

Prettyboy Recreation Council Meeting

May 20, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Mary La Porta, Colleen Swerbinsky, Matt Allen, Dan Schardt, Joel Gladfelter, Sam Bramwell

General

- Meeting called to order at 7:38pm pm by **Mary La Porta Matt A & Dan S**
- Minutes from meeting held on April 8, 2025 reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: **Colleen, 2nd: Rachael.**

Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- The books are balanced! Made an entry of \$8323.94 to get Quicken in line with M&T account.
 - Technically, with the one-time entry, general fund is sitting at a negative value, however the Sweeps account is positive. General note: starting to accumulate a decent amount of cash in the programs.
 - Will need to start moving funds over from programs to the general fund to cover repairs, TeamSnap fees, etc.
- Notice a low HomeB.A.S.E volume last month, seemed like drop in revenue. Is this normal for April?
- Initiated our first PayPal transfer. Each month Dan will wipe out funds from PayPal and transfer to M&T, noting the transaction.
 - The transfer was a little over \$5,000, which was mainly for Baseball (some snack shack).
- Dan mentioned Ashley thought the old United Way funds went to baseball and not softball – Ashley and Joel are going to discuss and work out.
- *Question - Where does general fund money come from?*
 - These funds should be a % from each program. Whether 1-2%, needs to be determined.
- Mary reminded the group to be mindful of registration fees and what children are receiving in regards to sign up cost. Registration costs should cover the general cost of the season.
 - An example discussed was softball – there is a significant amount of money in the account – look at possibly giving back to the community (Hereford HS Girls Softball field/amenities).
- When programs give out equipment, scholarships, discounts, etc. note this and let Mary know so she can show what we're giving back and that we're not holding onto the money. Also let Dan know so he can note it in the reports.
- Anything with My Neighbors Foundation doesn't count towards us giving back. We should be giving back directly to the Prettyboy community.
- Need to look at discussing an end of season cap for each program - what the account should be reduced to.
 - Mary wants to have a group go over the bylaws, in the summer, and wants to include this in there as there isn't a cap currently.
- Dan advised everything has been submitted to Chris (M&T) for credit cards, just waiting for Chris to come back with them.
- Motion to approve reports: **Matt A, 2nd: Colleen.**

Baltimore County Parks & Rec- Kevin Parry

- *Kevin not present – sent Mary updates*
- Balt Co deemed the light and post by the basketball courts is too old to be repaired. If we want it fixed that is on us to pay for. Need to get a special request (form).
- Group discussed concerns over inequities surrounding schools and amenities/repairs/updates.

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- Why are PB bathrooms never open and the condition of them so outdated? We could ask the school to clean them but they're extremely old. Mary confirmed these should be open though.
- The group needs to have a discussion about facility improvements and what we want to see done – diamonds, tennis courts, basketball lighting, softball benches, etc.
 - If you have anything you want to say/email to the County in regards to these inequities/issues, send an email to Mary and she'll send a mass email about things that haven't been addressed, noting what repairs our Rec Council has had to make on their own.
- Mary had a note for Sara – Rec and Parks advised they do not issue food and service permits – if the rec council wants to sell items level 1 or above then they would need to obtain approval, otherwise need to sell only prepackaged items.

Home B.A.S.E & Tiny Tots – Shelly Regars

- *Shelly not present – Sent Mary updates*
- 25-26 registration is open – Tiny Tots is just about full, afternoon HomeB.A.S.E is full and morning is almost full.
- Easter's came out on the 19th, keypad was replaced and it is now working.
- HomeB.A.S.E & Tiny Tots will close 6/16 at 1pm and re-open 8/18.
- Tiny Tots has 2 play dates over the summer and an open house on the 22nd.

Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Still hasn't gotten anything in regards to paying senior refs.
- Has a meeting scheduled with the 7D commissioner, they want to re-do the rules. Previously met with him in January, he is going to take lead on updating the outdated rules.
- Submitted permits, haven't heard back one way or the other.
- Mrs. Mansfield is 99% sure they won't have whittle equipment during basketball season.

Outdoor Soccer – Sam Bramwell

- Dan & Sam need to coordinate a day/time to look over the bookkeeping logs and determine if they can be discarded.
- Getting close to registration time, will be opening it in the next week or two.
- Registration fees were \$95 last year, trying to keep it at that again hopefully.
- Mary let Sam know if he wants to incorporate "Can you score on professional goalie" (Mello) the fee is \$1,000. Mello would be here the entire time and do photoshoots, shoot on the goalie, some training etc.
- *Sam asked - Is there a conclusion on who is ultimately responsible for the shed and groundskeeping?*
 - Matt went out and weed whacked around the area and moved the goals. John Karsos said now that the goals are moved, they'll keep up with the landscaping around the area.
 - *Note – County groundskeeping won't go near anything that could get caught in their equipment.*
- Sam stated the sheds are in rough shape and rotting away.
 - Mary's not sure whose they are but will work on figuring it out.
- Wants to buy replacement nets for goals, before the season starts, and purchase a wagon to use for game day setup in the mornings.
 - Last year the county set out corner flags but folding benches were set up by the coaches/Sam.
 - Mary is going to ask the county to add these items to the list of things they should be setting up in the morning. They might need to put the benches in their county closet – Sam agreed to this.
- *Matt asked If we put a structure on the school's grounds who is responsible for maintenance?*

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- Mary advised If we submit the permit/form for it then it is not ours to maintain/fix. If we don't use the special permits then it's on us to fix.
- Mary stated the permit for summer training with Mello was denied today. The reasoning they stated is they're doing blanket permit denials for summer activities due to the chiller being replaced. Mary is putting the permit in for 7DES now.
- *Sam asked if this be an issue for soccer since the season starts in August, ahead of school going back?* Waiting to hear back on the permit.
 - *Question about timeline/approvals/denial of permits* – Mary advised usually when permits are approved, Donna will email Mary and the person who entered it but we recently had a program run to completion and never received anything in regards to it being approved/denied.
 - *Matt asked if there is a timeline they have to approve or deny it by?* Mary advised no and she is under the impression that if we meet our deadline for submitting then we should be approved.
- Sam reached out to other rec councils for their field maps but hasn't heard back from all of them. Wanted copies so it's easier when emailing coaches about where various fields are located.

Indoor soccer – Heather Gonano

- *Heather not present – not discussed.*

Concession Stand – Joel & Sara Gladfelter

- Sara wanted to give a shoutout to HomeB.A.S.E and community members for their donations.
- Great start for baseball season.
- Operated during all scheduled games and events, including the Spring Fling.
- Grateful for the food donations and those who have volunteered their time.
- Income to date = \$965 (including petty cash they had left over from last season).
- Expenses are just under \$500 with a profit just shy of \$470.
 - Best selling items include popcorn, candy and chips.
- Challenges have mainly been weather related and they need to increase recruitment for volunteers.

Tennis – Lauren Otto

- *Lauren not present, no updates to discuss.*

Softball

- *Ashley not present – sent Mary updates.*
- Confirmed softball will be participating in the 4th of July parade again this year.
- Did well with spirit wear sales, Ashley has them and just needs to sort them.
- Going to start fall ball for high school girls and hold tryouts over the summer.
- For the tournaments they are splitting up the rec councils, so Hereford teams will be playing Hereford and Carroll Manor teams will be playing Carroll Manor.
- *Question was posed - would we want to join with the PTA and do a joint spirit wear store where we could change the title on the item (ex. baseball, soccer, etc.) so it could be open longer?*
 - Mary brought up the proceeds from the sales and there not being a clear way to split them, would be better to do it as program specific if we're looking for proceeds.
 - Matt said BSN spirit wear, with his school, holds a year-round store and it's cheaper than the ones we've ran that are a week long. We can look into them as option.

