

PBSA April 2026 Full Board Meeting

April 9, 2026

Full Board

8:16 – 10:35

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
Barb Klipa - Treasurer	X
John Lipchick - Secretary	X
Paul Bondarenka – Dir of Field Maintenance	X

Matt DeSantis – Dir of Operations	X
Kyle Craig – Dir of Baseball	X
David Biondo – Dir of Fast Pitch SB	X
Liz Nemanic – Dir of Slow Pitch SB	X

Non-Exec Board Attendees:

Jeremy Erkel – Tball Rep/LTP	X
Joe Seward – BR Rep	X
Jon Pasquinelli – Rookie Ball Rep	X
Nick Iorio – Minor Ball Rep	
Matt Clark – Jr / Pony Ball Rep	X
Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations/Webmaster	X

Jeremy Mills – FP SB Rep	
Jennifer Dintini – 8u Coach Pitch	
Ralph Festa – Dir of Equip	
Anthony Iorio – Dir of Player Development	
Shawn Lafferty – Director of Umpires	X*
Erica Gribbin - Concessions	X

*: dialed into the meeting

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Barb Klipa

Discussion:

- Benevity – all set up; PBSA was previously registered
 - Checking account set up and new credit card obtained
 - Invoices caught up
 - CONSIDER DELIVERY FROM SAMS CLUB vs. JORDAN BANANAS
 - We are 501-3C; Working to get tax exemption status in place for PBSA as nonprofit
 - *Suggestion to market for cheaper insurance options for 2027; would need three quotes minimum; presented by Mike Devine; first vote Mike Devine, second Matt Clark; everyone voted yes 17-0*
 - Need to move Venmo account from previous treasurer to future treasurer. Looking to shut that down and move to Zeffy. Will be set up with treasurer email address.
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Agenda Item: Baseball / Umpire

Presenter: Kyle Craig

Discussion:

- 7 u and 8 u tryouts (B team for 8u); recruiting 2 more for 12u
 - ARL rule changes –
 - BBCOR bats allowed
 - Sponsorship opportunities still open for 12u Myrtle team
 - Opening Day –Home Run Derby; targets; catch of the day; relays around the horn; racing around the horn; consider as a joint fund-raiser Friday 5/1; Fund raiser to benefit 12u Ripken team – 50:50 raffle to support charity
 - Junior Legion – Monroeville cancelled; unable to support
 - Looking to add numbers and “baseball” / “softball” on Fall ball uniforms moving forward.
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Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- League fees paid – cheaper than expected
- Umpire fees went up
- Summer 5x5x5; open up 5/1 and leave open for 5 weeks
 - Move up age to align with Fall changes (beginner rookie through rookie age range)
 - Looking to open registration sooner
 - Trying to do Tues/Wed/Thur at the Plum HS
 - Looking to get uniforms and will need to raise costs; \$40
 - Can try a boys league as well
- Tryouts scheduled

Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball

Presenter: Liz Nemanic

Discussion:

- League feeds paid
 - 3 teams
 - Needs list of blackout days for fields
 - Will black out some dates proactively ahead of time for schedules
 - Leagues is late in meeting to schedule games this year
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Agenda Item: VP

Presenter: Joel Kline

Discussion:

- Uniform distro: need to organize ahead of distribution
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Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Ralph Festa

Discussion:

- Not in attendance
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Agenda Item: Field Maintenance

Presenter: Paul Bondarenka

Discussion:

- Meetings to talk to all coaches under way
 - 4/25 8am-10am: Boro Clean-Up Day; registration by 4/8
 - Bin for dirt completed; roof coming next; roof resized and expected to be completed within next two weeks pending approval from Boro
 - No volunteerism for handling garbage this Spring
 - Boro replaced sun screen on field 3.
 - Boro leveled the lip on field 1 between grass and infield.
 - Boro will dig up field 4 (tball field) – will need volunteers to help with the dirt (Boro will not spread dirt).
 - Boro wants to inspect outlets, right fixtures, roofs. Cleaning concessions at the beginning and end of each season. Boro to provide list of what is needed. Looking for volunteers to assist. Everything clean in concessions to start the season this year.
 - 4/11 – youth fishing derby. No practices Sat AM.
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Agenda Item: Operations

Presenter: Matt DeSantis

Discussion:

