

PBSA March 2025 Board Meeting

March 20, 2025

Full Board

8:35 – 10:15

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

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

Non-Exec Board Attendees:

Jeremy Erkel – Tball Rep	X
Kyle Craig – BR Rep	
Nick Iorio – Rookie Ball Rep	X
Jim Godula – Minor Ball Rep	
Vacant – Jr Ball Rep	
Shawn Lafferty – Pony Rep	X

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

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Joe Beresford

Discussion:

- Check provided for league fees

Agenda Item: Baseball

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Concession Stands for tournaments – give tournament teams first crack at it; dependent on Erika able to get everything inventoried;
- *In House tourneys: will not be community only any longer; will be open; AAU allowed in; will be a B level tournament (AC affiliate B/C tourneys); 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*
- Season to start 4/21 with 4 weeks of practice preceding (3/24-4/18)

Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- Softball Clinic – PS New Ken; 30 girls; looking to continue program; Considering a pitching clinic next year
- Sign-ups – possible to add a box that for draft leagues that requests are not going to be accepted in future
- Tournament dates for 2025 August 8-10 due to conflicting tournaments in the area
- Tryout dates TBD

Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- No additional updates.

Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Justin Pifer

Discussion:

- Needing to order some equipment
- Equipment needed: balls, tballs, hard guards, logo balls in house; \$3000 – voted and approved -1
- Coaches will need to provide practice balls
- Sunday (3/23/25) to return equipment from 1-3PM

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

- Successful Work Party
- Sheds ready to go
- Fields set
- Dirt is an issue; Boro reimbursing for some – meeting moved to next week
- Boro: Dugouts field 8 – adding roof and concrete – welding roofs down; railroad ties on field 3; missing dirt to be replaced; building 10x20 area near field 8
- Batting cages to start construction in April; bids have been open for 2 weeks; will take a few weeks; expected completion in April
- 4/19: Boro Cleanup Day
- *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: Concessions**Presenter: Erica Gribbon****Discussion:**

- Will start ordering about 3 weeks prior to opening day
- Trying to get in touch with Pepsi; creating a new account
- Inventory of what we have

Agenda Item: Enrollment**Presenter: John Lipchick****Discussion:**

- 470 signed up thus far for Spring
- Insurance renewal underway

Agenda Item: Player Development**Presenter: Anthony Iorio****Discussion:**

- Newly appointed!

Agenda Item: Community Relations**Presenter: Dean Linderman****Discussion:**

- Goal: marketing memberships
- Engage with Chambers – Plum/Monroeville
- Banners for additional marketing/sponsorships (Bachman's Roofing, new)
- Jen Dintini: Banners longer and across for signs/marketing – waiting to hear from Boro

Agenda Item: League Rep Updates**Presenter: Multiple****Discussion:**

- Nothing additional at this time

Agenda Item: General Business**Presenter: John Lipchick****Discussion**

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes
- Fundraising (Lafferty) – need policy in writing for teams who can fundraise and when
 - Consider Cap amount of fundraising for Ripken team
 - Need exists to ask for donations
 - Consider sponsors at base of fences
 - Sponsorship options
- Open positions (announced officially at meeting):
 - Director of Player Development: Anthony Iorio
 - Director of Community Relations: Dean Linderman
- Approve Coaches for Spring – Congratulations and Thank you!
 - Softball: Zack Bono, David Biondo, Julie Marquis, Greg Bengele, David Logero; Joel Kline, Evan Williams, Mike, Jeremy Mills, Mike Devine, Mike Siatkosky, Daniel Bittner
 - Slow-Pitch: Liz Nemanic
 - Baseball: John Paul Adams, John Antonucci, Justin Ballew, Eric Bowser, Matthew Clark, Kyle Craig, Mike Devine, Ralph Festa, Jeff Galia, Joe Gluvna, Vito Grassi, Eric Holzer, Nick Iorio, Joel Kline, Shawn Lafferty, John Lipchick, Richard Lorah, Leonard McAllister, Jim McClure, Jon Pasquinelli, Anthony Petricca, Ryan Quinn, Ray Rall, John Riggs, Sean Rukse, Nick Shook, Matthew Tappe, Ray Tokar, Justin Tomayko, Jeff Zurisko
- New Age Proposal for Tball – start at 4; consider changing strategy – practice and a few games at the end of the season; focus on: LEARN TO PLAY; once a week
- Vote for equipment budget
- Dominate the Diamond – access ordered for coaches/league reps

- Requesting league reps identify 5-10 videos for their league coaches to focus on that are age appropriate
- Youth Baseball Softball Days – Pittsburgh Pirates
 - prices starting as low as \$22
 - first 1000 sign up get to participate in pregame warning track parade
 - Dates: Sunday 5/4; Tuesday 6/10; Sunday 6/29; Sunday 7/27; Sunday 8/10
 - Share with Coaches
- Draft Standards – consider a trial in Fall
- Propose Draft at minor / 10u and up; discussion countered that draft keeps teams fair and equal to develop players at age 8 and up; No change planned at this time.
- Dicks Sporting Goods discount weekend (3/21-3/24/25)

Approved Motions:

- **Coaches for Softball Fast Pitch**
- **Coaches for Slow Pitch**
- **Coaches for Baseball**
- **Equipment Budget**