

KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL

APRIL 29, 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	Curtis Walbert (CW)	Pony	X	
Tom McDougall (TM)	Treasurer	X		John VanLenten (JVL)	Bronco	X	
Josh Harbison (JH)	Field Maint.		X	Mike Hedglin (MH)	Minor	X	
Ali Ciz (AC)	Concessions		X	Joe Brose (JB)	Farm	X	
Zak Sobotka (ZS)	IT/Web	X		Cory Tucek (CT)	T-Ball	X	
Angie Shoop (AS)	Sponsorship		X		Tax Preparer		

JT opened meeting at 7:22 PM. – Minutes from March 25, 2025 meeting not reviewed. Will be approved by board following meeting.

MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

- Meeting at Field House – no power at Township Building
- Minutes from March 25 meeting will be approved in text
- Fencing – Penn Fencing quoted for fencing all over park – Most fields
- \$20,000 originally
- After talk with Tom M – down to \$12K
- Penn Fencing is fence only – no poles
- Separate quote for minor backstop – poles and fence – North American Fencing – \$6,600
- Would like fence in right field of farm for leaves
- Possible and add on to Penn Quote
- Discussion on moving annual golf outing to Fall
- Details to be discussed later – consensus to keep it going
- Bronco needs netting to keep foul balls out of woods – Penn Fencing doesn't do netting
- Mike H knows someone who does – even if someone else has to do poles
- Tom to talk with the Penn Fence guy – its his neighbor
- Everyone in attendance said go with Penn Fencing to replace everything for 12K plus add on for Minor Poles – maybe 14.5K – TM to deal with PF guy
- Next topic – spraying of fields
- Was 4K he (Lark) messed up – should be around 2.2K (including legion)
- Lawn treatment – going to handle ourselves this year – reconsider next year (December)
- We charge high school 1K per year to use our field – need to consider raising – especially if we replace fencing
- For JV and V to practice – JV plays game on Legion – Var no games – use Pony and Legion for practice
- Softball charges \$3,500 for school to use fields – considering something similar
- Need tarps for new mounds – Curtis said they need to dry out so no mold - Tom to ask Brian that we bought them off of
- Also asking about spikes – Maybe change to no metal cleats – JVL – no spike rule create a big delay when switching pitchers mid inning
- Hard plastic is slippery – not to ruin mounds
- No spike signs – considering changing
- Rubber is okay – so no metal – keep signs –change rules

- UV is a concern over time – should cover
- Getting cheap tarps this year
- Consider nice logo tarps next year
- Discussing cleanout of lower dirt reservoir – and refill with dirt that is on pony
- Steve – Triaxle will fit – need to tarp it
- Field conditioner mixed in – will degrade if wet
- Around 3K per triaxle for 6 that were on pony
- Only need 5 to 8 ton for maintenance – triaxle is around 20 Ton
- May not have Fryer in lower stand for Opening Day
- New Hood needs custom piece welded on – may not be done by Saturday – but trying to make it happen

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

- 32K in general account
- Savings 22.7K

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

- Clearances – still need 5 – list given to commishs

SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported(by Steve T – Angie absent):

- Banners ordered from fast signs
- Raffle ticket to teams dispused
- 350 extra tickets
- Put some at local businesses
- Have 20 left over shirt from TBall clinic
- Coffee bus will be at Community Day
- Girl scout will be there – face painting and tattoo
- Meadows will sell ice cream
- Thomas will supply pork
- Next 2025 CUPON August 16, 2025

PONY COMMISSONER – Curtis Walbert (CW) reported:

- In ARL South
- 12 Games
- Middle School 7-5 with 5 games left

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) reported:

- Need a spreader for upper shed

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:

- Progressing with backstop issue
- Plan for steps getting out dugout

FARM COMMISSIONER – Joe Brose (JB) reported:

- Kid umpire voted to ump playoffs
- Voted on as yes
- Week of 6/16

T-BALL COMMISSIONER – Cory Tucek (CT) reported:

- Good to take supplies to St. Luke

VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:

- 12U jersey ordered
- Mess up jersey ordered

Ended meeting at 10:33 pm.

Next meeting (Open): TBD, 8:00 PM @ Jefferson Twp. Building