- Uniforms ordered.
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Agenda Item: Umpires

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Additional games for softball as teams from other areas had limited field options.
 - Recruited High Schoolers to ump for baseball and softball.
 - Umps getting paid electronically this season.
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Agenda Item: Concessions

Presenter: Erica Gribbon

Discussion:

- Tournament plans for concessions – sent to Erica
 - Jersey handouts – leave jerseys that aren't picked up in the office at Concession 1
 - Working on scanning QR code for working ... put kid's name on form
 - Asti's and Jordan Banana for ordering
 - Pop machines – planning to launch in 2026.
 - Add Healthy Snack Hub, LLC. (AJ and Mike) as a vendor to get pop for concessions and machines. Vote to add as a vendor first – Jeremy Mills : 2 by David Biondo; vote unanimous 17-0
 - Will need to look for extra help with concessions in future (particularly Fall); Dean Linderman to help with tracking checks.
 - Consider tournament weekends for tourney teams first
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Agenda Item: Secretary

Presenter: John Lipchick

Discussion:

- Registration –
 - 527 enrolled (35 LTP)
 - Dominate the Diamond
 - BACKGROUND CHECKS – nearly completed;
 - Background checks - Costs associated... Justifacts contacted and looking into pricing options;
 - Standards for passing background checks
 - *"Safe Sport" – considering role this can play in the future for PBSA*
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Agenda Item: Player Development

Presenter: Anthony Iorio

Discussion:

- No Update

- Vending Machine
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Agenda Item: Community Relations

Presenter: Dean Linderman

Discussion:

- First round email for sponsorships to 100+ companies
 - Opening day planning underway; 5/2/26
 - Mike Devine: 23 games scheduled
 - 2/3 DJs confirmed
 - Pirate Parrot
 - All Youth leagues represented
 - Building Principals, Council, Reps, Fire Dept, Police Dept
 - National anthem will be sung by volunteers
 - Games are all over at 1:45; league reps to help make that clear to all teams
 - Developing a physical letter to solicit vendors
 - Pirate Parrot for home opener
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Agenda Item: League Rep Updates

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- Nothing this season
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Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)

Presenter: John Lipchick

Discussion

- General Assembly:
 - Girls Beginner Rookie
 - Throw overhand or underhand – some benefitting one vs. other
 - Consider a girls beginner rookie league in the future
 - What size ball to use?
 - Ideal team size for BR is 5-7
 - Number of 8 pm games
 - Everyone needs to be there but league reps?; consider change the bylaw back; vote to ignore bylaw
- Beginner Rookie Suggestions for a softball equivalent
 - Girls softball equivalent for BR; only use a softball
 - Would need additional equipment

- Concerns with long term stability to support and have teams to play against
- Concerns that a softball is too large for beginner rookie age
- Mike 1st and Kyle 2nd: Vote to have a separate girls beginner rookie softball league starting in Fall 2026. 2 – Y; 13- N; Would need larger numbers sustained to consider a permanent change. Would need to use a tball regardless.
- Whole board to have email access
- Policy for non-binary – does one exist? ARL – many girls play baseball. EFP – no policy for boys playing. Little League? Tabling discussion for next meeting.
- Team/Player Picture plan
- Policy for Review all by-law proposals
 - 1. Fundraising Policy for 12u Baseball Team – Amended version passed as outlined below to move to vote.
- Standards for suspension penalties – to review at future Meeting
 - Lafferty proposal – 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 –
 - Directors of Baseball/FP Softball/SP Softball to meet and review opportunity – review draft, tryouts, call-ups
 - Align where possible
- Batting Cages
 - Grant Money expires 6/30/26. Seeking extension granted for 1 year through 6/30/27.
 - Location can't be moved.
 - Jeremy Mills removing bid.
- Working to submit for new grant for lights on fields 7/8
- Scoreboards – Mike Devine
 - Grant submitted.
 - 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
 - Adding expected costs and submitting for grant
 - Mike Submitted proposal to get this in place.

Approved Motions:

- Meeting minutes passed 11-0

Place holders for future updates:

- Policy
 - 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. **Don't put a cap for fundraising but what money is spent on has to be approved. Fund raising can only be for kids and coaches. Anything over would go back to PBSA to be used for the next team.**