

KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL

May 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		

JD opened meeting at 8:26 PM. – Minutes from 4/29/25 meeting reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

Fryer in lower concession is working – leaving pilot light on

New fencing is looking great – Penn Fencing is installing/repairing (Legion, Pony, Bronco fields); started Tues., May 27

Angie updated Community Day flyer

Rain has caused a lot of game cancellations so far this season

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

General checking: \$\$22,000+

Savings: 24,000+

Transferred money from all-star accounts into general for uniforms and hats

Some money coming out for tournaments

Some all-star account balances are getting low

New fencing expense has not been dispersed yet

CONCESSIONS – Ali Ciz (AC) reported:

Ali is not running for concessions manager for the 2025-2027 term. However, she is willing to stay on and support and guide the newly elected manager as much as possible. Jen Brose has expressed interest in the position and is on the ballot for voting.

This position requires an exorbitant amount of time. Ali and all board members agree that creating committee and/or dividing the upper and lower stands would be helpful.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Josh Harbison (JH) reported:

Cub has a bad wheel and will need to get to Stan's soon

Line chalk will be needed within the next few weeks

The use of field dry seems to be excessive – Josh suggests enforcing a usage amount of 2-3 bags per game. It's becoming very expensive to maintain the fields when coaches are utilizing upwards of 6 bags for a game. The spreader should be used for field dry placement to eliminate over-use.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

No update

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

No report, but Zak requests any new/upcoming information or pictures be sent to him for website.

SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported:

Community day is this weekend

Vendors expected: The Coffee Bus, Thoma's (pulled pork), Knoch Knights apparel store, My Husband's Tab Trucker hat Bar, Moore Knots – hair tinsel specialists, Girl Scouts, S. Butler Community Library, Knochettes, Ice Cream truck

Discussed traffic patterns with most traffic/visitors being down below

My Husband's Tab Trucker Hat company will be set up in the upper pavilion

The gravel area in front of softball field will have ice cream and coffee bus, unless they determine/choose a different location

Competitive games will run on legion field from 10-2:00. Winners for each league will get a gift card. This is contingent upon having volunteers to run. At this time, volunteer availability is limited.

Dicks' 20% off – we will do this again in August for Fall Ball

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

No update

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) reported:

No update

PONY COMMISSIONER – Curtis Walbert (CW) reported:

Curtis reports that everything is going smoothly

Curtis has been approached by some other teams that want to play us, so he will follow up with them

Fence got replaced, first base side – looks great

Very likely there will not be a 13U or 14U all-star team – putting things on hold

This team has \$5000 in their account – should we transfer some to Middle School account since these boys play middle school? This will be voted on at the end of meeting during closed session.

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) reported:

Looking good in the ARL – Knoch teams are in the top 5, but competition isn't what was expected

11U team made a trip to Aberdeen, MD for the Cal Ripken Experience – Knoch went 1 and 3, but it was a fantastic experience. The players and families had a lot of fun

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:

Off to a bumpy start: there were some issues with stealing rules, but with some clarity, it has been resolved.

Mars teams are very complimentary and it's going well with CT.

The majority of the Knoch vs. Knoch games have been rained out

CT teams are 2-2 against Knoch and Mars is 2-2 against Knoch. Mars has expressed interest in a partnership with us.

Mounds are nice and convenient; easy to adjust/move

FARM COMMISSIONER – Joe Brose (JB) reported:

Andy Rinamin asked about all-star concession money – wondering when it will go into accounts. Ali will work on this.

Trophies are needed for Minor and Farm. Joe offered to get. Discussed B&J Sports in Natrona Heights. If not able to get through B&J, Awards and More on Route 8 is an option. 12 trophies for both 1st and 2nd place will be needed.

It was noted that Bronco trophies will be provided by ARL

Cleaning out the pipe behind dugout, as it is full of gravel. We may need to clean it out ourselves, but don't know how far it is clogged.

The new gate in right field is in

May need more dirt on the infield – need an estimate on what fields need

In-house is going well; good coaches

Playoffs are coming up – we will be using youth umpires

7U tournament and 8U home tournaments are 20-22

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

No trophies last couple years, but would like to have this year. Cory inquired about the budget for purchasing. May consider medals since participation awards are given.

The season is running smoothly at St. Luke's. No complaints. Parents have been great.

Cory feels like the players are better behaved due to proximity of parents.

9U (C level) tournament next weekend, June 6-8. There are 8 teams with 2 on the waitlist

VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:

No update

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

Make-up pictures – not sure when they'll be in. All other pictures are in and in the concession stand awaiting families to pick up.

Shout-out given to Tom for managing a successful golf outing. Will plan to do again next year, but potentially in the fall due to Spartans having one in the spring. We had 23 teams this year. Plan to shoot for 30 next year.

Shout-out to Mike H. for getting the new fencing replacement/repairs initiated through Penn Fencing

All-star registration is in July; tryouts will be in August; will then make recommendations for teams

Voting for all positions occurred

Position approvals--

Field Maintenance: Josh Harbison

IT/Web:- Zak Sobotka

T-ball commissioner: Dave Eldridge

Farm Commissioner: Cory Tucek

Minor Commissioner: Mike Hedglin

Bronco Commissioner: John VanLenten

Pony Commissioner: Alex Hager

Colt/Legion Commissioner: Jamie McSwaney

Sponsorship: Angie Shoop

Secretary: Melissa Stobert

Treasurer: Tom McDougal

Concessions manager: Jen Brose

JT ended meeting at 10:42 pm.

Next meeting (Open): July 10 6:00 PM @ Jefferson Twp. Building