



PYSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 8, 2025

Call to order for the ordinary board meeting by: Scott Lewis at 7:06 p.m.

Executive Committee Roll Call	Attendance
President, Scott Lewis	Present
Vice President, Nate Smith	Present
Secretary, Michele Baranski	Present
Treasurer, Martha Khoury	Absent
Player Agent, Kristy Kirk	Absent
Umpire in Chief, Alexa Flynn	Present
Past President, Jill Wyatt	Present

Attendance: 14 people, including the above board members and All-Star Manager Margarete Turla-Sesepasara; Logowear Manager Stacey Szabo; Snack Shack Manager Patricia Pontes, Clinics Manager Ashley Hackbart, Cool Breeze Director Kristen Montgomery, Equipment Manager Robbie Robbins, Team Manager David Skillings; Fall Classic Commissioner Lauren Clulow, and Registrar Wallace Sweet.

Items:

- **Approval of Minutes:** Secretary Michele Baranski presented the July meeting minutes.
 - **Vote:** Scott Lewis motioned to approve the minutes, and Nate Smith seconded. The board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Martha was absent, but sent out a statement. There is \$100k in the bank, and additional funds are expected. A full briefing will be scheduled for the next quarter.
- **Fall Ball:**
 - **Registration Status:** We currently have 317 registered participants. 42 - 6U; 64 - 8U; 78 - 10U; 78- 12U; 51 - 14U; 4 - 16U
- **1904**
 - **PYSA Teams and Manager Selection:** The Advanced Teams Committee met and recommends the following number of 1904 teams:
 - 1 - 8U
 - 1 -10U, with a conditional second team depending on leadership.

- 3 -12U
- 3 -14U, possibly a 4th.
- 1 - 16U, will need to recruit

Former President, Jill Wyatt, made a motion to accept the number of 1904 teams recommended by the Advanced Teams Committee. Vice President, Nate Smith, seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **1904 Regional Status** - Jill Wyatt reported there are 50-60 teams with registrations coming in every day. Last year ended with 71 teams. There is representation from all of South San Diego, PQ, Poway, and North Shore. The Scheduling Meeting is August 20th at Point Loma Assembly. Tournament entry will cost \$235.
- **Classic:**
 - Registration is going well. We are on track to set a record number of players for the fall season.
 - # of teams: 6U: 6 teams; 8U: 5 teams; 10U: 7 teams (including 1 1904 team); 12U: 7 teams (including 3 1904 teams); 14U: 5 (including the 3 1904 teams).
 - Manager recruitment needs: Kristy Kirk and Scott Lewis will work together to recruit managers for all divisions.
 - Assessments/Sandlots: Ashley Hackbart will hold a clinic-style assessment for each division in Classic. The 1904 assessment will be Sandlot games. These are not mandatory.
 - The draft will take place at Jim Howard Hall on August 13th and 14th.
 - Play up/down requests approval: All playdown requests were approved. There will be no playdowns accepted in 1904.

Nate Smith moved to approve the playdown request. Ashley Hackbart seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

- Fall kick-off event: There were numerous requests for a bigger, more ceremonial kick-off event with music for the fall, but not as formal as the Spring Event. It was decided that the opening day event would coincide with the first games. Lauren Clulow and Alexa Flynn would lead and plan the event.
- Uniforms: Margarete reported that there is going to be a slight switch in the Fall uniforms. In the survey sent to All-Star parents, uniforms are identified as an area for improvement. Teams received their uniforms late, and Bellalette will receive a lot of feedback.

- **Individual reports:**

- All-Star Manager Margarete reported that the survey responses came back from 77 families. The top teams that received feedback were the 12U Bronze, 14U Silver, 10U Silver, and 10U Gold teams. The highest satisfaction levels were observed in the registration process, manager selection, coaching staff selection, time commitment, quality of tournaments played, location, quality of the Cool Breeze tournament, and communication between the league and the coaching staff. Improvement areas included uniforms, and some teams received negative feedback on their managers. The survey results will be shared with those Managers. Many families appreciate the overall league experience, the dedication of the coaches, and the league's efforts to strike a balance between competitiveness and player development. Team balance and fairness, burden of parent involvement, and volunteering were mentioned as needing improvement.

The two main points for needing improvement were that the Cool Breeze required too much parent involvement, and the uniforms were late for the All-Star teams.

- The subject of Nationals was also discussed. This year, Nationals was treated as an optional tournament for 12U and 14U for everyone who wanted to go. This presents challenges to teams because of the cost of travel. A decision needs to be made on how to cover the cost of attending the tournament and establish our own internal standards for which teams to attend. Scott Lewis said he would organize other Presidents of other leagues to discuss the Nationals with USA Softball. He would like to see USA Softball held accountable for what has happened to the Nationals tournament. The overwhelming consensus was that the tournament is drawn out, with maximizing revenue as the primary focus. The allowance of travel ball teams was also mentioned. Travel ball has its own tournaments and classifications, and teams should not play against recreational teams at Districts.
- The Pedro Pontes Network was recognized as one of the highlights of the season. It was entertaining and allowed fans to watch the games from the comfort of their own homes.
- Vice President Nate Smith reported that the City has increased user fees across the board, resulting in higher permit costs. We do have permits, and the league will play all games in the fall season.
- President Scott Lewis mentioned a fall classic tournament. Details of that are still being worked on. There was discussion about having the snack shack open and using Mad Caps as volunteers.

- Clinics Manager Ashley Hackbart said she would take on creating a Manager's Manual for 6U and 8U. She reported that pitching clinics are coming up for new pitchers.
 - Vice President Nathan Smith announced that Field Day would be held on August 30th.
 - President Scott Lewis provided an update on the Robb Field Improvement Plan, which includes a \$3.5 million investment. He has requested that the City provide an exact timeline for the replacement of the comfort station on Fields 2 and 3. He is still waiting to hear when the project will start.
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- Scheduling of the next meeting: September 2nd.

 - The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.