



# PAA Meeting Minutes

## Providence Athletic Association

DATE November 21, 2024

TIME 6:42 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Danielle Bloxom

IN ATTENDANCE: DANIELLE, SERGIO, QUINN, MARISSA, MELISSA, RHONDA, REBECCA

### UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS AND FIELD MAINTENANCE:

- Quin discussed upcoming fundraisers for the basketball team, including a spirit night at an ice cream shop and a game between players and coaches with concessions. She also mentioned having leftover concession food from football that needs to be used soon. For cheerleading, Rebecca provided updates on the number of girls signed up, coaching assignments, and plans to extend recruitment efforts.

### BASEBALL: TRAVEL BALL TEAMS AND GEAR INVENTORY

- Ben discussed the changes in the national level of the American program, which will now allow travel ball teams to participate. Ben also mentioned that there will be a limit of two travel players per team, who cannot pitch. Ben also discussed the inventory of gear in the shed, noting that some items were missing, and he planned to reform gloves and helmets. Ben suggests a recruitment push for the upcoming season, possibly involving a wiffle ball tournament. Additionally, Ben provided updates that the baseball fields will undergo maintenance like flattening, re-crowning, and temporary fencing, but lighting upgrades are unlikely.

### FOOTBALL: HELMET AND PADS LENDING PLAN

- Sergio requested approval to lend out helmets and shoulder pads for a post-season tackle tournament. Marissa suggested a plan with a \$25 refundable deposit and a release form to be signed. The equipment would be used by Providence players for the tournament. The plan was approved by the team. The team agreed to open the registration for the tournament on the 20<sup>th</sup> and close it on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Danielle will take the lead on supporting Sergio. Sergio mentioned that there are two more things joining the league.

### PRESIDENT-DANIELLE

- Danielle expressed her appreciation for the team's efforts and encouraged members to share their achievements. Quinn provided recognition to Danielle, Rhonda, and Bev for their support during Football season and fundraising. Sergio gave a shout out to the team for supporting Football season and provided special recognition to Bev, Rhonda, and Danielle.

### BOARD VACANCIES

- Danielle presented potential volunteer opportunities within the board and director roles. Danielle requested that all board members and directors let her know if they have no plans to run for their positions, or if they are interested in running for another role.

## PAA FEES

- The team agreed to increase the PAA fee from \$20 to \$25 starting in the spring and to add an equipment manager to the football program

## REFUND POLICY

- Brittany will send out the refund policy discussed during the October meeting. Rhonda will work on including it in the registration process. Please review your email.

## VP OF ATHLETICS: AMENDMENT APPROVAL AND DIRECTOR ACCOUNTABILITY

- Marissa discussed the addition of a new amendment to the bylaws regarding directors, emphasizing the importance of following the timeline and doing the necessary duties as a director before being considered for head coach. She also proposed the idea of removal instead of approval for directors who are not fulfilling their duties. The team voted on the approval of the amendment, with a majority in favor. Marissa clarified that the approval process would involve the board assessing the director's performance before granting approval for head coach. She also mentioned the need for open communication and transparency in the team's operations.

## VOTING PROCESS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

- Danielle led discussion about the voting process for the board positions, considering the impact on various sports seasons. The current bylaws require a public vote for all positions in January, which can be challenging for directors in the middle of the season. Proposed two options: (1) keeping the current process or (2) splitting the voting between January for the executive board and May for the directors. The team agreed to keep the January vote for the executive board and consider the implications for directors. The decision was to proceed with the January vote, with the added amendment to allow current winter directors to continue until the following winter season. Director positions will be voted on in May.
- "Parents Night Out" event during the winter break, aiming to increase the association's network and potentially attract new members was tabled until February with a Valentine's Day theme.
- The board agreed to hold the election meeting on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, and the voting process would replace the board meeting

## VP OF FINANCE: TEAM BUILDING AND CUSTOMER REFUND

- Quin led a discussion about team building experiences, deciding to have them monthly. Quin will work with basketball, cheer, and spring sports on fundraising, considering a car wash. Quin will also help with planning Parent's Night Out.

## NEXT STEPS

- Board will meet on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p. Location TBD
- Quin to brainstorm fundraising ideas with other sports
- Danielle to post executive and committee positions for voting in December.
- Danielle to complete the all-spring flyer with information from baseball and flag football.
- Ben and flag to send information to Bev for the spring flyer by end of week
- Ben to design yellow version of baseball uniform
- Marissa to send work email to all board members and directors
- All directors to use Band app folders for submitting and storing documents
- Board to organize a "Parents' Night Out" in February, potentially as a Valentine's Day themed activity

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 PM