

## Prettyboy Recreation Council Meeting

June 10, 2025

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Mary La Porta, Glen Baer, Chrissy Brandt, Carly Moyer, Lauren Otto, Dan Schardt, Matt Allen, Colleen Swerbinsky

#### General

- Meeting called to order at 7:37pm pm by **Mary La Porta**
- Minutes from meeting held on May 20, 2025 reviewed.
  - Motion to approve: **Lauren, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carly.**

#### Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- Home B.A.S.E had a bounce back month in May. One of their hugest months.
- Soccer had a few registrations to start, end of season expenses for softball and baseball are coming in.
- Pulled Sweeps into the General Fund.
  - Motion to approve reports: **Chrissy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachael.**

#### Baltimore County Parks & Rec- Kevin Parry

- *Kevin not present – sent Mary updates*
- Kevin said everything is going well on his end, let him know if there are any major issues.
- Mary going to formulate one email with all complaints.
- County would facilitate light post repairs, but we would end up paying the bill if we went that route (light is too old to fix).
- Mary filled the wish list out that was sent by the County and none of those have been completed/granted.
- Kevin out on paternity leave starting in beginning of July, he will have someone cover in his absence.

#### Home B.A.S.E & Tiny Tots – Chrissy Brandt

- *Shelly not present – Sent Mary updates*
- 2025-2026 registration ongoing.
- One more invoice to go out and then they'll taper off until the beginning of the year.
- Annual inspection passed.
- Tiny Tots is done. Had their graduation, some kids are doing extended stay through the remainder of the school year.
- 2 playdates scheduled for incoming Tiny Tots over the summer.

#### Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Put the permits in, wanted to touch base with Kevin to see if they're good to go – hasn't heard anything.
- Flyer is ready – wants to open registration up around 8/1.
- Looking for someone else to help her with the program. If anyone can think of someone, please let Rachael know.
- Believes commissioners may be changing at the other schools this coming season.
- Ideally, would like a representative for the girl's side and another for the boy's side.

#### Outdoor Soccer – Sam Bramwell

- *Sam not present – Mary provided updates*
- Registration is open, about 35 participants so far.
- Waiting to hear back on field permits, hasn't heard anything back from Kevin.
- Open to suggestions for advertising registration - Mary advised she will help him with this.

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- Mary opened up the training for the summer, but was denied a permit for PBE so she moved it to 7DE.
  - Need to do some more advertising. Wanted 30 kids and we're not close.

#### Indoor soccer – Heather Gonano

- *Heather not present – not discussed.*

#### Concession Stand – Joel & Sara Gladfelter

- *Joel not present – not discussed other than concession stand was useful for field day snow cones.*

#### Tennis – Lauren Otto

- Yesterday (6/9) was the last class, the season was a lot of fun.
- Going to put together a summary that she'll send to us regarding running the program as she is moving in July.
  - Jessica Formicola is a maybe for helping to take over, wants someone else to assist.
- Will do her best to pass on suggestions and group information. Emphasized you don't need to play tennis to run the program.
- Question was posed regarding the time commitment for running the program. Lauren advised the commissioner doesn't technically have to be there. Once registration is done, put out a sign-up genius, get an extra assistant coach and then you wouldn't need to be present for the classes. The majority of the work is setting it up and working with Mary Beth/coordinating. Lauren had a great experience with paid high school students assisting.
- Lauren has not put a permit in for the fall yet but will go ahead and submit it.
- Program runs 6 weeks currently, could be 8 though. It would just be at the discretion of the person running it. Lauren typically blocks 8 weeks and uses 6. The other weeks give a buffer for rain dates.

#### Softball

- *Ashley not present – no updates sent.*

#### Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- *Joel not present – Sent updates via email to the group.*
- 108 athletes, 12 teams, 5 divisions.
- All-star games start 6/14 at Carroll Manor.
- T-ball, coach pitch and rookie leagues end 6/21.
- Season raffle a success, 10 winners. Sold 94 tickets and made about \$425.
- Orioles outing was a success, 284 tickets sold. Looking to block 500 next year to include softball. Next year advertise that everyone can go.
  - Group advised 500 may be a little much, possible back the number down.
- Still has some photos from Nicki Frederick to hand out.
- Need a 90-foot diamond for Triple A next season.
  - Push to have field 3 converted to 90-foot diamond. Needs to be 10-15 feet more than it currently is. Mary advised would run into soccer field, which is fine.
- Exploring middle school baseball program - Matt talked to Kevin and middle school principal with hopes of being feeder council that does it but did not get the go ahead. Hereford Rec has all say over anything middle school, even though the middle school assistant principal was open to it. Ridgely and Dumbarton have middle school baseball done through their councils. Also suggesting middle school softball program as

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well. Need to keep pushing this. Not fair to have 1-3 baseball programs at other middle schools and say another one can't have one. Working with Alex, baseball commissioner at Hereford. The assistant principal's only issue was to talk to Kevin and Kevin shut it down right away.

- Next year, when we permit, permitting every single softball field in the area. Baseball blanket permitted them this season and Ashley had to ask to utilize them for softball.

#### **Adult Basketball – Chris Devaney**

- *Chris not present.*
- Mary advised he is getting someone else to help – has to have a roster and has to pay a fee for each participant.

#### **Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac**

- Meeting last Thursday had a good turnout - about 15 kids (mostly soccer). Meeting was more for the parents to understand the expectations, etc.
- Doug came down from 7DE and talked about the soccer end of it. Hope to do training in August – 2 Wednesdays.
- Good interest from the kids.
- Doesn't know if permit was accepted yet. Has trainers lined up for Mondays in Oct., was looking to hold it at the middle school but if that doesn't pan out then it would be Sparks.
- Doesn't want to advertise too soon, no date yet.
- Had a number of kids sign up after she talked about it during her substitute teaching at the middle school recently – helped with exposure.

#### **Creative Kids Club – Rachael Zajac**

- 2 programs:
  - **Arts in Motion – Dance Class**
    - Permit submitted; flyer is ready to go. Same registration fee.
    - Was going to open reg 7/1.
    - Wanted the final showcase to take place at the high school, due to number of people attending. However, Donna denied the permit due to other rehearsals taking place that day but said we could explore the middle school. Rachael is reaching back out to see if there is a different day/time she could put the permit in for. She has flexibility with the final showcase date. Will follow back up with Donna.
  - **Beyond the Canvas – Art class**
    - Permit submitted; flyer is ready to go. Same registration fee.
    - Hasn't reached out to the instructor just yet.
    - Wanted to possibly open registration from July 1 – Aug 31, Grades 1-5. Max 32 kids.
    - Club starts Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary suggested keeping it open until the start date unless it fills up ahead of time.
    - Mary also suggested reaching out to the PTA asking them to put it in their email blast when they send it out. Other suggestions included emailing everyone in TeamSnap that did it last year.

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#### Yoga Club – Rachael Zajac

- Not doing it in the fall since they will not have an instructor, plus whittle equipment will be in the gym.
- Will be a spring only club.

#### Lego – Leah Rombro

- *Leah not present – not discussed.*

#### Old business

- Field day snow cones were a big hit! Used the snack shack for the last 2 days which helped a lot. Received a thank you from Mrs. Mansfield who said it was the highlight of the day for the kids.
  - A great way for us to give back. The Chill featured us on their Facebook page.
- Google workplace is setup. Needed it for backing up treasurer's reports and software.
  - If you would like an email address, let Mary know. If you haven't accessed your email address yet it has expired, so let Mary know and she'll reset the password.
  - Going to start putting minutes and reports on there as well as other county forms.
  - Matt suggested to make a shared doc that people can collaborate on for complaints.

#### New Business

- Nomination committee - need to nominate and vote for board members at August meeting. Any takers for being on the committee?
  - Will have a vacant VP position for the coming year. Existing board members can be re-nominated if the group felt they did a good job this past year.
  - Rachael and Joel will head the nomination committee.
- Mary received a flyer requesting us to donate to the Hereford parade and fireworks – Do we want to and do we have money to donate? Dan said the General Fund does not have funds available, so one of the programs would need to use their funds if we're interested.
  - Home B.A.S.E / Tiny Tots and Tennis both agreed to donate out of their program funds (\$250 from each program).
  - Motion to move to donate to Hereford parade & fireworks \$500 (split by HB and Tennis) made by **Lauren**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Matt**. Approved by **Carly**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Rachael**.
- Mary let the group know Kat Swift has volunteered to make flyers for rec programs. If you're interested, send her all of the information. She has a super quick turnaround. Kat can't make the monthly meetings but would like to contribute to the council in this fashion.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by **Colleen**, 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Carly** at 8:21 pm.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, 8/12/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

**Reminder – there is no July meeting, we'll vote in August for the new board.**

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz