

PSS BOD Meeting Minutes  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

In Attendance: Jim Fisher, Bill Bandi, Doug Randall, June Cord, Randy Walters, Mark Adams, Sean Peterson, Randy Kern, Charlie Morgan, Larry Richie.

Meeting called to order at 1 PM

Motion to accept April minutes made by Bill Bandi seconded by Randy Kern, approved by all.

Bill Bandi presented the April treasurer's report and is included by reference.

Bill reports that it takes approximately 23K to run the league. With a current balance of over 53K he brought up for consideration to invest 30K in 3 CD with equal amounts in a one, two, and three year CD. This would generate \$550 annually. A committee consisting of Rich Bradely, Mark Adams, and Bill Bandi will investigate the options and report back to the BOD at the next meeting.

Doug reported that an estimated pro forma annual income statement showed a net loss of approximately \$4500. By comparison, five years ago, there was a net gain of approximately \$4000. The reversal was attributed to two items: First, the cost of shirts and hats has risen substantially, reflecting (1) a conscious decision by the Board two years ago to upgrade quality; and (2) sharp increases in the prices of the upgraded items due to economic inflation. Second, the cost of the banquet had risen with the change of venue last year and the cessation of a \$1000 annual contribution to cover banquet expenses.

The Association's cash position (see above) was more than sufficient to cover ongoing deficits for several years, but, given that player fees have not risen in at least 15 years, consideration should be given to raising them for the 2027 season.

A discussion of perceived incivility across all PSS divisions focused on one incident in a Major Division game in which a disputed call by an umpire led to a fifteen-minute on field argument and lingering resentments by some players. An allegation that one player had physically threatened another could not be confirmed; witnesses could not fully support the accusation. No action was taken on that particular incident.

A chaotic on-field argument was fueled by, first, ill-advised efforts by the game's umpire to "get the call right" and, second, failure by the umpire and the team's managers to control the game.

Numerous players confronted the umpire, and each other, in violation of the rules directing that only a team's manager may dispute umpire decisions.

The Board directed that team managers in all divisions be (1) re-apprised of rules regarding respect for umpires and their decisions, and (2) advised that appropriate penalties, notably ejections and suspensions, would be imposed for violations.

Mark Adams presented the membership report: 64 Majors, 73 (AAA), and 77 (AA). Mark also informed the BOD he would not be available to serve on the BOD after this current year and would be seeking a replacement.

Randy Kern reports that Mike Jansen would be replacing Bob Hanselmann as part of the fields crew.

Randy Walters reports that due to an issue with the original hat logos during manufacturing and a redesign to account for the issue, hats would not be ready for a couple more weeks. In addition, 3A was missing 2 sets of uniforms. The overall quality and appearance of the uniforms were pleasant.

June Cord reports the picnic will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> with the last day for sign-ups on May 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a form on the website for sign-ups.

The July 4<sup>th</sup> parade plans are being finalized. A form will be online for veterans and first responders to fill out to participate in this the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade, encouraging participants to wear visible branch attire.

The Golf outing (which is not a PSS event) is coming up. Sharon Carlin is directing the outing, and PSS is aiding in publicity.

The end of the year banquet will be at The Center on Rosser (AKA Adult Center of Prescott) located on Rosser Street. It will be catered by Rosas Pizza with a cost of \$2,840.

Charlie Morgan reports that the PSS business cards have arrived and will be handed out during the parade.

The rule books that were ordered arrived and a few will be given to each division.

Board Director for Rules and Umpiring Larry Richey proposed that a rule currently used in the 'AAA' Division, intended to protect pitchers from batted balls, be amended and applied to all divisions. 'AA' Division representatives, including Division coordinator Bob Bender, noted that a screen was already in use in 'AA' play, making such a rule superfluous. 'Major' Division coordinator Vince Vicari and Board Director for Competition Jim Fisher strongly asserted that no such action was necessary to protect 'Major' Division pitchers. The 'AAA' Division was directed to continue using the rule and to report on its efficacy at a future Board meeting.

A discussion of a possible rules to require players to wear uniform shirts and hats did not conclude that such a rule should be implemented. It was noted that most players did wear

uniform shirts and that the few who did not, often had a legitimate reason, such as conflicting game and laundry schedules. However, given that sponsors pay \$350 apiece to PSS to have their names and logos on our uniform, players should be encouraged to wear the uniform shirts provided while playing PSS.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting made by Jim Fisher and seconded by Randy Kern accepted by all.

Next BOD meeting: 1:00 PM (tentative) on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.