

Prettyboy Recreation Council Meeting

September 9, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Carly Moyer, Jessica Formicola, Patty Kestner, Kevin Parry, Lauren Lickstein, Mary La Porta, Glen Baer, Colleen Swerbinky, Ashley Baker, Dan Schardt, Matt Allen, Sam Bramwell, Heather Gonano, Leah Rombro, Carrie Minarik

General

- Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by **Mary La Porta**
- Minutes from meeting held on August 12, 2025 reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: **Rachael**, 2nd: **Dan**.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- Report provided shows the last month in the physical year (for us it runs Sept 1st – Aug 31st).
- Highlights – cash decreased by 12k in August, which is normal. Not as many funds coming in as there were in the summer months.
- Strong registrations from soccer, arts & motion, etc.
- General fund negative last month due to reoccurring expenses.
- Completed ownership transfer of M&T bank account - now in Prettyboy Rec Council name. Next step is extending the credit line. Reason for credit extension is due to monthly expenditures exceeding the limit of \$5k and trying to keep from having to reimburse someone each month.
- Everything is digitized and backed up in 2 locations, no more paper.
- Renewed D&O insurance.
- Created a budget for each program for the next 12 months, which shows two years' worth of numbers (what was generated and outflows). Shows the difference of how they did this year versus last year. For commissioners, you generally want to break even at the end of the season with the exception of knowing when you need to make big purchases in the next season or two, keeping that in mind.
 - Motion to approve reports: **Colleen**, 2nd: **Carly**.

Baltimore County Parks & Rec- Kevin Parry

- *Mary provided Kara's answers to questions from Aug meeting:*
 - Exterior restrooms being opened – *She said people came out and took pictures and they're not too bad. Everything is functional, felt BCPS should be more involved in getting it up to cleanliness standards and there was a water pressure issue at times but seemed fine overall. Will work to push BCPS to look into.*
 - Playground light fixture issue – *The pole that is in the ground is on BCPS property but the light is pointed at the rec property and since it is on BCPS property it is a BCPS issue. Light has completely been taken out, we would need to put one in.*
 - *Kara sent Mary a pdf about code of conduct.*
 - Nobody is entitled to volunteer. If a background clears and we know about something we can say no. If we don't feel comfortable, we are allowed to say that and the county would back us.
 - Heather asked if we can make our own code of conduct for Prettyboy calling out offenses we do not permit for volunteers. Can be added into our bylaws when reviewed.
 - Winter permits due soon.
 - Donna emailed Mary about inventory, looking for a list of what's in the Snack Shack.

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- When Mary read the verbiage, her take on it was that after a year it becomes Rec and Parks property if nobody claims it on the next inventory list (document from the MOU). So, if we had anything in a building that nobody claims from rec then BCPS can take it away.
 - All soccer goals are prop of PB Rec - if our goal breaks, can we go to the county and ask them to replace it?
 - We can still go and purchase it on our own. They are still working through the new policy.
 - Q: Microwave in snack shack goes up, if on the inventory list would Rec and Parks cover it?
 - If not on the list, it is the county's and if it is on the list, it is the rec council's. Kevin is not sure how it will work for food stuff.
 - Q: What all do we have to inventory? Sheds were purchased with rec council money; do we need to claim them?
 - Kevin said they want a full list but don't need to claim everything currently.
 - Q: Where do the responsibilities for purchasing run?
 - County will purchase bulk for the season but once the stash is gone, then it is on the rec council to purchase.
 - County will purchase bases and homeplates, which they bought this year, plus chalk.
 - Q: If we put something on the list as the rec council's, will the county not replace it?
 - No, it's just a complete inventory so Rec and Parks knows what is on the property.
 - Q: What about the rotator to put basketball hoops up and down, plus scoreboards – are there any of these the county has a stash of/would purchase?
 - Kevin said he thinks so and they had some scoreboards last year not sure if ordering more.
 - Q: Is there a waitlist for items?
 - Kevin said they can try to make one.
 - Q: If our scoreboard is out, should we put it on a waitlist vs. buying?
 - Kevin said to call or email the Rec and Parks office and they'll look into it. Do it before the season though.
 - Q: What about contract purchasing where all rec councils can purchase equipment through companies the county has purchased through previously?
 - Kevin hasn't heard anything about that.
 - Q: Once they give something can they (rec and parks) take it away?
 - Kevin - Goal is to take the big purchases and put it on the county Kevin. Not going to purchase top notch things, that would be on rec council.
 - Q: Are the baseball and softball fields renovations coming?
 - Tentative for next summer. Kevin confirmed new backstops and benches. Mary asked if there was anything about adding power. Matt spoke to the power question, stating the contractor who did the 5th renovation said after next baseball season but the issue is trying to figure out the retaining wall.
 - Q: Permits for softball - if Ashley submits a permit for every softball field will it go to her?
 - Ashley runs Hereford softball through Prettyboy rec. Kevin thinks that when they did the spring allocation meeting, she wasn't there. If it is a softball program, covering all schools, why would baseball get the softball field? Kevin doesn't think

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everyone knew she was running it for all the areas. Joel and Dione know this but Kevin said there is no softball person at the Hereford rec meetings.

