

ROCKETTES FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Call to Order

A board meeting of Rockettes Fastpitch Softball Association was held on August 6th, 2025 at 1 Campus Avenue Spring Grove, PA 17362. It began at 6:05 PM and was overseen by Shawn Parks as President, with Ashley Schnetzka as Secretary.

Attendees

Board members in attendance included -

Shawn Parks (President)
Ashley Schnetzka (Secretary)
Tyler Schnetzka (Treasurer)
Derrick Wallet (Player Advocate)

Guests in attendance included - Joe Ruf, Brittnay Weaver, Lindsay Kerchner, Stacey Gilson, Cody Klinedinst, Kelsey Klinedinst, Shelbi Yohe, Ryan Yohe, Christine Castillo, Mario Castillo, Amanda Mort, Judy Myers, Dutch Myers, Victoria Hudak, Brent Hoffman

Members not in attendance included - None

Approval of Minutes -

A motion to approve minutes of the 6/25/2025 meeting was made by Ashley Schnetzka and seconded by Tyler Schnetzka, followed by everyone else agreeing.

Public Comment- (It was decided that moving forward each person wishing to speak during public comment would be given 3 minutes)

Kelsey Klinedinst - Kelsey said she was taking her 3 minutes, Cody Klinedinst's 3 minutes, and Sheli Yohe's 3 minutes so that gave her 9. Kelsey first addressed that baseball has the stipulation that people living in the same household can not be executive board members simultaneously. Ashley responded that she had previously offered for her or Tyler to step down from one of their positions but was told not to do that. Ashley and Tyler said we can discuss it further and evaluate if that is something we should consider going forward. Then Kelsey asked who was supposed to be running the concession stand and how many times did someone need to be in there. Ashley responded and said we are currently contemplating removing the concession stand all

together come Spring. Tyler added in the Fall there should be no coach families running the concession stand and that duty should be divided up amongst the rest of the families being there are only 3 home games in Fall. Tyler said more information about that will be coming out closer to games. Ashley added she will be sending out a Google form to see what everyone felt would be best. Taking their turn in the concession stand or increasing the cost of registration to offset the loss of concession stand funds. The next topic was in relation to pulling girls to fill in. Kelsey feels that only girls who are aging out of a certain level should be given the opportunity to fill in first regardless of talent level. She specifically pointed out that Maci Schnetzka and Natalie Dull were both asked to fill in for 14U Blue twice and neither time were other girls who had to go to 14U next Spring were asked first. Derrick Wallet pointed out that Josh looked to his sister team (14U Red) first and in both instances they were already playing a game of their own. Next up would have been 12U Major and he was looking for pitching specifically. That's how Maci and Natalie were pulled up. She mentioned the first game that was not the case and they still got pulled up. Derrick noted that Josh went through the proper channels and talked to Amber about it. Christine Castillo spoke up and said that Maci and Natalie were not the only two asked to fill in. Hadley was asked on a different game that he needed a first baseman but it got rained out. After that, Kelsey brought by the by-laws and wanted to know why coaches were not consulted regarding teams for the Fall. Ashley responded that she was right and we didn't do that for many reasons. Fall was always considered an extension of the Spring so keeping teams together as much as possible was the goal. Also, Patti Holtz didn't decide until after registration closed if she was staying at 10U or moving to 12U. This also gave little time to discuss players and teams. Last, many coaches were on vacation or not available in the short time frame to have a meeting about it. Going forward once new board members are elected, we will reevaluate the team selection process. For the Fall we tried to keep it as simple as possible. Kelsey also asked if we had any idea of what would be happening for open gym this winter and if we would have North Codorus field next year. Tyler answered we do not know about the gym yet. He would speak with Bill through the school district to find out the plan. We were offered the wrestling room at the Middle School gym previously but we have to verify that. He also told her we would be getting the field at North Codorus in Spring of 2026. Last Kelsey said that for the Banana Ball game Tyler and Ashley's niece played and she isn't registered for the Rockettes. Ashley explained it was a private event and that no funds were used from the organization. Kelsey said it felt sneaky and we needed to be transparent. She also mentioned that we shouldn't post things on Facebook like that if they didn't have anything to do with the Rockettes. Shelbi Yohe agreed and said her daughter Rilynn was scrolling Facebook and wanted to know why they didn't get to do that. Ashley said she did not post it to the official Facebook page, parents posted their own photos and Tyler said he did as well on his own personal page and tagged people in it. The argument was that when other teams

do things like this it gives the idea that only certain teams get to do it. Christine Castillo added that the extras each team decides to do are for the overall good of the game. It fosters comradery and added that at soccer the coaches have autonomy with their teams.

Brittnay Weaver - Would like to see a practice where the older girls come work with the younger ones. Tyler agreed and said that if teams are willing they can set that up.

Brent Hoffman - Wanted to add that at the End of Season dinner it was his decision to recognize the girls that helped the 14U Blue team. He discussed it with Josh and the rest of the team and they thought it was a great idea. He said he felt that he received the cold shoulder a little after they did it and he wanted to make sure he let everyone know it was his idea not the board. He also asked if we could advertise the 5 year jackets and how they are earned. Ashley agreed and said we can do that starting in the Spring. The suggestion was also made to acknowledge long term coaches. The board agreed that is something we can definitely look to do.

Lindsay Kerchner - stated that her daughter sometimes lacks confidence and the certificate and photo were so important to her. She said that the magic touches are what get people to keep coming back, we just need to perfect it not stop it.

Executive Officers' Reports-

President's Report was presented by Shawn Parks - no longer doing double headers just 1 2 hour game, concession stand is up to coaches. No new innings after 1 hour and 45 minutes for 10u. Umpire questions call Shawn

Secretary's Report was presented by Ashley Schnetzka - For those that didn't know 12u played and under the lights, Banana Ball style scrimmage with each other and it was absolutely amazing. The girls and the parents both had a great time and I would venture to say it may have even been my favorite extra team activity of the whole season. Being the success it was, I reached out to the township and they are willing to let us have more. I have the 10u game scheduled for August 23rd and will be working with our 18u and 14u teams to see if they can figure out a date to do this as well. Our end of season dinner was a success. Multiple people pitched in with coolers, food delivery, setup, and clean up. It was greatly appreciated. I do have game photos to send everyone, those will come out in the next week or so. We revealed our new logo and spring uniform. I will have the spirit store open soon and get that sent out to everyone.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Tyler Schnetzka - The 14u pitching rubber at Thoman and Heidelberg needs to be replaced with an in ground mounted rubber. The above ground rubbers keep getting destroyed. The bases at Heidelberg need to be replaced if we continue to use the field. 3rd base is cemented in, we will have to dig it out and 2nd base doesn't have a mounting bracket. Shawn said there was a single base mount in a box on the top shelf of the shed at Farmers. Heidelberg needs a lot of work to get it ready for practice, Tyler sprayed some of the infield with weed killer. We will put a message that we need help with field maintenance on Saturday. The outer edge of Thoman also has some weed growth. Tyler is spraying the weeds tomorrow and will leave the sprayer at Heidelberg for continued use. It was also mentioned by Brent that there is a field by Wolfs Church that we could entertain.

We discussed the need for clay based dirt for farmers to get through fall. Mario offered to bring his dump trailer if we can get it by the scoop cheaper. Ryan might be able to help with dirt mixture from York Building Products, he will reach out and get back to Tyler.

Fall fundraiser for subs - Marianna's subs and pizza for a change of pace on the sub fundraiser. Tyler is setting it up to be handed out at practice next week.

Also discussed a Chipotle or Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser. Ultimately everyone chose the Chipotle fundraiser for convenience.

Officers' Reports -

Player Advocate Report was presented by Derrick Wallet - 2 players were moved from 12-14u because of players that backed out.

Spring Season Recap - End of Season Survey feedback are as follows:

7U - No feedback given

10U Minor - 4 responses were received and overall, parents felt their daughters had a great season while growing and making friends. The only suggestion would be to adjust how parents are scheduled in the concession stand. Parents aren't in favor of having to run it while their kid plays.

10U Minor Up - 5 responses were received and overall, parents felt their daughters had a great season of growth and development. They liked that it felt more organized than in previous seasons. Additional feedback included, parents really enjoyed all the extra activities such as the Oriole's game, pool parties, etc. Some suggestions were additional coach training, especially for new coaches so that expectations are more clear and some check-ins with all coaches throughout the

season. There were also some suggestions about not running the concession stand during a game your child was playing in. There was 1 parent who felt their season was less than they wanted but the board has worked with that parent to try and accommodate some changes for a more desirable Fall season.

10U Major - 2 responses were received. Both parents had a great season and the only suggestion they made was possible team dinners. Not necessarily another coach job but if parents could take turns hosting them or going to restaurants.

12U Minor - 5 responses were received. All 5 parents thanked the coaches on this team in their responses. They felt the girls learned a lot and appreciated the extra opportunities provided such as Banana Ball. The only suggestion was possibly taking advantage of better players in order to win more games instead of fairly rotating them.

12U Major - 4 responses were received. Overall, they had a great season and really enjoyed the “non” softball experiences to help build team morale. They enjoyed the coaching team and thought they worked well with the girls and liked how they kept their spirits high, win or lose. 1 parent really would like to see playoffs moved up in July if possible. 1 of the 4 parents did not comment at all on how their season went as far as the team level but did express dissatisfaction regarding the board, communication from the board, coach training, thought the organization needs a safe space for coaches to express concerns, and also feels the player advocate should not be a coach at all.

(This parent’s concerns will be addressed more in depth to them if they wish but we would like to briefly address them publicly as well. As far as communication from the board, we do our absolute best to ensure we get information of any kind to everyone as fast and effectively as possible. Some things fall through the cracks but, I can personally tell you 90% of the time, I am readily available to anyone who calls, texts, or emails me. When I am not immediately available, I almost always respond in less than a few hours or in the same day. We know there were some shortcomings with coach training this year and we will be working to resolve that by the time Spring of 2026 is here. We have already made some changes regarding coaching expectations per age level during the Fall season and those will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. We are also working on some changes in board positions to help better suit our organization needs.)

14U Red - 3 responses were received. Out of the 3 responses, 2 of the parents felt that they had a less than desirable season and 1 of them really appreciated the coaching efforts. Parents felt we should have more consistent coaches for the girls, also felt they should be working on the girls footwork, conditioning, and injury prevention. Additional requests were pitching coaching, team bonding experiences outside. One parent would like to see more positional play and not rotations just to be “fair/equal”. There were some additional more private concerns brought up and this parent’s concerns have since been addressed.

14U Blue - 3 responses were received. They felt the season was great and were extremely happy with all aspects. No suggestions were made for improvements.

Fall Season Registration - We continue to set records for the number of girls we have participating in softball. This Fall season we have 80 girls registered that are divided up into 7 teams. To put it into perspective we had 91 girls this past Spring season on 8 teams. So it is very exciting that this many girls are giving softball a try and enjoying it.

Halloween Parade - We are still in the works for the Halloween parade on exact plans but we will communicate about that in more detail once everyone gets back into the groove of school.

Discussion on Open Board Positions - We have discussed several options here so we are going to go over those with you and what we are thinking.

We are looking to add a Coach Liaison position - This position would have these duties:

- Shall facilitate discussion and resolve disputes between coaches, coaches and parents, and coaches and the board.
- Shall ensure all coaches are current on their background checks and all proper clearances have been turned in prior to a coach working with the players.
- Shall work with the Vice President to ensure coaches are trained before each season.

Ideally, this person would not be a coach or a coach's spouse. We want to try to keep this as non biased as possible.

We would also like to have the Player Advocate position filled by a non coach or non coach spouse if possible. Again, trying our best to keep these positions as non biased as possible.

If we are unable to find someone that is a non coach or coach's spouse we can then review other options.

We are also looking to remove the Fundraising and Concessions Coordinator as a board position. With only running 2 - 4 fundraisers per year we will have the Treasurer run those.

Concessions - we have received a lot of feedback regarding concessions. Good and Bad. We have decided to send out a form to the whole organization from Spring and

Fall 2025 to vote on keeping concessions and parents will continue to volunteer to run it or we get rid of concessions but registration fees would go up between 30-50 per player. If we are choosing to keep concessions we would like to operate it as a committee instead of a board position. There would ideally be one parent from each team in charge of keeping track of concession needs etc and reporting back to the Treasurer on what needs purchased. In return each parent who helped in the spring would be given 50.00 off of one registration and each parent who helped in the fall would be give 25.00 off one registration.

Action Steps

Shawn Parks- N/A

Ashley Schnetzka - Order fall jerseys and coach shirts, send out spirit wear link

Tyler Schnetzka - Get Fall fundraiser sent out and work on field needs

Derrick Wallet - N/A

Announcements -

Next meeting is scheduled for October 15th, 2025 at 6PM at the Spring Grove Borough Office 1 Campus Avenue Spring Grove PA 17362

Adjournment

Shawn Parks moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:41pm

Submitted by,



Ashley Schnetzka

Secretary

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