



**General Board Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2024
Minutes**

Board Members:

**Randy Netherda
Marie Shubin**

**Bob Pahl
Jon Jackson**

**Tom Bose
Rich Christiansen**

Rick Baker

League Members:

26 Attendees (8.5% of 305 Members)

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2024-25 Managers

The following individuals have been named as Managers:

- American League
 - Scott Flynn
 - Craig Hauger
 - Manny Maciel
 - Randy Netherda
 - Bill Pardue
 - Mark Pollock
 - Robert Rochefort
 - Paul Zuckerbrow
- Mid-American League
 - Rick Baker
 - Scott Beseda
 - Rich Christiansen
 - Fred Dresser
 - Ed Schneider
 - Ted Thompson
 - Rob Schwartz
 - Brian Wagner
- National League
 - Wayne Bixler
 - Lisa Lodi
 - Leonard Maitland
 - Conversations with others are ongoing

Draft Information

- Dates
 - American League Mon Sept 9th
 - Mid-American League Wed Sept 11th
 - National League Fri Sept 13th
- For each league, there will be no team total targets (Open Draft).
- Managers are to draft a competitive team with good chemistry.
- The Board's plan is for a player that is rated 23 or higher that is on the draft board at the end of the draft will go to the sub list. Similarly, a player that is rated 18 or higher that is on the draft board at the end of the MAL draft will go to the sub list. We will discuss this with the managers before the draft. We may or may not stay with the plan.
- Revised rules for subbing:
 - A player that needs a sub may be substituted one of the following ways:
 - A player may be taken off the Sub List rating number for rating number.
 - A player taken from another team must be one or more less than the original player (if player is a 19, sub from another team must be 18 or lower).
 - 28s may sub for 28s. We are doing this so every player has an opportunity to sub somewhere.
 - Subs in the National League will be rating for rating (as in the past).
 - A primary pitcher that is out may have a substitute that is up to +2 increase, but that player must pitch that game. We will discuss this at an upcoming Manager Meeting.
 - Players may sub up a league or down a league if the ratings work.
- The drop dead date for changing your registration status prior to the draft is 5:00pm, Saturday, Sept 7th.
- What happens if you change your registration during the draft?
 - The League will follow the Policy for Withdrawals During Draft Week posted on Quick Scores.
 - Anyone requesting for reinstatement will have to wait until no earlier than January 1st to petition the Board. We respect your decisions and will honor them. We are being clearer about what your decisions mean for you.
- Final Player Evaluations to be Sept 3rd, 5th and 7th at 8am each day.

Schedule Information

- Opening Day is Oct 19th. This is our 30th year of PCSSA.
- Regular Season will be Oct 19th through March 29th.
- The Board reached out to those who volunteered during registration to recommend an End-Of-Season playoffs format. They provided the Board with a number of options. We have opted this year to go with:
 - League Champions will be determined by a playoff with the top 4 teams in each league with the best winning percentages for the entire season. We will use Quick Scores' calculation for determining winning percentage. There will be no first or second half winners.
 - End-Of-Season Playoffs will be 3/31/25 to 4/2/25.
 - End-Of-Season Tournament will be 4/3/25 to 4/8/25.
 - 4/9/25 is a placeholder day in case we get a rainout during the End-Of-Season events.
- End-Of-Season Banquet is April 10th in the TF Ballroom

