

**KNOCH YOUTH BASEBALL
APRIL 16, 2026 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 7:34 PM – Minutes from 3/12/26 meeting reviewed and approved.

MONTHLY UPDATE –Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

Electrical work in concession stand is done. Fryers are hooked up and ready to go.

Cancelling of games will need communicated to umpires and Jen for concession purposes.

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

Balances are strong. Some travel teams inquiring about certificates of insurance – Tom needs a list of all tournaments.

Investment account is approximately \$24,000.

Jen should have online bank access to see balances for concession purposes.

CONCESSIONS – Jen Brose (JB) reported:

Next week, Jen will stock ice cream freezers. All other items have been purchased. Concession schedule is done and parents did great picking their volunteer dates. Individual coaches received their schedules. Once schedule is finalized, Jen will send to Zak to send mass email.

Gathering checks from jersey handout went well.

No t-ball parents will be utilized for concession, as they are only in the park for opening day and all shifts were able to be assigned by parents of other age groups.

FIELD MAINTENANCE – Josh Harbison (JH) reported:

No new update.

May be an issue with lawn mower, but not sure what. Will need white paint for foul lines.

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE – Justin Thompson (JT) reported:

No update

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

Still need 5 clearances. 2 bronco, 2 farm, and 1 pony

Zak will send out concession schedule to all participants once finalized by Jen.

SPONSORSHIP – Angie Shoop (AS) reported:

Will want to share Peppino's fundraiser on social media.

Bar bingo was successful – approximately 60 people attended; duck pond a fun addition and goal was easily reached/ducks sold; Angie has all the extra supplies for next year

Angie has a few checks for sponsorship – the rest to be collected by opening day; got sponsorship signs from a local guy in Butler (more reasonably priced) – signs will be up for opening day.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the golf outing and in the concession stands; extras are available in case anyone wants to sell more.

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

No update

COLT COMMISSIONER – Jamie McSwaney (JM) reported:

No update

PONY COMMISSIONER – Alex Hager (AH) reported:

Practices started; games start as soon as Middle School games end

BRONCO COMMISSIONER – John VanLenten (JVL) reported:

Season kick-off is April 27. Umpire money request needs submitted to Tom. There will be 1 umpire per game. Thanks to Mike and Dave Strader for helping with re-grading of the field. Backstop is done. Pegs have been pulled and bases and Homeplate reset. Leaves need burned. Will put down field conditioner soon.

MINOR COMMISSIONER – Mike Hedglin (MH) reported:

Would like to put field conditioner down for minor field - should be enough to use 10 bags.

It was finalized that neither East Butler nor Center Township will be involved with us this year, but Freeport and Mars will be. We will have an 11-game schedule.

June 11 or 12 – looking for playoffs to start with finishing up on June 18th for championship.

Backstop is fixed; Concrete is finished; Attempted to regrade field; Bases realigned

To do: Grass needs cut; white paint needed for foul lines; excess limestone around backstop needs raked up

Area of concern: the ARL put in a new rule that does not allow "call-ups" to Bronco teams that do not have minor teams in the ARL. Because our Minor teams are not part of the ARL, Bronco will not be able to utilize Minor players if a team is shorthanded. Discussion about whether or not we could put some Minor players on the Bronco rosters, possibly 1 or 2 kids for each Bronco team. If done, these players would not be eligible for game time in the playoffs.

FARM COMMISSIONER – Cory Tucek (CT) reported:

Playoffs week of June 15 and championship week of the 18th

Net and batting cage is torn – will zip tie shut – eventually will need a new net.

Cory would like to laser level, but laser isn't working.

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

Each team has 7 players – each team will play 7 games; will use Legion field for practices

Planning a final day for t-ball – some activities – probably the 12th of June, maybe with the Middle Schooler player's help

VICE PRESIDENT – Steve Tuzikow (ST) reported:

Jerseys for all-stars have been ordered and are starting to come in

Middle School season is going well

Middle school gift – deciding what to get

New Business Not Noted Elsewhere & Open Forum:

Obtained estimate from Jake turner (did pony field) to provide dirt for all 3 fields – Jake prefers to do in July. We paid between \$17,000-\$18,000 for pony dirt, so will be approximately the same amount of money to do the other fields. Jake's labor cost is estimated at \$10,000-\$11,000. Total estimate to have all 3 fields done: \$30,000.

Revisit of funds in the investment account (this money was raised for lights for the fields many, many years ago). It was determined that legally, as long as the money is used for the FIELDS, it can be put towards something other than lights (achieving/obtaining funds for lights is likely not feasible). Brief discussion about possibly using a portion of this money (\$10,000-\$15,000) to help with this project so we don't deplete our general fund. We want to keep our savings at \$40,000+. Before committing to Jake, we will need to obtain 3 quotes for labor over the next month and then vote on provider during the May meeting. Three quotes are needed due to the high cost of project; No need to get 3 quotes as a non-profit organization for anything under \$10,000 (Jake's estimate is \$10,000+).

Pictures have been going well.

Alex went to the township meeting:

conversation about toilet cleaning – \$100 per cleaning 1x/month; Twp providing supplies. We would be responsible for excess pumping

Dumpster – Two 6-yard containers \$180/month per container (\$360/month) for the 2 dumpsters.

Pool construction starts June 1 which may impact Farm field parking

A C-can in the park for storage would be nice but the township needs to approve it. There is one at Concordia – would need moved – not really serving us any purpose at Concordia. If moved over, the township would need a map of where to put it.

JT ended meeting at 8: 40 pm.

Next meeting (Open): Wednesday, May 13 at 8:30 PM @ Jefferson Twp. Building