



Salisbury Youth Association
 Meeting Minutes
 June 9, 2025
 7:00pm

Attendance: Liz Young, Kenny Wellbank, John Graeffe, Rebecca Jones, Becky Plunkett-McKinney, Kimberly Lichtenwalner, Janelle Rice, Hassan McCoy, Michelle T., Mike S., Bryon C., Byron Masi, Annie Greaves, Brittney W., Tiffany C., Lauren Wellbank, Adam S. (volunteer childcare: Raenne Gicherra and Logan Cramsey).

1. Bryon called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.
2. Approval of May Minutes: [SYA Minutes May 2025.docx](#) May minutes were approved, no objections or edits requested.

3. Financial Report:

6-Jun-25	
Checking 1	\$ 24,845.88
Checking 2	\$ 2,321.55
Building Fund	\$ 2,456.24
Savings	\$ 2,628.14
CD#1	\$ 6,111.67
CD#2	\$ 32,602.31
Total	\$ 70,965.79

4. Fundraising Report: No report this meeting.

5. Notifications

- a. New Meeting format - Bryon is trying out a new format, to make the meeting Accessible so people can attend meetings for the updates but not be forced stay for the administrative discussions (which are riveting but time consuming). Feedback is welcome.
- b. Two new committees were being formed, but after some discussion it was decided that *three* new committees need to be formed. “Communications” and “Budget” and “Recruitment.” Kenny brought up doing mailings to everyone in Salisbury - bulk mailings about SYA? That will cost a fortune, says some members. Could we hand them out and not pay postage, yes but the cost of that many flyers is huge. How do we get in touch with the families of the Charter school kids? Discussion to be continued in committee meetings: emails will need to go out looking for members.

6. Wins and Recognition:

- a. Baseball, wow with the rain, “Memorial Day” was really fun and worked well.
- b. Concession Stand, Jen Boandl & Devon Dredge did an amazing job, thank you SO MUCH!

7. Officers Reports:

- a. Treasurer: see current balances in Financial Report
- b. Secretary: Initially sent out the wrong minutes for May, correct minutes were sent later and are provided in paper at the meeting.
- c. Chief Administrator:
- d. President:
 - i. Quote of the Month: “You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don’t try”
 - ii. Training, what do we want first?
 - iii. Mound presentation and Board of Commissioners - Bryon met with the Salisbury Township Recreation Committee and it went well initially. At the end of the day, however, the mound project at Franko’s baseball field is *not* a go. Franko will continue being a “passive park.” No netting will be allowed either. Also, permits need to go to Genny quickly so Genny can get the spaces scheduled, so she knows if she can rent the spaces out to “non SYA” groups. Jim said we should ask for a grass infield and a new mound at Laubach before those plans get settled at the Planning Commission meetings. The Board of Commissioners meeting is interesting. The way they format their meetings is interesting.
- e. Vice President:
- f. Communications Officer:

8. New Business

- a. Interim Appointment: Great news, Lauren Wellbank has agreed to take on the Vice President role in Jim’s place. Jim will of course still be involved but was handling the VP role to help us out until we could find someone to take it over. It seems we have found someone and the interim appointment was put to a vote. All were in favor, no objections, **WELCOME LAUREN WELLBANK TO THE VP ROLE!**
- b. July 1, 2025 is Salisbury Township Iron Pigs night (a link was provided for the form you need to fill out and submit in order to purchase tickets).

9. Open Points

- a. Third Reading of the amendments to the Bylaws: Adam S. read the amended Bylaws in completion for the third time.
- b. Vote on the amendments to the Bylaws: An open vote was taken and there were no objections to adopting the amended bylaws.
- c. Logo - Alix is still working on the adjustment we last asked her for, we also have our Adam generated birds.

OFFICIAL MEETING Adjourned at 8:19pm, anyone interested was welcomed to stay.

10. Directors’ Reports

- a. Concessions:
- b. Basketball: Nothing new to report. Jesse Stout’s team in the Riley Summer League will be finishing shortly (addendum: this ended up not being true and the games continue until the end of July).
- c. Cheer: Preliminary budget is being reviewed. Registration flyers are printed and will be handed out at the schools (SES and SMS). There’s been TONS of interest in kids

joining! Rebecca shared her card with the QR card for registration - going out to schools tomorrow, it looks very cool. Registration will open after the budget is approved. John G would like to volunteer to help with the Cheer program and can be especially helpful with the budget.

- d. Football: The email address, "Salisburyyouthfootball@gmail.com," is the main address being offered to parents for all communication about football. Naldo fields those emails. Juan's email address, rather SYA's "football@syasports.net" address is being added to all correspondence generated from SYA's end so we can keep up. All of the SYA football information is on a Chedder.com website, maybe we should get it linked to SYA's website. [Action Item: send football information to Adam so he can put it on the sportsengine website].
- e. In-House Baseball: The Parks crew spent a whole day fixing the fields on (June 6) Friday and did a great job. In-House coaches showed up hours early as usual to get the fields in shape and didn't have to do much even after all the rain. The season is going well even with the bad weather. The end of season picnic is July 6th at Lindberg. *Kenny created a coach-exclusive apparel store through Wami SWAG (coaches getting \$35 in credit as a give back).* Kenny borrowed a trophy from the Franko shed for the Minors Championship game on July 14th for photos. Kenny is starting to put together a Sandlot program for a more recreational baseball program for kids who have nowhere to go after they age out of In-House. The Sandlot program will be open to 8-12 year olds who don't want to do travel baseball. There will be a registration if you are not already registered with in-house baseball. Ian Riccoboni has offered to run 4 Sunday baseball workshop camps, focused on In-house players' pitching and hitting. Kenny spoke with various people about Little League, specifically Gary, a former coach for SYA, is now coaching Little League in Fountain Hill and mentioned that someone else in SYA is trying to join Fountain Hill's Little League program (not sure who). Travel Baseball and In-House baseball are having some difficulty with communicating and there is an issue with one of the Tractors and some of the materials. In-house has not been allowed to use fields sometimes due to Travels needs and the poor conditions. Im-House needs more fields, joining Little League will help but comes with lots of other issues / strings attached. Kenny might make up a letter for parents to send to the township to complain about not being able to use Lindburg, since that could help a lot too. [Board Action Item: There needs to be a new process for scheduling practices and games and placing them at each field, one that is based on equitable distribution rather than age and rank of teams. SYA needs another scheduling meeting for Directors]
- f. Soccer: We're down to our final week of practices and last weekend of games. All end of year parties are scheduled for the month of June, so we won't be able to submit our final budget until after they have all concluded and the team parents/coaches have submitted their receipts for reimbursement. Like everyone else, soccer experienced a lot of missed practices and games due to the rain, so we're looking forward to fall. Fall registration should open mid-July, with practices starting mid- to late August.
- g. Softball: Rain interrupted many games, 12U had some injuries but is finishing within the week and 10U is did really well and finished the week before. The fundraiser is going well and the ice bucket-ting will be video taped and can go out on Social Media. The girls are very excited. Softball parents are asking for softball swag, Michelle may use some of Kenny's venders. Softball may still do a Fall season, there has been a lot of interest and they will be able to move a team into the D1 league. Softball Fall clinics

will also be helpful for pitching and hitting.

- h. Travel Baseball: Teams are off to great starts and remaining very competitive. The Travel season will end the weekend of July 27th. Partnering with Up the Ranks Baseball - they are offering 10% discounts for our players for summer camps. Partnering with LFG Fitness (Emmaus) for off season training. Connie Mack season started 6/1 and will continue until August. Fall Registration will open in 2 weeks. [Addendum: We ended up needing to put porta-potties back at the HS for Connie Mack because we did not know the HS would be taking theirs away AND SYA Knee High won the Championship!].
- i. Wrestling: Sunday and Wednesday evening off-season practices will continue until the end of July. The high school team had to move their off-season practices to Wednesday as well. Sarah O contacted Liz to ask to move the practice date (pro-active communication, which was great), but then it was not necessary because the respective coaches had already talked it through and agreed the HS team will have the main room and SYA would have the cave area so we can both practice. Yay.

11. Workshops

- a. Surplus/Insurance & \$25/kid - SYA needs a true budget for its operational needs and insurance so we know how much of that \$25 fee is needed. If it can be less than \$25, that's great to help reduce registration costs. How much do we need for promotional SWAG and administrative costs, etc.
- b. More community seems to be showing up, how do we get more volunteers? This is where the Recruitment and Communications committee should help.
- c. Thoughts on Meeting efficiency? It's very important to be at meetings, other boards have strict rules about missing Board meetings. Maybe we need to ADD to the Bylaws: Directors must attend meeting once every three months, once a quarter. If director can't make it, the co-director can be there.
- d. Byron will work on dividing some of these up questions among the Board members / SYA members.

PART 2 of the Official Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

12. Executive Officer Discussion: Review of Cheer's preliminary budget. Cheer often reaches out to companies for sponsors for shirts (St. Patrick's day parade, Breast Cancer shirts), Rebecca gets the sponsors to pay for specific things rather than for amounts (like the price of shirts etc). Questions about line items were reviewed. Rebecca has an unofficial mini-board within Cheer with a Treasurer and other volunteers. Cheer's biggest expense for this year is new uniforms - maybe the funds can come from Cheer's surplus (Exec Board will vote on that). All the squads got new pom poms (14U will need new pom poms also if we end up running a 14U squad). The prelim budget was approved based on a few minor changes Board will review within a few days and registration is set to be open for Cheer.

The next SYA meeting will be held on September 18th, 2025 location TBA