

Prettyboy Recreation Council Meeting

August 12, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Mary La Porta, Glen Baer, Chrissy Brandt, Shelly Regars, Dan Schardt, Matt Allen, Kara Burman, Sam Bramwell

General

- Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by **Mary La Porta**
- Minutes from meeting held on June 10, 2025 reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: **Dan**, 2nd: **Rachael**.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- Normal activity, a lot of closing out spring sports and ramping up for fall.
 - Up \$10k, mainly soccer.
- Deposit from July 8th that nobody has claimed (\$620). Will get more detail from M&T hopefully. Holding in General Fund for now.
- Still working to turn over ownership name and extend credit card line. Chris is still working on taking Pat off the account, almost there.
 - Dan now has full access to the credit card under the new account.
 - Shelly asked if it would be new cards, Dan isn't sure but thinks possibly new cards. Shelly also asked for 2 cards but we have to see what we get and can always request an additional one.
- 4 checks from Spring (April) still aren't cashed:
 - Mary Roche & Lindsay Bosse (yoga) - Rachael to check in with them.
 - Marie Leucker (5th grade t-shirts) - Mary to reach out.
 - Shelly (from June) – Dan will reissue it to her.
 - All are likely void at this point, beyond 90 days. Will need to re-issue.
- As of 9/1, everything digitized, no more paper copies. Trying to minimize paper and printing – will keep records on Google account.
- Next meeting Dan will give everyone a rough budget for the next year.
 - Motion to approve reports: **Rachael**, 2nd: **Matt**.

Baltimore County Parks & Rec- Kevin Parry

- *Kevin not present – Kara Burman attended in Kevin's place, she is his supervisor.*
 - kburman@baltimorecountymd.gov 410-887-4788 is her office extension, located in Cockeysville.
- Permit requests for Nov-Feb are due 9/1-9/15.
- *Question from Mary* - Had an instance where a coach had an active civil case but the offense (domestic violence) wasn't listed on the website. Is it safe to say if it's not on that list they're ok to coach? If the background check clears, is there anything the rec council can do/say to this parent that is volunteering/coaching?
 - Kara believes since we are our own non-profit organization, and nobody has the right to volunteer, then the rec council has the right to say yes or no. Kara is going to double check this situation and statement through her HR liaison and get back to Mary.
 - Recommendation would be to make it as fair as possible and vote on a situation such as this.
 - *Follow up question from Mary* - What if we have a volunteer that has concerning behavior but no incident report, what is the right way to keep this person from assisting? Should an incident report be filed each time?
 - Kara stated if we do not want to select someone as volunteer we do not have to.

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- Glen advised to communicate this to all commissioners that so-and-so is not desirable.
- Mary stated, in this situation, we were short coaches but here we had someone who wanted to coach.
- Per Kara, no, we don't need an incident report for each occurrence. Any instance where they do violate the code of conduct, we can certainly fill out the form and keep it on file with the rec council but the County wouldn't keep the document.
- Per Mary – For commissioners: This year push the code of conduct and make incident reports when something happens. This goes for volunteers, spectators, etc.
- Kara will send updated documents to Mary and they'll go on our website.
- Concerns brought up to Kara
 - Kevin hasn't been present since Feb, difficult to get anything done at PB. Final straw was the exterior light that the county didn't maintain, which is currently broken and the county is now saying if we want it fixed, we would need to pay for it.
 - Kara saw this come through as a work order on their end, but it should have gone through BCPS. PM does ball diamonds and courts whereas BCPS does grass cutting, playgrounds, and general grounds maintenance. When work orders come through, she can generally tell which agency it should go to.
 - Since this is not a court light, as it is not directly on the court but located in the grass outside of the court, Rec and Parks wouldn't assist and it would fall on BCPS.
 - Baseball dugouts look wonderful at other schools but ours are awful, we've gotten nothing updated.
 - There is a warped deck board that acts as the softball bench.
 - Dugouts are muddy and flooded from the grading.
 - Previously told backstops would be replaced 2 years ago but haven't been.
 - Kara said she would look into to see where it's at. There is a list they're moving through, will get back and let us know where we fall on the list for replacements.
 - At the middle school level there is no rec baseball league. Middle school soccer is through Hereford, softball is through PB. We had a volunteer who wanted to get it setup and run it and were told no because we were not Hereford Rec. This program would've been held after school, at the middle school. Kevin said absolutely no for this. Matt was told it would have to go through Hereford Rec, that he (Kevin) didn't see a need for the program because there is a travel league, etc.
 - This would be after school (like Dumbarton, Ridgely). The goal was to try to expand the league and sport for middle school. Looked at it as a bridge from rec/travel ball into high school ball. Ideally, they would play neighboring middle schools and private schools. Transportation would be done by the parents and a stipend paid to coaches to bring BCPS on board. Kara is going to look into this.
- Kara invited everyone to feel free to reach out to her for issues. The last few years they've adjusted what employees are required to do and they're not holding employees to attend all rec meetings.
 - If you don't feel you're getting a response, reach out to her.
 - Kara noted Kevin also had Carroll Manor Rec as well and they realized this was too much so, when he returns, he will no longer have them.
 - The requirement for Rec & Park employees is that they should attend meetings quarterly, at a minimum. They should also be sending any concerns or updates out to the rec council prior to the meeting being held.

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- Mary expressed, as a council, we appreciate having someone at every meeting due to the questions we have.
- Matt asked - Do the sheds fall under rec council property or the county? If we choose to replace them, can we just make that happen or is it a new project?
 - Kara stated you can repair it if it is the exact same footprint, just let her know. For replacements, they do have to go through a form with BCPS, but if you're just repairing it, just do it. If a new shed shows up there would be a lot more questions than if we're just repairing.
- Matt asked – Is there any way to get the county to visit our fields before canceling the entire zone?
 - There have been times when the fields are good here by the time we would've had games, but the person responsible for cancellations went to 5DES and made the determination to close all fields.
 - Kara will look into it.
 - Matt followed with - Is there a phone number we could send a picture to show what they look like, could that be an option?
- Bathrooms – Never open, some sinks and urinals were totally out of service last year.
 - Can the rec council reach out to BCPS and say if we partner up, would you be willing to make the repairs? Kara to talk with BCPS liaison and see what it would take to get them serviceable and try to hold them accountable.

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

- Chrissy advised they're working on populating everything for the coming school year. Think they have almost everything zeroed out from last year.
- Rosters are full – only morning spots left in HB. Includes the 12 extra spots from MSDE.
- Hoping to switch phone service.
 - Currently pay Verizon \$85 for a landline and they're looking to go to a cloud-based phone for \$20/month and other perks.
 - Waiting on BCPS to do a software review of their firewalls – work ticket.

Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Not sure if she got confirmation from Donna yet.
- Flyer is ready, not looking to open until Mid-Sept possibly.
- Whittle equipment won't be in for basketball season.
 - Shelly said they were supposed to do a lot of construction over the summer but got pushed and is happening now. She was just alerted to this yesterday (8/11). Might not be able to use the gym after school hours until Mid-October. Once the school day is over, contractors are coming in and working overnight. Shelly stated she's not sure how it will affect clubs. Rachael said she already got approval for dance and that will affect it now.

Outdoor Soccer – Sam Bramwell

- Registration closed this week, a total of 209 registrations – compared to last year, pretty close numbers, just a little less.
- Uniform orders are completed and sent off.
 - Around \$25/uniform.
 - Last year's shirts weren't in stock, so he upgraded the shirt and shorts.

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- Walked PB's fields yesterday and touched base with Joel. They've got t-ball setup where we had a clinic field last year. With that in mind, Sam is going to try to move both clinic fields up by the basketball court and playground. This would leave the t-ball setup alone. Main fields will remain the same.
- Sam has been communicating with 7th and Hereford councils, regarding rosters and numbers – still discussing a few things.
 - U12 Girls team only has 8 players which its 7v7. Reached out to 7th and they only had 1 for that age group, combining and bringing her here.
- Has 2 coaches for almost every single team with the exception of 1 or 2.
- First practice will be right before Labor Day and the first game will be the Saturday after.
- Wants to hold, at minimum, a coaches meeting.
- Also wants to hold an Opening day, but still needs to figure it out.
 - Mary offered to help with the coach's clinic and opening day – Sam said he'd happily take the help.
- Has someone in the chute who offered to come do a goal keeper clinic (two 1-hour sessions out on the field and a presentation). This would be for coaches and potential goal-keepers.
- Practice schedules are just about sorted out, just needs to get with other rec councils and sort out game schedules.

