

PBSA January 2026 Board Meeting

January 6, 2025

Full Board

8:37 – 10:05

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
Vacant (Matt Sauter) - Treasurer	
John Lipchick - Secretary	X
Paul Bondarenka – Dir of Field Maintenance	X

Matt DeSantis – Dir of Operations	
Kyle Craig – Dir of Baseball	X
David Biondo – Dir of Pitch SB	X
Liz Nemanic – Dir of Slow Pitch SB	X
Shawn Lafferty – Director of Umpires	X

Non-Exec Board Attendees:

Jeremy Erkel – Tball Rep/LTP	X
Joe Seward – BR Rep	X
Matt Clark – Rookie Ball Rep	X
Nick Iorio – Minor Ball Rep	X
Vacant (Kyle Craig) – Jr / Pony Ball Rep	
Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations	X

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

Agenda

Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Vacant (Matt Sauter)

Discussion:

- Matt resigned secondary to a new job and corresponding travel requirements. Requesting Julie to assist in interim.
 - Budget.
 - \$80,100 S&T; \$22,815 First Commonwealth (continuing transition).
 - Need to move Venmo account from previous treasurer to future treasurer.
 - Consider keeping a separate account at the old bank for the Ripken team joint shared with PBSA.
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Agenda Item: Baseball / Umpire

Presenter: Kyle Craig

Discussion:

- Fees for 2025 Spring? LTP:\$40; tball: \$80; BR: \$80; Rookie: \$90; Minor: \$150; JR: \$150; Pony: \$160; Legion: TBD; Sr Legion: TBD
 - Early bird prices above (on or before 2/27); will have a higher fee after the date (\$15 more expensive); drop dead date to register of 3/13 (absolute last date)
 - Looking to move Matt Clark to Junior / Pony; considering Jon Pasquinelli for Rookie ball rep
 - Uniforms: TBD
 - Targeted dates for tourneys 2026
 - 4/24-4/26 AC B/C Series: Diamond Duel
 - 5/2 PBSA IN HOUSE OPENING WEEKEND
 - 5/9-5/10 Mother's Day
 - 5/23-5/25 Memorial Day
 - 6/6-6/7 B/C Series In house tourney
 - 6/13-6/14 All ages B
 - 6/18-6/21 CAP Classic
 - 6/25-6/28 CAP 2
 - 7/18-7/19 Plum C Series
 - Looking to add numbers and "baseball" / "softball" on Fall ball uniforms this season.
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Agenda Item: Fast Pitch Softball

Presenter: David Biondo

Discussion:

- Fees for 2025 Spring? 8u FP: \$85; 10u FP: \$145; 12u FP: \$145; 15u FP: \$145
 - Early bird prices above (on or before 2/27); will have a higher fee after the date (\$15 more expensive); drop dead date to register of 3/13 (absolute last date)
- Uniforms: same as last season

- Penn State New Ken – email out for another session next year. Unavailable this winter for joint session.
 - Tournaments
 - Targeting 7/10-7/12/26 for tournament
 - 7/23-7/26 AC B/C Series Softball
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Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball

Presenter: Liz Nemanic

Discussion:

- Fees for 2025 Spring? 10u SP: \$100; 13u SP: \$110; 18u SP: \$110
 - Uniforms: TBD
 - Meeting next week to confirm age ranges/season details
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Agenda Item: Equipment

Presenter: Justin Pifer

Discussion:

- Not in attendance.
 - Softball: Will need more balls ordered for Spring.
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Agenda Item: Field Maintenance

Presenter: Paul Bondarenka

Discussion:

- Date to open fields TBD (weather)
 - Batting cage: Finalizing plans to initiate. Jeremy Mills and Jeff Galia on board for project.
 - Engineer has to get back to Jeremy
 - Need exact distance off walking patch/field 1/field 3 ... consider moving location next to playground/rest rooms as cost would be substantially cheaper
 - Targeting Late Winter / early Spring (late Feb) to start
 - FC bank submitting first half of donation to PBSA today which helps cover the bank
 - Will have a date to review with tournament coaches and board members how to drag fields – Spring 2026;
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Agenda Item: Operations

Presenter: Matt DeSantis

Discussion:

- Plum Baseball and Softball and Dick's Sporting Goods Sponsorship renewal initiated.
 - Not in attendance.
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Agenda Item: Umpires

Presenter: Shawn Lafferty

Discussion:

- Add \$1,250 for bb/softball each (\$2,500) for new umpire signing fee in 2026 budgeting.
 - Clinic to be held at HS to recruit more umpires.
 - Advanced clinic for seasoned HS umpires for additional training in WV.
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Agenda Item: Concessions**Presenter: Erica Gribbon****Discussion:**

- Not in attendance.
 - *Pop machines – planning to launch in 2026.*
 - *Will need to look for extra help with concessions in future (particularly Fall); consider school volunteers? Dean Linderman to possibly help with tracking checks.*
 - *Consider tournament weekends for tourney teams first*
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Agenda Item: Secretary**Presenter: John Lipchick****Discussion:**

- Insurance Policy renewal submitted.
 - Newspaper article advertising PBSA this year? No to this year
 - Consider church bulletins for advertisements/ yard signs; Holy Family; pto can hand out flyers in Plum, teachers cannot
 - Registration (discussed above)
 - Reminder – next required meeting for everyone to attend in March (4 required meetings: Nov/ Jan/ March/ August)
 - Open Roles?
 - Webmaster – considering merge with Director of Community Relations
 - Equipment: TBD (not confirmed)
 - Will be starting background checks for board members. Please complete asap if you receive an email.
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Agenda Item: Player Development**Presenter: Anthony Iorio****Discussion:**

- Living Word Fridays/some weekends over winter for targeted training sessions at minimal costs.
 - Speed / Agility
 - Fielding Mechanics

- Dates/Plans:
 - **Week 1 - Speed and agility**
 - January 16th - 6pm-7pm - 5 & 6 yrs old
 - January 16th - 7pm-8pm - 7 & 8 yrs old
 - January 30th - 6pm - 7pm - 9 & 10yrs old
 - January 30th - 7pm - 8pm - 11 & 12yrs old
 - **Week 2 - Throwing mechanics (how to warm up properly)**
 - February 13th - 6pm - 7pm - 5 & 6yrs old
 - February 13th - 7pm - 8pm - 7 & 8 yrs old
 - February 20th - 6pm - 7pm - 9 & 10 yrs old
 - February 20th - 7pm - 8pm - 11 & 12 yrs old
 - **Week 3 - Fielding mechanics**
 - February 27th - 6pm - 7pm - 5 & 6yrs old
 - February 27th - 7pm - 8pm - 7 & 8 yrs old

Agenda Item: Community Relations

Presenter: Dean Linderman

Discussion:

- Banners from field 3 – all down. Will need to review which are renewing and get hung back up.
 - Marketing via yard signs
 - Beginning opening day planning
 - Looking into a survey for all parents, targeting LTP parents; possibly expanding survey to other leagues
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Agenda Item: League Rep Updates

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- Targeting in-house regular season drop dead of 6/5
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Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)

Presenter: John Lipchick

Discussion

- Aux Gym Clean Up Expectations for Winter Workouts (Shawn/David)
- Communication around Winter Workouts – started this week

- Bureau Sports Meeting 1/27 6pm
- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes; passes 11-1
- Early bird discount for enrollment or late sign-up fee in future to sign up to play in a league. Will discuss further in January.
- 8/6-8/9: Youth National World Series for the 12u team!
- 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 January 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 –
 - Director of Baseball/FP Softball/SP Softball to meet and review opportunity – review draft, tryouts, call-ups
 - Align where possible
- 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
- Batting Cages
 - Will be moving the location near the playground/restrooms near field 5; the trucks to install at that location (old field 2) would destroy the grounds.
 - Grant Money expires 6/30/26
 - New estimates needed due to inflation;
 - New drawing needed – expected cost around \$2500.
- 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
 - Adding expected costs and submitting for grant

Approved Motions:

- Approve Previous Meeting Minutes; passes 13-0 (others joined attendance after vote)
- Approve Matt Clark as Junior/Pony; Jon Pasquinelli: Rookie Ball; passes 12-2
- Approve league costs as outlined above: 15-0
- 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.**
 - Eligibility for Executive Board Positions – PASS 11-1 – will move to vote by voting members

Place holders for future updates:

- *Draft Standards – consider a trial in Spring*