- No games the week of Thanksgiving
 - No games from Sunday 11/24/24 through Sunday 12/1/24
- No games the two weeks of Christmas/New Years
 - No games from Sunday 12/22/24 through Sunday 1/5/25
- Total game count will be 40 games
 - This means it will not be a balanced schedule. Teams may not play each opponent the same number of times.
- Schedule positions for each league will be assigned based on a card draw at the end of their league's draft. The schedule was set up with the following guidelines:
 - In the first two games of the season, each team will have one HOME game and one VISITOR game.
 - No team will have the same start time more than two games in a row.
 - No team will have more than three games in a row as VISITOR.
 - No team will have more than three games in a row as HOME.
 - Each team will play the opponents in the League an equal number of times +/- one.
 - Each team will play an equal number of games +/- one at each start time.
 - The schedule will fit within the available dates of play as determined by the Board. If necessary, games may be "trimmed" from the rotation to fit within the available dates. This may create a situation where a team plays an opponent one time more or one time less (+/- one) than other opponents in a season.
 - Game durations for each league may be different.
 - Game duration for the AL may be 70 minutes
 - Game duration for the MAL may be 75 minutes
 - Game duration for the NL may be 80 minutes

Miscellaneous

- Board members, Mark Pollack and Jan Hangen will be available to sticker bats through the whole season.
- We have set up generic email addresses for the Board positions. If you receive a phishing email, Board members don't need gift cards 😊.
- We set up a generic email address for the Home Team manager to post the final score to Quick Scores.
- Code of Conduct
 - Attendees were given copy to review. This is the same Code of Conduct that you signed online when you registered.
 - Board will strictly enforce the Code of Conduct.
- If a player is injured, they come out; if a player is hurting they get to play. So, if a player wants to play, they play.
- The Board is reviewing the use of League Commissioners. We may or may not have them this season. We will keep you posted.
- Mark Roberts briefly walked through the requested Rule Changes. These will be discussed fully with the new managers before the draft.

Board Updates

- Vice President – Bob Pahl
 - Jersey order process has been streamlined for quicker turnaround and will come from the Registration information. Managers will still need to reconfirm their team's information.

- Second jerseys, spouse jerseys, etc. will be handled in a separate order. Details will come out at a later date.
- Director Of League Personnel – Rich Christiansen
 - Ratings committee will rotate in new members and will consist of representation from each league.
 - Committee Chair Mike Comstock
 - American League Bill Wise and Mark Pollack
 - Mid American League Ted Thompson, Bob Wengert and Thom Zemke
 - National League Dawn Hangen and Lynn Bartol
 - Focus placed on Ratings Committee structure, quality of work process, documentation and storage of data and training for members.
 - New Ratings System Guidelines 14 page document posted on Quick Scores.
 - Briefly discussed Rubric make-over and posted on Quick Scores. This will be used in the next evaluations conducted in September.
 - Working on Pre-season and In-season practice schedule. Practices will be at Goodyear Recreation fields. Looking to pair up teams during In-season practices to ensure maximum participation and coaching of teams.
 - In-season practices will be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Marketing – Marie Shubin
 - Sponsors are being finalized and will be announced as soon as number of teams and league placement is determined.
 - PCSSA 30th Year Anniversary program is being produced. Will be utilizing pictures from the past and current action photos. The program will be produced at no cost to the league because sponsors have purchased enough ads to pay for it.
 - Article being done about PCSSA 30th year by VIVA Magazine.
- Director of Field Operations – Jon Jackson
 - Concrete pads under the batting tees in the warm-up area have been installed.
 - Over-seeding to occur between late Sept and Opening Day. The Field will be closed at that time.
 - A new home mat will be installed and it will be a standard order (not a custom order) using official batter's box dimensions.
 - Laser leveling of infield is scheduled.
 - Scoreboard software scheduled for update.
 - Solid Separator will be installed to improve irrigation system and reduce sprinkler replacement needs.

Notable Upcoming Dates

- Opening Day will be Oct 19th.
- AED Training session will be Tuesday Oct 1st. Bill Arsenault is hosting the training.
- Bat Day is tentatively set for Nov 3rd (Sunday) from noon to 1:00pm. We will be including the Suncoast and Rawlings/Miken reps.
- The Jeremy Chandler Foundation Social (dinner & dance) will be in the ballroom and is tentatively scheduled for Nov 10th (Sunday)

Wrap-Up

- Next General Board Meeting is Sept 18th at 8:00am in the Milan Room.

Rick Baker
PCSSA Secretary