

KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL

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 6:04 PM. – Minutes from 10/27/25 meeting reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

Golf outing confirmed for May 15, 2026

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

Some of concession fund will get transferred to general account.

CONCESSIONS – Jen Brose (JB) reported:

Will need fryer (will need a commercial one that has parts that available for purchase in case break) and deep freezer. Both stands are cleaned. Extra umpiring money found (due to weather cancellations) to be deposited. Cooler food was donated to Cabot food bank. Got rid of deep freezer and upper concession stand frig, both of which were not working. Plan to search facebook marketplace and scratch and dent businesses for freezers.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Josh Harbison (JH) reported:

Tarp needs put on Cub.

Would like to do work on other fields like done on backstop of minor field (doubling up the rubber).

There is an opening on the 3rd base side of the minor field dugout which could be a safety risk when left-handed batters are up. Should look at fence with gate or use part of the on-deck warm up area fence.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

Meetings stopped for October through December

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

7U has 8 signed up for all-stars; 13U has 9 signed up for all-stars; 11U has 8 signed up for all-stars

SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported:

Will try to reach out to all businesses to give options and make sponsorship affordable (materials, discounts, cash). Discussed how much money is needed via sponsorship (last year’s sponsorship brought us \$18,000). We get \$8000 through registration. Last year we made \$6000 via golf outing. Looking for similar income in 2026, plus “big” fundraiser. Goal \$40,000 between all.

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

No update

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) reported:

No update

PONY COMMISSIONER – Alex Hager (AH) reported:

No update

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) reported:

Freeport is wanting to break away from the ARL, so JVL would like to pursue that, as well. A good relationship was formed this year with Butler Twp. JVL will take leadership role in potentially putting something together with Freeport and Butler Twp.

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:

No report

FARM COMMISSIONER – Cory Tucek (CT) reported:

Farm cleanup went well. Mower might be needed through November to mulch leaves. No other machines needs.

Mounds for farm are in bad shape, but can be maintained for another year or so. Would like a mound for Farm to be kept in mind....would be nice for 9U and 10U tournaments.

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

No update

VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:

Middle School registration is open. Closing Nov. 21. 23 kids signed up so far. Winter workouts are booked and will be starting the end of January. There will be 5 workouts with the last one being tryouts. \$3,150 is the cost for indoor facility usage. Players will pay for this (split between the number of registrants). We will be charging the school next year for field usage for high school practices.

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

Need to figure out timeline for the year. Registration needs opened before next meeting. Do we want to increase registration fee?

Opt-out concession fee decided to be \$150. Opt-out will be an available option at online registration. Also \$150 check to be turned in at uniform pick-up (only to be cashed if parent/caregiver does not show up for concession duty)

No early bird pricing this year. Regular pricing will be implemented and then a late fee of \$50 will be imposed if signing up after registration "deadline" of January 31. Final deadline for signing up will be Feb. 14.

No registration increase, but fundraiser requirement will be increased from \$40 to \$50 (allows for increased league revenue, but also opportunity for families to win if they keep tickets).

4-6 weeks for jerseys to come in. 3 weeks to get pictures back. Plan for pictures to be March 30-April 2 to ensure arrival for opening day/community day of May 2.

Bar bingo – may be good fundraiser option. Considering Xtra Innings or Saxonburg Fire Hall. Bar Olympics was suggested. Timeframe: February or March.

All-stars field usage cost has been \$200, but may need to increase for 2026 to \$400

Reviewed concession foods at tournaments again: 100% of profit from donated foods/family prepared foods will go to the all-star team, along with a percentage of concession sales (standard concession items).

JT ended meeting at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting (Closed): December 3 at 6:00 PM @ Field House