

KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL

October 7, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Name	Position	Present	Absent
Justin Thompson (JT)	President/ TWP Rep	X		Josh Harbison (JH)	Twp. Liaison	X	
Steve Tuzikow (ST)	V. P.	X		Jamie McSwaney (JM)	Colt/Legion		X
Melissa Stobert (MS)	Secretary	X		Alex Hager (AH)	Pony	X	
Tom McDougall (TM)	Treasurer	X		John VanLenten (JVL)	Bronco	X	
Josh Harbison (JH)	Field Maint.	x		Mike Hedglin (MH)	Minor	X	
Jennifer Brose (JB)	Concessions	X		Cory Tucek (CT)	Farm	X	
Zak Sobotka (ZS)	IT/Web		X	Dave Eldridge (DE)	T-Ball	X	
Angie Shoop (AS)	Sponsorship		X		Tax Preparer		

JT opened meeting at 7: 06 PM – Minutes from 8/27/25 meeting reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

JT has been in contact with Bryon Breese that has done shots of fields and will help use our machine to re-level

Field conditioner needed

TREASURER’S REPORT – Tom McDougall (TM) reported:

Concession transfers done; reviewed fiscal year expenses; discussed investment fund (initially for lights, but length of time money has been sitting there warrants discussion on use for something else) – maybe consider getting parents involved in helping to raise money to reach lights goal

Golf outing for next year? Spring vs fall – potentially Friday, May 15. If successful in the spring, could consider another one in the fall.

CONCESSIONS – Jen Brose (JB) reported:

Needs access to computer system to explore high selling items, etc.

Upper concession stand deep freezer is broken

Deposited money into account – Spartans purchased pop; Laps for Learning purchased candy

Will need a refrigerator, freezer and fryer for 2026 season.

Plan to do sign-up genius for concession duty

Cory posed question about percentage of sales for team hosting tournament. Discussion occurred about continuing to provide 25% of revenue. Some concern about parents preparing/donating food, but benefit to team being minimal. Also concern that KYB is barely making any money from tournament concession sales. Discussed portion of profit vs. revenue being given to tournament team. Idea of a tournament menu mentioned. Increasing the cost of field use was mentioned to help offset concession loss during tournament play. Also discussed portion of team’s sales going to KYB?

Will need to analyze concession sales: determine high vs low sellers; readjust pricing as needed

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Josh Harbison (JH) reported:

May need to instruct coaches to use less chalk for lining fields due to excessive use

Cub needs a tire.

JT would like to see something happen with water buffalos and gutter system

Cub needs covered – we pay a rental fee for a container at Concordia with available storage – maybe store Cub in there

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

No recent attendance – no report

WEB/IT/SOCIAL MEDIA – Zak Sobotka (ZS) reported:

No new update

SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported:

Newsletter to local businesses regarding league updates/fundraising will need mailed week of October 21-31. Purpose is for the end of year donations for tax purposes or early commitments for 2026. AS will have an electronic copy emailed to KYB board.

AS plans to add a few additional options for sponsorship for smaller businesses: \$200 option to be put on a larger concession banner with additional businesses in hopes of getting additional contributions; option to donate items/materials/services in exchange for signage on concession banner

Would like to order an exclusive sign for Penn Fencing for their \$3000 discount on materials for the upper concession stand along with a sign for Thrower for donated materials and continual team sponsorship

LEGION/SENIOR COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) reported:

Knoch, JV, varsity held 7+ practices on fields

Coach Negley appointed seniors to mentor underclassman

JV held scrimmage and won

Dec 1 will start winter workouts at No Off Season

Legion is restored for school and KYB

Turf is ongoing wish for legion field

Will correct 1 or 2 low areas

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) reported:

No update

PONY COMMISSIONER – Alex Hager (AH) reported:

Season is going well but only won one game. Games have been close.

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) reported:

Fall ball is going fairly well; 2 weeks left; both teams have winning records; good baseball; Butler group has been a great organization to work with (good players, good people)

Need to aerate and seed fields

Freeport says Burrell and Apollo reached out to them inquiring about something other than ARL – we could consider this

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:

Fall ball progressing nicely – competitive games between Saxonburg and Mars

MH wants to work on getting concrete step and backstop fixed

FARM COMMISSIONER – Cory Tucek (CT) reported:

Season is going well; Freeport very complimentary of KYB

Farm field needs a little leveling; need to put a screen or something on the drain (rock is out and draining into woods) – needs to be cleaned out regularly to get mud out

Need to look at East Butler following same age play rules that we have

T-BALL COMMISSIONER – Dave Eldridge (DE) reported:

Church is appreciative of us using and maintaining field; restricted to 3 days a week; coaches and parents would like to be back in the park; using a lot of chalk; had a hard time getting parents to volunteer to be assistant coaches

VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:

All stars- working on getting accounts switched to new coaches

Middle school – needs to look at dates for winter workouts – will be end of January through February – last winter workout will be tryout (march) – winter workout cost is split between the number of players signed up

Sign ups are posted for Middle School – no cost, just looking for interest - Final date for sign-ups: December 1

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

Field clean-up: Nov. 1 at 11:00 AM

Dave Spaeder: has reached out via email suggesting a commissioner for all-stars (a separate board position) and has expressed interest in fulfilling this role. Discussion about necessity, as it is currently the VP's job to manage all-stars. Talked about inviting Mr. Spaeder to a meeting to discuss his proposal (details/why he feels a separate position is needed) and explain the current board operations. Perhaps he is more interested in player placement/player development position. Board would like to hear his thoughts.

New "bathrooms" by minor field – when are they to be pumped – who is responsible – they are unacceptable with regards to cleanliness – may need to talk to softball board – how is it treated – cost to maintain – could Nesbitt service these bathrooms - all need explored

JT ended meeting at 10:04 pm.

Next meeting (closed): Nov. 11/6/25 at 6:00 PM @ Field House