- Karla usually organizes the spring allocation meeting and sends the invite. Joel was at the meeting, nobody specifically for softball.
- Kevin thinks if softball is there then we should get all the softball fields.
- Meeting usually takes place in Feb. Kevin will loop us in this year. Also, have Ashley permit all softball fields now (Matt's recommendation).

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

- *Shelly and Chrissy not present – Mary provided updates*
- Chrissy asked if we could try and hold a virtual option for meetings. Mary will work on it.
- Need more deposit slips.
- Both programs are full with a waitlist.
- Tiny Tots has a field trip to First Fruit Farms on the 12th and Shaw Orchards on the 30th.
- Gym is still not available for Home B.A.S.E in the pm because of construction. Therefore, they can't offer care on days school is closed because of this. The construction is taking place throughout the building on those days.
- Learned the gym and rec room won't be available next summer due to ongoing construction which probably means no summer camps.

Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Registration is open, closes at the end of this month. Goal is to close by 9/30.
- Indoor soccer starts 1st weekend of Feb – keep in mind for scheduling of games.
 - Rachael said she doesn't make the schedule - the tournament generally falls around the last weekend of Jan.
- Jerseys – Could she do promo code if they had last year's jersey still, to give them a discount on the registration? Thought about doing this but she is going to wait a year and see where the numbers are. Also, concerned people may not understand what she is trying to do and then chance having to rush ship jerseys.
 - Mary suggested doing a credit if you have your own.
 - Heather asked can we do that this year and Rachael said no, not this year. For next year.

Outdoor Soccer – Sam Bramwell

- Season is underway, in maintenance mode now. All in all, going well.
- Just did an order of replacement nets for all goals. Only half really need it, the rest will be stock for when more need to be replaced.
- Tossing ideas around to make things easier/more efficient for uniforms and registration in the future. Looking at LTRC and what they're doing since their league is bigger. Got a few ideas, learning as he goes.
- U8 girls – Rachael asked who do they play? How many teams are U8 girls? Sam said 2 teams and they played a U8 team and a U7 team. He advised there were a few age groups where they had to get creative with how to make the schedule work because registration numbers were low.
 - U8 and U12 girls had low numbers.
 - Between PB, 7th and Hereford there were barely enough to put 2 teams together and we can't have 2 teams playing each other every week.
 - U12 girls will play with LTRC.

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- PB combined with 5th and Hereford. U8 team is playing mostly U7 girls based off the schedule Rachael looked at. Rachael said parents were a little upset about it and she was curious if this had been communicated to coaches because coaches seemed confused. Sam will send something back out to coaches. Mary said, as a reminder, this is not solely Sam's decision. There are a lot of individuals involved in making decisions regarding schedules.
- Refs – had an issue with one of the games on field 1 where they didn't have a ref. Sam made calls right away and it sounded like it was an oversight with revisions to the schedule. Seems this game didn't make it on the schedule that was given to refs. Sam also advised commissioners don't have access to see who is refereeing which game at which time, leaving no way to cross reference and ensure each game has someone.

Indoor soccer – Heather Gonano

- Heather submitted permits.
- Going to need balls – emailed coaches today - doesn't think she got everything back last season.

Concession Stand – Joel & Sara Gladfelter

- *Joel not present – He left a message for Mary but she didn't get to it yet.*
- Dan said we need to get better with getting it opened,
 - Mary working with them about getting a co-commissioner going forward to help get it opened and more people involved.
- We can offer service-learning hours to kids, just need an adult in there with them.

Tennis – (vacant)

- *Not discussed*

Softball – Ashley Baker

- Fall ball for ages 16/18 has started and they'll start games on Sunday.
 - Hope is that it takes off and can start having travel teams at a lower level.
 - Trying to keep the girls from splitting and going to Lutherville Timonium and Hotshots, keep them together when going to HS.
- Going to request permits for every softball field in the zone ahead of time.

Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- *Joel not present – Matt said going to get on permits once he gets with Joel.*

Adult Basketball – Chris Devaney

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

Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac

- Sent email to past refs for basketball about the training taking place.
- Got approval for Sparks – will be held on Mondays in October.
 - Will have them register on TeamSnap to track and communicate better.
- She helped with the soccer refs this year, doing trainings and placing them. Good group of kids.