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Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- Spent around \$1300 for miscellaneous items (catcher's gear, backstop for t-ball, replenishment of items in backstops, 2 things of quick dry, topsoil for the hole, posts from Home Depot and t-ball fencing).
- Trophies have been ordered for the 108 athletes, including two t-ball female trophies.
- Did several fundraisers – Dicks helped with equipment upfront, did need to purchase a few extra game balls.
 - Lowe's never followed through on their end for sponsoring but the raffle and O's ticket sales brought in a good amount of funds.
 - Creamery night is going to be Wednesday, 6/4 from 4-9pm. 10% of sales comes back to PB Baseball (Sara made a flyer).
 - Raffle –\$300-400 worth of tickets sold so far. Will close down sales next Thursday night and Dan will send Joel the spreadsheet. Probably sold 80-100 of them.
 - Wants to pick up the raffle machine from Glen. Mary asked Joel to get the extra key for the snack shack from Glen when he sees him.
 - **Drawing will take place on 5/31 at noon.**
 - O's game on 6/1 – don't have official arrival time yet but hope to get one by next Monday or Tuesday.
 - The parade should start at 11:15am so plan to arrive at 11:00am. Will send a note in TeamSnap.
 - What about people who ask if they have to sit in their designated seat? Yes, you should sit where your ticket is.
 - 69 families – 282 tickets sold.
- Opening day went well and all schedules are finally in TeamSnap.
- Uniforms came in pretty quickly and there were no issues with them.
- Didn't get around to getting a spirit wear store up and running for the season.
- Home plate at Field 3 was replaced.
- All-star weekend is coming up – Dan put a text out to single A and heard back that he is figuring it out after Memorial Day.
- Need to buy ice packs. Discussed leaving some at the snack shack so they're readily available if someone has an injury. Mary said there are some in the soccer shed that can be used. Matt advised they're cheap on Amazon.

Adult Basketball – Chris Devaney

- *Chris not present – not discussed.*

Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac

- There will be an informative meeting at PBE on 6/5. Rachael just needs to reserve the HomeB.A.S.E room.
- Looking at utilizing 9th graders and above for soccer and basketball referees. Doug is going to come down and help run it.
 - *What about the 8th graders who participated this past year?* Those individuals would be grandfathered in. Rachel will reach out to Doug to see about changing it to 8th grade since there is interest from that age group.
 - Pushing to have paid and trained people run the clocks - could have 8th graders do this as the basketball rules are too involved for 8th graders.

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- Regarding someone to run the clock - can't get other rec councils to say if they're supporting it or not. Need to look at having it written into the rules if we want to ensure someone runs the clock.
- Requests in for trainings to be Mondays in Sept at the middle school.

Creative Kids Club – Rachael Zajac

- 2 programs:
 - **Arts in Motion – Dance Class**
 - Permit submitted.
 - This session they'll look at trying to do more of a specialization, possibly jazz and contemporary.
 - Will be led by Mrs. Stavros again.
 - Final showcase will take place at the high school due to number of people attending.
 - **Beyond the Canvas – Art class**
 - Submitted permits.
 - Asked to use the art room, but were denied so it will be put in for the cafeteria again.
 - Reached out to Kat Swift, who is a graphic designer, for flyer workup.
 - Wants to do registration earlier.

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 club.

Lego – Leah Rombro

- *Leah not present – not discussed.*

Old business

- Field day snow cones are scheduled for next week.
 - Mary will pick them up at 1pm, couldn't afford the truck to be onsite.
 - Anyone that wants to assist Mary with it would just need to register for Field Day.

New Business

- Mary brought up the concern regarding our emails not being taken seriously due to our personal email addresses being used, Dan wants storage to back-up our treasurer's reports each month, Sam wants a place where we can house all the forms – Based on these concerns and requests, Mary recommends we purchase Google workspace for everyone.
 - Donna couldn't confirm we exist as a nonprofit so we were denied for that.
 - Mary proposes to start off with the standard package which costs \$147/year. This package would provide us 2TB of storage, a personalized email for everyone, ability to hold video meetings, shared calendars, shared documents, ability for Shelly to do e-sign, and ability to disseminate feedback forms.
 - Motion to buy: **Colleen**, 2nd: **Dan**.
 - **Motion approved.**
 - Mary will move forward with purchasing.
 - Thoughts on how we want the email addresses formatted?

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- Ex. *Dan@pbrec.org, treasurer@pbrec.org* – have the program ones forwarded to the personal one.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by **Colleen**, 2nd: **Rachael** at 9:12 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 6/10/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

We will be discussing putting together a group to look for people to nominate for the board.

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

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz