CHAMBERSBURG SUBURBAN LEAGUE

YEARLY KICKOFF MEETING

September 1, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER (7:05 PM)

II. ROLL CALL

Big Spring, Chambersburg, Fairfield, Fairfield Baseball, Fayetteville, Franklin Township, Greenvillage, Guilford, Hamilton Heights, Lurgan, Marion, McConnellsburg, Mercersburg (MBSA), Mercersburg (MYB), New Franklin, Path Valley, Scotland, Shippensburg, South Hamilton, St. Thomas, State Line, Waynesboro, WAGS

Absent: Fairfield, Guilford, Hamilton Heights, Marion, McConnellsburg, Path Valley, Shippensburg, St. Thomas

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bank Account
    1. David Cook - Treasurer
    2. Kylie Scott - VP of Softball
B. PO Box
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IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Community presidents updated contact information.
B. League Secretary
    a. Appointed and approved by the communities.
    b. Voting member of the Executive Committee.
C. Review previous season successes and concerns.
D. Coach feedback for review.
    a. I wanted to offer some thoughts regarding the T-ball division. I understand that scheduling and league decisions involve balancing many different factors, but I think there are a few changes that could improve the experience for our youngest players while better aligning with the league's mission of introducing children to baseball.

By the end of this season, many of the players seemed burned out, including some of the older, more experienced kids who also play at higher levels. In our family's case, our first scheduled T-ball game took place before any of my older children's teams even started their seasons. Our last scheduled T-ball game was after the final 15U game had already been played, even though the 15U season started nearly two weeks later. That is an exceptionally long season for our youngest players, and I think it can take away from the excitement that T-ball should create.

I'd encourage the league to consider the following changes:

1. Return to an 8-game schedule.
2. Finish the T-ball season no later than the end of the first week of summer, allowing families a natural transition into summer activities.
3. Return to three-inning games.
4. Structure each game with one inning off the tee followed by two innings of coach pitch to better encourage player development while still building confidence.

I believe these adjustments would better serve the purpose of the T-ball division. A shorter, more focused season helps keep young players engaged, prevents burnout, and leaves them excited to come back the following year. It also better aligns with the league's goals of attracting new players, maintaining their interest, teaching the fundamentals of the game, and, most importantly, fostering a lifelong love of baseball.

E. Other Business
    a. Additional items from community representatives.
        i. Waynesboro - Umpire question asking about the home team supplying two umpires. Discussion held about the home team being able to provide both umpires. Suggested changing the verbiage in the manual.
        ii. Scotland - Umpires for playoffs. Coordinate with the Division Representatives to have umpires in place at the start of playoffs.
        iii. Greenvillage - Concern about keeping track of standings at 8U so playoffs are more accurate.
        iv. Lurgan - All Star communication. Suggested having a standard deadline for submitting selections.
        v. Chambersburg Boro - Boundary lines discussion.
F. Next Steps & Adjournment
    a. October is the deadline for all proposed rule changes.
    b. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing with rationale.
    c. There will be time for discussion and questions and answers.
    d. Next Board Meeting: **October 6th at 7:00 PM**