

PBSA September 2025 Board Meeting

September 11, 2025

Full Board

9:00 –11:20

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	
Nick Iorio – Rookie Ball Rep	X
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	
Anthony Iorio – Dir of Player Development	
Matthew Clark – Webmaster	
Erica Gribbin - Concessions	X
Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations	

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Julie Kline

Discussion:

- Opened account at First Commonwealth; starting transition
 - Moving to First Commonwealth; First Commonwealth will donate \$5000 to the PBSA (two separate payments coming of \$2500 each). Will get a sign for the fields.
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Agenda Item: Baseball

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Umpire plan – moving next year to arbitor pay
 - Planning Hard cutoff for Spring regular season
 - Would have a minimum number of games
 - Rain outs to be made in the same week for T-ball, BR, Rookie, Minor
 - Fall Ball dates:
 - Practices: 8/18-9/12
 - Season: 9/15-10/12
 - Sept 20 - 21, 2025 Wood Bat Tournament
 - Monroeville fields locked up; Plum HS fields
 - Shaping up for one of the most successful wood bat tourneys in years (48 teams signed up)
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Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- New umpires starting this Fall
 - Will need more balls ordered for Spring
 - Targeting 7/10-7/12/26 for tournament
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Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- No additional updates from above.
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Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Justin Pifer

Discussion:

- No update
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Agenda Item: Field Maintenance**Presenter: Paul Bondarenka****Discussion:**

- Company donating materials and labor to put a roof over the future dirt storage bin
 - Fall Fest 9/27-9/28
 - Gamma has fields 10/11-10/12
 - Batting cage: plan to construct this Fall. Finalizing plans to initiate. Still on track for this Fall.
 - Reviewed home/away team responsibilities with coaches – sessions went well!
 - 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
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Agenda Item: Operations**Presenter: Matt DeSantis****Discussion:**

- Uniform orders: Delay in delivery due to owner change in production cycle. Delivery expected Friday 9/12/25.
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Agenda Item: Concessions**Presenter: Erica Gribbon****Discussion:**

- Fall concessions – planning to be open; volunteer email sent; filling up
 - 21 signed up for the Wood Bat tourney – will need more
 - League reps to collect checks and distribute uniforms
 - Will make a QR code to sign up for concessions
 - 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:

- Fall ball registration
 - 399 signed up for Fall ball – up 71 vs last Fall! (25 Learn to Play)
 - One late signee for beginner rookie today – will make 400!
 - Background checks – initiated with everyone (awaiting a few results to return). Looking good!
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Agenda Item: Player Development
c/o Anthony Iorio**Presenter: Collective discussion****Discussion:**

- 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:**

- No update
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Agenda Item: League Rep Updates**Presenter: Multiple****Discussion:**

- Learn to Play – 25 signed up
 - Using fields 2/4
 - Equipment purchased
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Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)**Presenter: John Lipchick****Discussion**

- 2026: Initial Baseball/Softball games for a given day can't start later than 6pm – limits ability for an 8PM game to start on time
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- 11u would like to have an auction for a Switch 2 at Wood Bat tourney – approved
- Allowing all tourney teams to learn up to \$2000 in fundraisers through March First of next year; additional amounts require board approval

- 12 u Phantoms expecting to have enough players to field a team!
- Consideration that Baseball and Softball align wherever possible
 - Director of Baseball/Softball to meet and review opportunity – review draft, tryouts, callups
- General Assembly suggestions
 - Two By-Law proposals
- No Parking Sign by the Field 8 Equipment Shed
- 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 ~\$55,000)
- Points of contact with Boro officially Paul Bondarenka and Mike Devine
- Buildings of Boro at Plum Creek Park – getting inspected as part of Boro wide project
- 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; will discuss further in October meeting

Approved Motions:

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes? – approved 10-0 (President has no vote unless tie-breaker)

Place holders for future updates:

- *Draft Standards – consider a trial in Spring*