

**KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL**  
**January 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

| Name                 | Position              | Present | Absent | Name                   | Position     | Present | Absent |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|
| Justin Thompson (JT) | President/<br>TWP Rep | X       |        | Josh Harbison (JH)     | Twp. Liaison |         | X      |
| Steve Tuzikow (ST)   | V. P.                 |         | X      | Jamie McSwaney<br>(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 6:35 PM – Minutes from 12/3/25 meeting reviewed and approved.**

**MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:**

No monthly update – see below for individual reports

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

Tom would like all-star coaches to submit for certificate of insurance all at one time. Organization and address is needed. Once acquired they are good for 1 year.

**CONCESSIONS – Jen Brose (JB) reported:**

Jen is working on the menu – sample menu shared. Goal to make approximately \$1 on everything. Previously, there were items we were charging less than we were paying for them. We will need \$500-\$600 for each stand to buy items to get started and approximately \$700 for freezer. Fryer still needed for lower stand. Discussion about a percentage profit on each item.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE – Josh Harbison (JH) reported:**

We need to start thinking about gas, batteries, etc. Would like all equipment ready earlier with middle school ball starting soon.

Thoughts on using ABI to regrade fields as soon as weather breaks – Bronco field first, also Farm and Minor fields. Ideally needs to be done in March.

ABI machine – spike drag: need prices researched. We need to get spikes for the season.

**TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Justin Thompson (JT) reported:**

No report

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

Reopened 7U and 11U registration yesterday. 7U up to 9; 11U has 8.

Zak shared graph for registration by date which includes the past 3 years. Minor looks the best and Bronco looks the worst with regards to registration percentage desired. Would like to target at least 200 registrants. Currently only at 96.

Registration is slowly decreasing. T-ball is low. May need parents of 3 years olds to stay and assist. 37 volunteers for coaching. Most have clearances but will start requesting them from those that don't yet have them. Clearances are good for 5 years.

**SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported:**

Deadlines for sponsors: likely the first week of March in order to get uniforms in time for Bronco. So far, 12 team sponsors and a few additional options added for signs at the field and have 5 of those. In addition, Angie will get raffle tickets ordered. May be a good idea to order some extra for middle school players to sell. For featured signs on concession stands – we have a commitment to Penn Fencing due to discount on fencing. Also going to get a Thrower sign due to their significant support. They are highlighted in the thank you to sponsors, along with Penn Fencing. Concordia is also a big, long-standing support, so we should have a sign for them: \$4000 per year for middle school this year. These 3 businesses have been consistent supporters of KYB.

Golf outing (Friday, May 15) volunteers are lined up. Hole sponsors are needed. Last year we didn't have a sponsor for each hole. Cost per golfer is going up \$10. We have 17 confirmed teams already. Looking at 30 teams max. Last year we had 23 teams and made \$6500. Looking to have basket raffle and bat raffle again this year. All donations will be on the sponsorship flier. Will add hole sponsors to flier also. Skill prizes again this year: gift cards, alcohol, etc.

Are there any businesses that would help with discounts on servicing equipment, etc.: Saxonburg Feed, Rural King, True Value, Vettori, Stans, Planet Mart, Venezia's

Potential option: Guardian Protection Security – J. Demek – advertise on fb, email, etc. and anyone that signs up for Guardian and refers to this/these post(s), league would get \$450. We can also make a sign and put at bar bingo.

Bar bingo (Saturday, March 14 at VFW) – no volunteers yet (outside of Board members). Starts at 6:30. Will post on Facebook need for volunteers. Will need to supply cards and daubers. Will need aprons with pockets. 10 total games. VFW is offering space to us at no cost. Will need a food truck. Angie reached out to Josh Novotny twice but hasn't heard back. May reach out to Cole Sprankle for cheesesteaks, etc. Should we have snacks? Maybe business would donate? Plan to have 50/50 raffle, but no raffle baskets. Advertise on school website. VFW can advertise if we get them a sign. Cards will be two for \$3 or 3 for \$5. Winner gets 50% of sales of cards for that game. Pay out will be immediate. Could do sign-up genius for volunteers.

Dicks Sporting Goods – when do we want to have the 20% off – probably after bar bingo

**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:**

No update

**MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:**

32 players registered.

Reached out to Center Twp. and Mars regarding their continued involvement with us, along with East Butler. This creates a full schedule. Armstrong, Karns City, and Freeport are considering leaving ARL; not sure why. Will continue to talk to these teams. Not sure Mars, CT would want to make the trips to play Armstrong, Karns City, etc.

Need 2 steps poured

**FARM COMMISSIONER – Cory Tucek (CT) reported:**

Scheduling workouts and evals: evals March 4 and workouts March 11, 18 and 25<sup>th</sup>; may be able to start evals in February since basketball is ending early this year.

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

High school clinic – is it separate from athletic clinic that is just for t-ballers? YES. T-ball clinic will be early March. Approximately \$300 for facility rental. High school players typically help run clinic. Dave will confirm the date and will get out a flier.

**VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:**

Middle School: Lost one player but gained one, so still at 30 registrants. Coach Rhett is anticipating keeping 15-17 players. Tryouts will be the first week of March.

All-stars – need to have a head coaches meeting.

**New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:**

May 2 – Opening Day (no pig, still include All Abilities game) – maybe add burgers/grilled food. Keep simple.

No Community Day this year due to other events (bar bingo, golf outing)

Pictures need to be done Week of April 13-17<sup>th</sup>

Jerseys need to be back the week before pictures: April 6-10<sup>th</sup> for jersey pass out

In-house jerseys: t-ball through Minor ordered by March 9. Seth likely does sizing kits for try-on. Will do try on during evals. Eliminate 2 button shirts for Minor because it makes the logo is too low. Maybe offer players the opportunity to pick their own number to make them different from Farm. May need to look at pricing options from a variety of vendors. Maximize quality for cost. Jerseys and hats from same place. Mike will explore.

February 23 should have Bronco jerseys ordered because they take 6 weeks. Bill Mahan will have some available to try on.

Evals week of Feb. 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Bronco evals, if needed, will have to be done prior to this.

Hard registration cut-off is Feb. 14.

Public attendee: inquired about farm registration number for all-stars – 9 registered so far; mentioned that the word “travel” is misleading and results in parents not registering because they think it’s traveling a great distance. “Travel” may hinder registration, as they assume AAU/staying overnight, etc.

- Maybe use the term “tournament” or “competitive” instead of “travel”

**JT ended meeting at 8:57 PM**

**Next meeting (Open): February 18 @ 6:30 PM @ Jefferson Twp. Building**