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# PHBA Newsletter

## 2008 PHBA Board

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## End of 2008 Season

Another season baseball has come to an end. Hopefully all the boys and girls had fun this year. In September the current President Keith Lotz stepped down. We would like to thank Keith for all of his hard work and dedication to the game, our organization and especially the kids.

## Other News

In September PHBA said GOOD BYE to some board members that have been a part of PHBA for many years. We would like to say THANK YOU to Nancy Stratinsky and Denise Makse. Nancy, Denise and their families have contributed a lot of time to PHBA. Also, Eric Nelson has stepped down as the Safety Officer. Thanks for a job well done.

Also, at the September board meeting the new PHBA board member where elected. Todd Selke in the President, Peter Donahue is the Vice President, Maureen Selke as Secretary, Keith Lotz as Safety Officer and Colleen Lotz as Information Officer. Welcome to everyone.

## Notice from Little League International

Below is a new requirement that Little League International has put in place for the 2009 season. **PLEASE READ!!**

In effect for the 2009 season is the requirement that all non-wood bats used in Little League Baseball (Majors) Divisions and below shall **be printed with a BPF of 1.15 or less.**

This stipulation has been included in the Official Rules and Regulations for the past few years, leading up to 2009, so that leagues, parents, and bat manufacturers could prepare for it.

Most non-wood bats manufactured over the past several years for the age groups involved in Little League Baseball (Majors) and below have been permanently imprinted with the BPF. In fact, very few bats sold today with a diameter of 2-1/4 (two and one-quarter) inches are not printed with the BPF rating.

So, starting with the 2009 season, bats printed with a BPF higher than 1.15, or without a BPF printed (or not legible) on the bat, are not permitted in these divisions.

## PRESIDENT NOTE

As your new president, I am honored to lead Palos Hills Baseball and Softball for the next two years. Your new board has already met and has come up with some new ideas to help improve the upcoming season. We have formed 6 subcommittees. I would like to thank each of these folks for their dedication and commitment to improving the association.

Equipment:	Mark Rukujzo
Girls Softball:	Renee Dallaj, Erica Orzech, and Danielle Bell
Fundraising:	Cheryl Shumake
Recruitment/Registration:	Peter Donahue and Renee Dallaj
Concession Stand:	Cathy Padilla
Grounds:	<b>Looking for a Volunteer</b>

At our next general meeting on November 20 we will be discussing the responsibilities of each committee and take names of volunteers to help on each committee. As with any organization the secret to success is getting volunteers. The more help we receive, the better the organization will run and the kids benefit!

Speaking of volunteers, we are having a fall clear up day this Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3 pm. We need bodies to help clean out the ditches, painting, raking and many other jobs to prepare the fields for the winter.

The baseball /softball fees for 2009 season have been determined and have gone up from 2008. The reason for the price increase is because in past the years the league has subsidized all players, boys and girls. Our organization is in no position to pick up the cost. It is only fair that each division picks up the entire cost of playing for the upcoming season. One of our past presidents completed an extensive per child cost analysis for all divisions and this was used to determine the 2009 fees. Palos Hills Baseball and Softball is still the best value over the neighboring town's fees!

Special Thanks to Nancy Strantinsky who have devoted over 12 years of service to our organization. THANKS Nancy for a job well done!

Look forward to seeing everyone at the fields this Saturday and at our next general meeting, Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There is a new location for these meetings, at Ciao Restaurant. Ciao is located across from our fields on 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Come out, have a drink and GET INVOLVED!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely,  
Todd Selke