending legal review; will discuss at the November meeting
 - 2. Amendment to Article XI, Paragraph 2 of the PBSA Bylaws concerning the appointment of certain board positions. PASS – will move to vote by voting members
 - 3. Amendment to Article XIV, Section 1(a) of the PBSA Bylaws to include a Beginner Rookie division within our Baseball League structure. PASS – will move to vote by voting members
 - 4. Proposed Addition to Article XIV, Section 1(a): i-aaa. Instructional Tee Ball – League Age of 4 years old PASS – will move to vote by voting members
 - 5. Article IV: General Meetings 1. Meetings. Unless otherwise decided by the Elected Board and notified to the PBSA Members, the General Membership meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each calendar month except January, July, November and December, when there will be no meetings. The meetings will start between 6pm and 9pm, as decided by the Elected Board and notified to the PBSA Members. PASS – will move to vote by voting members
 - 6. Changes to article V paragraph 2. meeting of the bylaws regarding the meeting structure of the Board. Pass 9-3 – will move to vote by voting members
 - 7. Eligibility for Executive Board Positions – PASS 11-1 – will move to vote by voting members
 - 8. An Active PBSA board member, must be Plum resident. FAIL 0-12
 - 9. Baseball and Softball should be split into their own entities. FAIL 0-12
- Reviewed proposal around the Junior Ball level kids not being required to play in house baseball if playing on tournament baseball teams. Unanimously agreed that the kids playing in house is key for the development of all kids in the community.
- Standards for suspension penalties – Will review at the November meeting
 - Lafferty – any severe activity resulting in a suspension results in suspension until next board meeting; each involved individual can plead their case to the board
- Consideration that Baseball and Softball align wherever possible – Will review at the November meeting
 - Director of Baseball/Softball to meet and review opportunity – review draft, tryouts, callups
- Future Spot for dirt - Near field 8 parking lot
 - Boro will set and pave once we have bricks
 - Will be 3 ft tall and 10 ft wide
- Scoreboards – Mike Devine

- Scoping out possibility to update scoreboards
- Fields 1/3 already have scoreboards; Fields 5/6/7/8 would need electric run
- Would be putting in for a grant to replace and create new scoreboards (cost estimation came in at ~\$85,000); Mike working on final proposal to try and get a grant

Approved Motions:

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- By-Law Proposals to move to a vote by those with voting rights:
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Place holders for future updates:

- *Draft Standards – consider a trial in Spring*