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- 7th is on board with basketball. Waiting to hear back from the one commissioner who is running both Sparks and 5th.
- Hoping to get more kids for basketball program, not necessarily middle schoolers though. If she doesn't get good numbers then she's not opposed to utilizing middle schoolers.
 - Maybe have middle schoolers manage the clock as this is a huge part of the integrity of the game.
 - Would like to train and pay someone. Maybe we just do it for our PB games and pay the kids?

Creative Kids Club – Rachael Zajac

- 2 programs:
 - **Arts in Motion – Dance**
 - Starts tomorrow – group of 31 student.
 - A few people texted Mrs. Stavros asking if they could still join, so they are opening up registration for 2 more.
 - **Beyond the Canvas – Art**
 - Started yesterday and going well!
 - Full capacity – 31 students.

Yoga Club – Rachael Zajac

- Spring only club
- Put permit in to try to run it before spring break.
- Unsure if the construction work in the gym will take place before school.

Lego – Leah Rombro

- Last year was the first year and it was super popular. She had 50 students and 10 parent volunteers, plus 1 student volunteer
- Could run 2 seasons going forward. Cohort 1: K-2nd and cohort 2: 3rd-5th.
 - Lot of graduated 5th graders want to come back.
- Needs a co-commissioner.
- Has an insane amount of Legos. Should be able to really do some cool things this next go round.
- Needs to know a date range for when to put the permits in for. Could put permit in tomorrow for this fall – just needs to be within 30 days now for BCPS.

Old business

- Need to vote this meeting
 - Rachael and Joel, from nomination committee, nominate Matt Allen for Vice President. Matt was successfully voted in.
 - Additional votes that took place:
 - Mary La Porta for President – Confirmed
 - Misty Norwicz for Recording Secretary - Confirmed
 - Dan Schardt for Treasurer - Confirmed
 - Colleen Swerbinsky for Corresponding Secretary - Confirmed

New Business

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- New initiative from the county where they're trying to get a list of rec councils who needed help in any capacity. Mary went to a few meetings, for Maryland non-profits, where she discussed our needs and wants. From the meetings, Mary was paired with Kate, who is knowledgeable about non-profits and how to run them. Will provide 20 hours of free instructional time to help answer any questions we have.
 - Anyone who wants to join Mary for the 20 hours of instructional time is welcome to. We have to use the 20 hours between now and 12/31.
 - Mary wants to discuss the code of conduct, our bylaws (need to be rewritten), and our volunteer management with Kate.
 - Looking for ways to get people to want to be here and volunteer. Also, how we can offer more and improve our facilities at such a small scale.
 - If anybody wants to add anything for Mary to ask, let her know.
 - Sessions can be a Zoom meeting.
 - For the first few she'll get with Kate and ask what the format is going to be – 1-hour sessions?
- Matt inquired about the AED we'd discussed at previous meetings and what became of it.
 - BCPS isn't letting us do it – liability reason. Rec bought them but BCPS said no, we can't put them on the property. Matt asked if we can put it in the snack shack. Believe one of the issues was that it needs to be temperature controlled.
- Matt also brought up that Shock Trauma does a Stop the Bleed training for free. Is this something we wanted to offer to the community?
 - Mrs. Weatherford does it at family fitness night currently – team up with her, talk it through and feel her out so we do not step on toes.
 - Do a similar setup as we discussed for the AED box but for a Stop the Bleed kit. Could put in snack shack.
- Is there any movement on tennis? Jessica Formicola and Patty Kestner are thinking of taking it on together.
 - Rachael gave Patty a permit form to look over.
- Lauren Lickstein trying to bring in a new program, NFL flag football.
 - She and her husband had a call with an NFL rep. on Friday. She has already completed her background check and has the proposal she is working on.
 - This would be next fall and probably take place on Sundays.
 - Thought is to open it for 2nd-5th, coed.
 - Depends on enrollment. If they have enough girls interested, then they could do girls vs. girls.
 - NFL flag program guides you through a lot of things.
 - They will provide \$30/per child, which includes a jersey (has to be an NFL jersey). Also provide 1 football per 5 registrants, plus belts. Seems promising.
- Sam – moving forward, when needing to make large purchases what options are there and do we have a Tax ID?
 - Yes, Dan will circulate the Tax ID.
 - Regarding large uniform purchases there is no true answer. An option is to say to Dan here is the invoice and have Dan pay it.
 - Put in our bylaws approval purchases/processes.
- Motion to adjourn meeting made by **Collen 2nd: Carly** at 8:58 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10/14/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz