



# Palmyra Civic Baseball Association

## Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

- **Roll call of Board of Directors:**

X Scott Reidmiller	X Rachel Bown	<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Bown	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Hilbert	X Nate White
X David Palmer	X Kurt Koennecke	X Dallas Shuman	<input type="checkbox"/> Matt McConnell	<input type="checkbox"/> Rob Bistline
<input type="checkbox"/> Chad Roe	<input type="checkbox"/> Brad Mettle	<input type="checkbox"/> Ed Gnall	X Steve Heckman	X David Warner
X Denny Ott	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Grumbein	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Herr	X Rob Schellhorn	<input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Albright
<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Kishel	<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Karczewski	X Travis Peck	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Branter	X Curt Heisey

- **Motions to approve Regular Business**

- **Treasurers report**

- PA Central \$ 6,368
    - Members 1<sup>st</sup> \$ 2,709
    - Total \$ 9,177

### Unfinished Business & Committee News

- **Background checks: Scott Reidmiller**

- Will use KidsSafePlus through the SI Play management software.
  - All personnel will be updated prior to registration. At registration process, if you select volunteer, it will automatically let you know you need to complete check. Volunteers added during season will also be notified.

- **Field Maintenance Committee Coordinator: Kurt Koennecke**

- Create Field Committee for 2018 season (7-10 volunteers needed for committee)
  - Field Maintenance is top priority for 2018 and we need to have volunteers to help with fields 1-2 times per month.
  - Coordinate all field improvement and maintenance activities for 2018 season (Spring & Fall)
    - Committee responsible for field maintenance throughout the season

- **Equipment Manager: Travis Peck**

- Inventory all equipment
  - Prepare 2018 list of items needed for purchase and evaluate compared to budget
  - Have all items ordered prior to Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for best pricing
  - Equipment Check-In / Check-Out procedure to be implemented in 2018

- **Fund Raiser:**

- Standard Ticket sales with registration - **Jackie Weaber**
  - Additional fundraiser for field improvements and maintenance equipment – **Breakfast with Santa**
  - Apparel Store for PCBA will open in Mid-November and be open season long – **Scott Reidmiller**
  - Special Team sale for parents / teams for Shirts with team logo – **Uniform Supplier (TBD)**

- **Website: Scott Reidmiller**

- Will use [www.palmyrabaseball.com](http://www.palmyrabaseball.com) as gateway to league management software website.

- **Registration Chairperson: Rachel Bown**

- Registration to **Open December 1st**
  - **Approved** 2018 Increase in Registration Fees due to Umpire Increases and Field Maintenance Costs
    - Majors / Minors = \$70
    - Others = \$55
  - Letters to all Schools, Notice on Social Media, and local stores, churches, etc. maximize exposure. To be sent & posted by December 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Registration will Close with NO EXCEPTIONS on February 28<sup>th</sup>.



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- **New player workout: Ryan Bown**
  - Minors (8/9/10): March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Majors: (10/11/12) March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Format and location TBD at later date
  - HS Coaching Staff will assist with player evals for 10YO's wishing to play in Majors and for 8/9YO's in Minors
- **T-Ball /Coach Pitch: Dallas Shuman**
- **Refreshment Stand: OPEN**
  - Options for 2018
    - In discussions with a few people to run all aspects of stands, including staffing.
    - More info in November Mtg
- **Sponsorship Coordinator:**
  - Additional Sponsorship Opportunities for 2018 – Refer to NEW Business
  - PCBA Team Sponsorship Coordinator – **Kevin Karczewski**
  - PCBA Corporate Sponsorship Coordinator – **OPEN**
- **Scheduling: Bob Hilbert**
  - **Majors – Will NOT play Hershey in 2018**
    - Will utilize full schedule for PCBA games/practices
  - Friday / Saturday Night games – looking into ways to implement this
  - 2018 Scheduling by Division Plan
  - 2 Hour Time limit on Games – all agreed this was a good idea to be implemented in the spring

Division	Days	Times	Fields
Major	M/W/(F)	6P / (8P)	Forge 3,4, Pool, Lawn
Minors	T/R	6P / (8P)	Forge 2,3,4, Pool, Lawn
Coach Pitch	Sat	9A / 11A / 1P	Lingle / Forge 2,3 / Pool TB-CP
Tee Ball	Sun	1P / 3P	Lingle / Forge 2,3 / Pool TB-CP

- **First Aid Supplies: Matt Blanchard**
  - Review inventory per field prior to start of practice

## New Business

- **Bats:**
  - All Bats (Except for T-Ball) for the 2018 season must be USA Baseball Approved (<http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm>)
  - **Beginning with the 2018 season, non-wood and laminated bats used in the Little League (Majors) and below, Intermediate (50-70) Division, and Junior League divisions shall bear the USA Baseball logo signifying that the bat meets the USABat – USA Baseball's Youth Bat Performance Standard. All BPF – 1.15 bats will be prohibited beginning with the 2018 season. Additionally, starting in 2018, the bat diameter shall not exceed 2 3/8 inches for these divisions of play. Additional information is available at [www.LittleLeague.org/batinfo](http://www.LittleLeague.org/batinfo)**
- **Teener Level Baseball:**
  - Due to the large number of competing programs in the immediate area (Jr. Legion, VFW, Independent, etc), PCBA will no longer sponsor, assign coaches, or handle the registration process for Teener Baseball.
  - Contact information for the various programs available in the area will be on the PCBA website along with any information that the other organizations would like PCBA to disseminate.



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- **2018 Managers:**
  - Must notify President, in writing (email acceptable) if you wish to be a manager for 2018. Process for managers for 2018 will be followed as noted in By-Laws
- **Restroom Facilities:**
  - Restrooms will be closed for 2018 season. Cost due to damage in past 2 years outweighs leaving them open.
  - Portable units will be available at all fields beginning with start of practice and ending after tournament season. Pool restrooms were broken into AGAIN and more damage done.
- **Sponsorship Packages:**
  - Refer to new Sponsorship Flyer for packages available for both 2018 and Multi-Year
  - PCBA parents will be notified of goals related to sponsorships and fundraising
    - Based on level of sponsorship that family brings to PCBA (and they become a sponsor), player discounts will become available that include registration, gift certs to baseball equipment, etc (TBD)
- **TB/CP/Minors Division Re-Alignment Proposal – Addition to General Rules**
  - **To Be Voted on Division Changes: Purpose: To improve instruction and balance player capability at the younger age groups. APPROVED**
    - Players will be evaluated by HS staff (or non PCBA personnel) and rated according to ability. Based on # of players, divisions will be setup accordingly. HS staff (or non PCBA personnel) staff decisions will be final rankings.
    - **Players playing up will only be eligible to make all-star team at the level they played regular season at.**
    - New Division Alignment
      - T-Ball – 5yo and 6yo – 1<sup>st</sup> half TB, 2<sup>nd</sup> half CP
      - Colts – 7-9 (kid pitch / coach pitch) modified rules – Instructional games – 3 outs per inning, no walks – final rules TBD
      - Minors – 8-10 - Better 8,9 (based on Evals) and 10yo – Regular Minor League Rules from 2017
      - Majors – 10-12 - Normal Majors – 10 YO's must be eval'd and ranked.
- **Plan for Field Improvements:**
  - Forge Fields
    - Permanent Fencing at Forge (all Fields)- \$15K
    - 3-Sided Scoreboard plus landscaping at Forge. - \$7.5K each
    - Creation of central Batting Cage Area (2019) - \$5K
    - Landscaping and Warning Tracks - \$3K
    - Expand Forge Concession Stand Building (After Batting Cage Moved) to create equipment/maintenance storage area. - TBD
  - Pool Fields
    - Drainage on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd base lines - \$2K
    - Bull Pen Fencing needs replaced (Spring)
- **Project Funding Plans**
  - Need to present plan to PASD at Next Mtg to Include in Forge Road expansion grant. Present options for PCBA to pay back PASD if project included in road project
  - Sponsorship packages
  - Usage of fields for travel tournaments / organizations when not in use by PCBA
  - PCBA will take over and run AS Tournament in July (LOST MONEY in 2017)
- **All Star Nominations**
  - Discussion took place regarding how the all-star teams are chosen. Multiple suggestions were noted. David Palmer and Rob Schelhorn will present their proposal for the nomination process at the November meeting.



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## Important Future Dates

Date(s)	Event Description	Location
November 15, 2017	Board Meeting – 2018 Coaching Assignments	South Londonderry Twp Bldg
December 1, 2017	Registration Opens	PCBA Website
December 20, 2017	Board Meeting – 2018 Officer Elections	South Londonderry Twp Bldg
January 17, 2018	Board Meeting	South Londonderry Twp Bldg
February 21, 2018	Board Meeting	South Londonderry Twp Bldg
February 28, 2018	Registration Closes	PCBA Website
March 5, 2018	Minor Evals	In the Net
March 6, 2018	Major Evals	In the Net
March 10/11, 2018	Field Work Days - Field Prep & Cage Setup	All Fields
March 14, 2018	Draft - Minors / Majors	Encounter Church
March 15, 2018	Team Assignments Announced - All Divisions	
March 17, 2018	First Day of Practice	All Fields
April 14, 2018	Field Work Day - Fence Set-up, Line Fields, Final Prep	All Fields
April 21, 2018	Opening Day - Parade and Games	All Fields
May 21, 2017	All-Star Nomination Form Submission Date	
May 31, 2017	Final Day of Regular Season - Minors/ Majors	
June 2-10, 2018	Playoffs - Minor and Major	
June 6, 2017	All-Star Voting Meetings	Forge Field Concession Stand
June 24, 2017	Final Day of Regular Season - CP/ TB	

## All Star Tournaments - Estimated Dates Based on History

9U		
June 23-24	All-Star Tournament	Hershey
July 7-8	All-Star Tournament	Elizabethtown
July 21-22	All-Star Tournament	Palmyra
10U		
June 23-24	All-Star Tournament	Hershey
June 30-July 1	All-Star Tournament	Elizabethtown
July 21-22	All-Star Tournament	Palmyra
11U		
June 23-24	All-Star Tournament	Hershey
July 21-22	All-Star Tournament	Elizabethtown
TBD	All-Star Tournament	??
12U		
July 14-25	All-Star Tournament	Haps Boyer
July 28-29	All-Star Tournament	Elizabethtown
TBD	All-Star Tournament	?



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