Attendees: Mary La Porta, Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Carly Moyer, Patty Koestner, Lauren Lickstein, Colleen Swerbinsky, Dan Schardt, Matt Allen, Sam Bramwell, Carrie Minarik, Lindsay Karsos

General

- Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm by Mary La Porta
- Minutes from meeting held on September 9, 2025 reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: Dan, 2nd: Carly.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- Recommendation from non-profit mentoring go over the Treasurer's Report as a broad overview instead of line by line at each meeting.
- Up \$7,000 in Sept which is primarily from basketball registrations.
 - Overall, down compared to last Sept around a \$9,000 difference for Home B.A.S.E from year to year. Dan will touch base with Shelly to have her dive into it more.
- Shelly was looking to find ways to give back, so she donated \$1,853 to Battle of the Books for PBE. This supplied 100 books to kids.
- Our bylaws state that at the end of every season we are to assess each program and take 10% of the program's income to put toward normal expenses. However, we aren't going to do that as it would be a huge hit to each program. We will work on rewriting this in the bylaws.
 - Rather than 10%, we will do 5% of the annual average. This money will be put in the general fund for now and will assist in paying for insurance, general supplies, TeamSnap, Google, etc.
 - o If any of the money pulled from the programs causes a problem, let Mary and Dan know and they'll put it back into the program's funds.
- Credit card limit was finally increased to \$7500 and the bank account is now in the correct names.
- Need to file the 990 Dan has 4 months and 15 days from closing books to file. Due date of 1/15/26.
- Changed 3 program names on the books: indoor soccer, art club and dance club.
 - o Going to dissolve adult basketball and put any remaining money in the general fund.
- Sam asked What's the process for electronic payment now that the credit card limit was increased?
 - Part of rewriting the bylaws is to update it so electronic payments are permitted. Hope is to have the updated bylaws voted on and implemented by the end of the year (Mary).
 - Preferred method currently is to mail a check or reach out to Mary/Dan to make the payment so the commissioner isn't putting up their own money forward them the invoice.
 - Motion to approve reports: Colleen, 2nd: Carly.

Baltimore County Parks & Rec- Kevin Parry

- Kevin not present, but emailed updates ahead of meeting.
- Permits are changing, instead of needing to write a new permit every season, you'll now be able to go in and click renew and just adjust dates. It will automatically go through.

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

- Shelly and Chrissy not present.
- Lindsay Karsos advised she will be stepping in going forward.
- No updates

Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Registration is closed, hoping to have rosters on TeamSnap and sent out soon.
- Jerseys were ordered today.
- Emailed Mary for coach swag.
- In response to Kevin's email yes, we need a new hoop turner.
- Would also like a new scoreboard Mary will ask for a scoreboard and turner.
- Still looking for a few more clinic girls if anyone knows some.
- No more 4/5 boys 4 teams currently.
- Coaches meeting: Rachael asked if she can hold it anytime at Home B.A.S.E.
 - Mary advised if it wasn't on her permit then she can hold at the pavilion. Have to have a permit to be inside.
- Looking to update the rules to ensure the head referee is 18 or older and background checked. Other basketball commissioners approved and agreed on this rule update.

Outdoor Soccer - Sam Bramwell

- Season is moving along nicely, heading into the last couple weeks of regular season.
- U12 girls, which was originally short, is in talks to partake in the Fallston Cup. Sam doesn't have the details
 yet other than it is in mid-November. There is an extra fee for it looks like it will be 6 of our players and 6
 from Hereford combining possibly.
- Tournaments for U7 and up are being determined by other recs.
 - Trying to figure out a clinic tournament but might just finish out the season with a regular game and call it.
- Trophies and medals are here.
- Sam mentioned the goals sitting out during the winter and off season are getting beat up, specifically the nets. To replace them is around \$1,000. Trying to come up with a solution as removing the nets from the goals is not ideal. Putting them back on is really hard.
 - Questioned if the pavilion got use during the winter to which Mary stated it is not ours to use/store items. Rather, Mary recommended tarping them. A spot to tarp and store might be down by the bleachers, below the pavilion. Sam worried that might destroy the landscaping. Carly suggested tarping on the softball backstop.

Indoor soccer – Heather Gonano

• Heather not present, no update.

Concession Stand – Joel & Sara Gladfelter

• Joel not present, no update.

<u>Tennis – Patty Koestner</u>

- In contact with a few coaches.
- Has the application for the permit but needs a little help with it.
- Plan is to hold it on Mondays with two sessions.

Softball – Ashley Baker

• Ashley not present, provided updates to Mary.

- Fall ball is over 1st weekend in November.
- Going to have 2 tournaments, going really well.
- Starting to plan winter clinics at PerformFit.

Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- Joel not present Matt relayed update.
- Took down t-ball setup, re-seeded and put topsoil down in those spots to fix the ground depression.

Adult Basketball - Chris Devaney

- Chris not present.
- Basketball is on a hiatus due to nobody wanting to play.

Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac

- 7th District is the only other rec willing and able to pay for kid referees. We paid all of it last season and weren't reimbursed by other schools.
- Mary spoke to Dave and Christine last week; they feel it's a great program but they have to plan for it in their budget. Mary asked them if we can start planning for next year and Christine agreed. Moving forward for this year, just split the cost with 7th District.
- 2nd training last night 22 highschoolers. Going very well.

Creative Kids Club - Rachael Zajac

- 2 programs:
 - Dance Carrie
 - Wrapping up the final production on 10/29.
 - Theme is around Halloween.
 - 33 kids in it, trying to figure out where they'll have the final production. Never got to practice in the gym. Haven't gotten final approval for the space yet but Kevin is on it.
 - Sent invoice for their costumes/shirts.
 - Art
- Wrapping up, 2 more weeks left (ends 11/3).
- Rachael noted that when they come in to start their sessions, the lunch tables are not always clean nor are the floors. She brings this up as she got an email from Kevin that it wasn't clean after their art club sessions but they are walking into these messes at the start of their classes.
- Looking for a new commissioner to take it over, not hard to do.
 - Mary thinks we should start heavily advertising so someone can shadow Rachael.

Yoga Club – Rachael Zajac/Carrie

Have instructors, permit is in.

Lego – Leah Rombro

- Leah not present.
- Registration is full, she has 6 volunteers.
- Permit went through.

- Leah is looking for a co-commissioner or volunteer to help plan the next session.
- Rachael thinks should run 2 sessions, one after school and one in the evening. Thursday is the best day for it so it doesn't interfere with dance, art or theatre club.

Old business

- Non-profit mentoring
 - Mary stated it is going really well.
 - Spending 1.5 2 hours a week meeting to discuss things, mainly re-doing the bylaws.
 - She has given Mary a template of legally binding bylaws that we can merge ours into. It will read extremely different, a lot of legal verbiage.
 - One of the main things, in each section, is the job rules for the President will state the very basic minimum of what we'll do and then within the policy will be a living document which we can change by vote. This will allow us to update policies in a month rather than redoing the bylaws each time something needs to be adjusted.
 - Directors and Officer's insurance Right now, as it stands, what we paid for only covers the executive board and not commissioners.
 - Supposedly, the county would back commissioners up if someone got hurt and someone came to sue but concern that there could be loopholes. Mary suggested taking away some of what the commissioners can do, making it so they can't make universal decisions for the program (ex. rent a space for program and signing a contract commissioner wouldn't be able to do this). However, this means commissioner's votes wouldn't hold as much weight. If just the board votes, and the board takes commissioner votes into account, then the commissioners would not be liable.
 - There are 5 directors. The directors would look at what the majority vote is and would take that into account, voting among the 5.
 - Other option is to make everyone a director/person on the board, which is difficult.
 - Leaning towards having just the board vote and taking everything into account.
 - When we vote every year, it means it really matters. Doesn't want commissioners to carry burden of what's going on.
 - Voting in and impeachment need a quorum, still in bylaws to protect that.
 - Matt inquired if we can ask the county for an MOU? This is all in what Mary signed last year. The issue is, they can change it at will. Think about it over the next month. Any insight/questions, reach out to Mary as she is working on it every week.
 - Mary hopes to have the updated bylaws for the Nov meeting, vote on them at the December meeting and put into effect at the start of the new year.

New Business

- Flag Football
 - o Lauren Lickstein passed around and discussed her proposal for the program.
 - O Doesn't have everything from NFL until she completes their process, which included having the recouncil review her proposal.
 - Looking to hold it mid-Sept to mid-Nov next year, just on Sundays.
 - Teams would have a 45 min practice and then the game would follow. Ex. Practice at 9, game at
 - Trying to get permits for PBE and 7th.

- Will have a \$75 registration which is about \$75 less than local places. Will need to budget in insurance because it is pretty high.
- Goal is to have a preseason clinic in Aug.
- o Wants to have the flyer out before school ends and distribute to other schools.
- Would like to split girls / boys and the grades.
 - Ideally, keep it 6 teams of 2/3 girls, 4/5 girls, 2/3 boys, and 4/5 boys.
- Sam mentioned historically they permit Sundays for soccer but don't wind up using them. Mary said soccer just wouldn't permit Sundays going forward.
- Sam also brought up how cleats and extra usage might impact the fields.
- o The program will be open to all of the zone, similar to softball.
- NFL flag lets you choose if you want each team to be different or keep them all the same team.
 The group liked the idea of every team be a different NFL team.
- o Dress code would be shorts with no pockets and other minimal things.
- o Those in attendance at this month's meeting approved the program moving forward.
- Sam referenced last month's meeting and the discussion regarding the county paying for things they didn't pay for before. Wanted to know if there was somewhere he could reference a list of supplies they might be willing to purchase? Mary is going to put together a wish list for our rec council. Send any requests/wish list items to Mary and she'll send it to them. Going forward, submit requests to her ASAP, well before the season starts. General rule that might be better is to ask for things when your season ends so you can have it for the next season. In the past, we've waited until the last minute and we need to be very proactive on requests going forward ask well in advance.
- Concern The fence on the right side of the school, near field 1, a lot of soccer balls are going into the road and kids are following them is that a county or rec request? This is a county issue. John Karsos can take pics and submit it, citing it as a hazard during recess.
 - o Patty could do the same for the plywood in the tennis courts since it is rotted. Could also use money to repair the one that fell down as we don't need permits to do repairs.
- Motion to adjourn meeting made by Colleen 2nd: Carly at 8:32 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 11/11/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz