

# PBSA March 2026 Full Board Meeting

March 13, 2026

Full Board

8:32 – 10:58

Renton Italian Club

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<b>Meeting called by:</b>	John Lipchick	<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Facilitator:</b>	John Lipchick	<b>Note taker:</b>	John Lipchick

## Attendees:

### Exec Board:

Mike Devine - President	X
Joel Kline – Vice President	
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	X
Matt Clark – Jr / Pony Ball Rep	X
Dean Linderman – Dir of Community Relations/Webmaster	X

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

# Agenda

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## Agenda Item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Barb Klipa

### Discussion:

- Partial Budget. First - Matt Clark, Second - Liz Nemanic – passed unanimously 17-0
    - Opening day weekend budget – increasing to \$2500 (Mike reaching out to Pirates)
    - General – Insurance
    - Keep Dominate the Diamond; Insurance – same budget as 2025
    - Go Daddy – annual renewal fees
    - Field Maintenance budget – \$20,000; new adds: field four new infield, three drags, chalk, ice packs
    - Equipment – same as last year
    - Uniform costs up 10% this season – budget increased to \$20,000
  - CONSIDER DELIVERY FROM SAMS CLUB vs. JORDAN BANANAS
  - 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
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## Agenda Item: Baseball / Umpire

Presenter: Kyle Craig

### Discussion:

- drop dead date to register of 3/13 (absolute last date)
    - picking coaches actively; draft this upcoming week
  - Opening Day – consider a 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 – considering options to field a team; coach for team; field to use (need lights); Joel Kline working on this
  - 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
    - 8/6-8/9: Youth National World Series for the 12u team
  - 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:**

- drop dead date to register of 3/13 (absolute last date)
  - 10u draft Sunday night; 8u draft early next week - Mike, Joel, Jeremy Rupert
  - Eastern Area fastpitch meeting - discussion around kids that are playing in Plum but not from the area - approved
  - \$100 per team to participate in league
  - Uniforms: same approach as last season
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**Agenda Item: Slow Pitch Softball****Presenter: Liz Nemanic****Discussion:**

- drop dead date to register of 3/13 (absolute last date)
  - 1 10u team;
  - Uniforms: TBD
  - Games starting early-mid April; scheduling meeting in March
  - \$130 per team to participate in league – confirming if team will go up or not
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**Agenda Item: VP****Presenter: Joel Kline****Discussion:**

- Not in attendance
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**Agenda Item: Equipment****Presenter: Ralph Festa****Discussion:**

- Softball: Will need more balls ordered for Spring.
  - Working on collection dates from coaches for previous seasons.
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**Agenda Item: Field Maintenance****Presenter: Paul Bondarenka****Discussion:**

- Planning to talk to all coaches again this Spring; no chalking fields for practices
- Work Party this Saturday 3/14
- Bathrooms to be opened at some point next week
- Aiming to cancel practices an hour ahead of time
- 4/25 8am-10am: Boro Clean-Up Day; registration by 4/8
- Bins for dirt almost done (one block needed); roof coming next
- Boro replacing sun screen on field 3.
- 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.

- 4/11 – youth fishing derby.
  - Plum Boro – needs updated list of PBSA board members.
  - Will have a date to review with tournament coaches and board members how to drag fields – Spring 2026; Mandatory for first time coaches – practices will be canceled until coach attends.
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**Agenda Item: Operations**

**Presenter: Matt DeSantis**

**Discussion:**

- Dicks Sporting Goods Coupon 3/20-3/23 20% off.
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**Agenda Item: Umpires**

**Presenter: Shawn Lafferty**

**Discussion:**

- Not in attendance
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**Agenda Item: Concessions**

**Presenter: Erica Gribbon**

**Discussion:**

- Working to get snacks in cheaper with vendor and considering Sam's Club for hot food
  - 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:**

- Insurance Policy renewal completed.
- Registration – final day tomorrow 3/13 – currently ahead of last year's pace secondary to LTP
  - 499 enrolled at the moment (34 LTP)
- CONSIDER BACKGROUND CHECK ONLY FOR ALL ASSISTANT HC; Yes. Need to have at least two coaches (HC – full; Assistant – background only). At least one needs to be present at every game. First – David; Second Jeremy Mills; Vote - unanimous 17-0
- Open Roles
  - Webmaster – will be handled by Dean at this time

- Will be starting background checks for board members. Please complete asap if you receive an email.
  - “Safe Sport” – considering role this can play in the future for PBSA
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**Agenda Item: Player Development**

**Presenter: Anthony Iorio**

**Discussion:**

- Speed and Agility / Throwing and fielding mechanics – finished up... over 60 participants
  - Looking for other options this summer
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**Agenda Item: Community Relations**

**Presenter: Dean Linderman**

**Discussion:**

- First round email for sponsorships to 100+ companies
  - Opening day planning underway; considering vendor pavilion
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**Agenda Item: League Rep Updates**

**Presenter: Multiple**

**Discussion:**

- For all league reps to communicate
    - No chalking fields for practices
    - No Parents on field unless approved by PBSA
    - Assistants added after – need to alert PBSA Secretary for background check
    - If it starts raining after 4pm and it starts raining – don't force practices/games. Keep it safe for kids and the fields.
  - LTP – season will start when games actually begin
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**Agenda Item: General Business (Old and New)**

**Presenter: John Lipchick**

**Discussion**

- General Assembly:
  - Everyone needs to be there but league reps?; consider change the bylaw back; vote to ignore bylaw
- Volunteer program to track? Standardized certificate for XX hours.
- Full board required for April meeting.

- Vote on Director of Equipment: Ralph Festa; passed 12-0, proposed by Paul, second by Jeremy
- Vote on Treasurer: Barb Klipa; proposed by Mike Devine, second by David; passed 14-0
- Whole board to have email access
- Jose Monroy – fundraising proposal; would like to include corporate matching with a 501C3 non-profit. Many companies match up to \$10,000. Each company match is unique. Typically a match per employee with their company. With Benevity to sign up. 1: Kyle 2: Paul – unanimous yes. 16-0
- 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. Mike Devine submitted for an extension.
  - Jeremy Mills removing bid.
- 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
  - Mike Submitted proposal to get this in place.

### **Approved Motions:**

- Vote on new Director of Equipment: Ralph Festa; passed 12-0, proposed by Paul, second by Jeremy
- Vote on new Treasurer (previous treasurer resigned, appointing new Treasurer to complete term): Barb Klipa; proposed by Mike Devine, second by David; passed 14-0
- Approval of Meeting minutes Jan and Feb 2026: passed 14-0
- Partial Budget. First - Matt Clark, Second - Liz Nemanic – passed unanimously 17-0
- 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
- 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 pass 17-0
- Background Check only Requirement for all Assistant HC. First – David Biondo; Second Jeremy Mills; Vote - unanimous pass 17-0

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**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.**