Indoor soccer – Heather Gonano

- *Heather not present – not discussed.*

Concession Stand – Joel & Sara Gladfelter

- *Joel not present*
- It was mentioned that it's going to be pretty tight for soccer, a lot more volunteer help is going to be needed to have it open.
 - Could coaches do a Sign-up genius?
 - Would be up to Joel and Sam to figure out and disseminate.

Tennis – (vacant)

- Lauren has officially moved - still looking for someone to head the program.

Softball – Ashley Baker

- *Ashley not present – not discussed.*

Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- *Joel not present – not discussed.*

Adult Basketball – Chris Devaney

- *Chris not present.*
- Mary asked Kara if the cost is still \$20 per adult per season. Kara responded there are technically 2 seasons technically that a participant could be charged for.

Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac

- Doug is heading up soccer at 7DES, set for the next two Wednesdays (8/20 and 8/27) - about 40 kids.
 - Don't know if he has a backup plan for weather.

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- Rachael is doing the basketball portion but will support him those 2 weeks.
- Going to try to rank the kids to give them games. Hoping they don't get too many more because it will be hard to get all the kids games.
- Still waiting for approval from Donna, playing email tag with her.
 - Request was for Hereford MS for Mondays in Oct, 730-830pm, and she said Hereford cheer has it the entire time. Rachael asked what her other options were and waiting to hear back. Can't do PB because of whittle equipment. Also wants a bigger gym so they can actually teach them. Doug said they can do it at 7th if they absolutely have to. Rachael will send Kara an email to look into this since Donna is on vacation.

Creative Kids Club – Rachael Zajac

- 2 programs:
 - **Arts in Motion – Dance Class**
 - Looking to start 9/10, Wednesdays. To take place in the gym from 3:30-4:45 pm.
 - Mrs. Stavros & Ms. Fuller to run, Mrs. Boyle to help as needed.
 - Good turnout last time. Hoping to hit the max of 30 this time.
 - Wanted the final showcase to be held at the high school, asked for whatever dates she could have it and Donna didn't come back with them. Rachael had 10/27 as the date for the showcase, but this is flexible. Only need an hour or two for the auditorium. Donna possibly mentioned the middle school as an option but Rachael doesn't know how big the stage is and would we need to setup chairs?
 - Kara to look into.
 - **Beyond the Canvas – Art class**
 - The flyer is ready, hoping to open registration this coming Friday.
 - Will be doing a blast over Teamsnap rather than printing flyers and sending them out when school starts.
 - Will run 9/8 - 11/3, in the cafeteria. Mondays from 3:30-4:45pm.

Yoga Club – Rachael Zajac

- *Spring only club – not discussed.*

Lego – Leah Rombro

- *Leah not present – not discussed.*

Old business

- Google workspace - most should have emails by now. Still need to set one up for Dan.
- We are pushing board nominations off to next meeting since we didn't have everyone present this evening.
 - Mary asked Mrs. Norris for 5 mins at back-to-school night to try and appeal to new people for the openings.
- When we begin re-doing the bylaws, looking to change them so voting is to commence after school starts as a way to engage parents of new kids coming in.
- Mary asked commissioners to look at their programs and let her know where any type of philanthropy was attached to it (ex. gifted a membership). Email these instances to Mary and Dan so they have an idea of what we've given back to the community.

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- Some other councils are having hard time with parents being upset with what they're getting for the money they're spending on registration fees. We want to show we're being smart with the money and trying to give back in addition to spending the registration funds appropriately.
 - Suggested breaking down each registration fee so there is a better understanding of where money is being applied (ex. \$/uniform, \$/equipment, \$/umps or refs, etc.)
 - Received one email from a family about the cost of basketball. Rachael asked if we need to be close in registration fees to what other rec councils are asking for the same program? Mary answered - No, not necessarily. We need to be able to show where their money is going and to keep that in mind when setting fees.
 - Sam gave 10% off if registering more than one player this season.

New Business

- Back to school night is Tuesday, 9/2.
- Donna can send blackout dates for the entire year, so everyone has them ahead of time.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by **Shelly**, 2nd: **Rachael** at 8:47 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9/9/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz