



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes from Feb 28, 2017**

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 2/28/17

In attendance:

Board Members: Mike Deenihan, Robert Geisler, Jen Hanley, Nick Montagnese, Robert Merturi, Bob Katchko, Dan Noto, Roger Watson, Karen Montagnese

League members/Others: Sheldon Mui, Irene Van Auken, Chris Kaelin - District Umpire in Chief

Regrets received: John Gonzalez, Martin Vera, Bob Pascarella

Meeting Commencement

Co-President Bob Katchko called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

1. Approve minutes from Feb 7 meeting

A motion was made by Dan Noto to approve the minutes of the Feb 7 Board meeting. Robert Merturi seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all.

2. President's Report

Bob and Nick noted the following:

- Nick is working with the District Representative regarding the league waivers
- The league parent's meeting was held at Davenport Elementary School on Feb 25; 10:30am. About 40 parents attended the meeting.
- Spring travel meeting is March 21
- The fundraising events at Pet Valu and Liz Sue Bagels were hugely successful. The League raised over \$2K at these events and also recruited several players to join the league.

3. Treasury Report

Bob Pascarella provided a financial update via email, prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the financial status of the league.

4. Update on Managers and Coaches

Mike Deenihan provided an update on the District Safety clinic held at Stamford High as follows:

District 1 held its annual Managers and Coaches Safety Clinic Thursday Feb 23 7:00 at SHS.

- SALL had 12 managers/coaches in attendance and there were about 22 attendees there in total. SALL had by far the biggest turnout of all Little Leagues there!
- All SALL people in attendance signed the sign in sheet. Names reported to SALL leadership.
- Clinic was led by Rich Larusso.
- Topics included compression CPR, how to handle several types of different situations when a kid is hurt, and how to operate a defibrillator.
- It was mentioned that everyone who wants to coach or manage in LL needs to attend a safety clinic every three years.

Mr. Deenihan also noted that the Winter Clinics were very successful. A total of 105 players participated in the 28 clinics offered by the league. Also, volunteerism was very good with many parents supporting the league efforts.

5. Review registration numbers

Karen Montagnese, Player Agent, provided an update on headcount by division.

6. AA Update

Jason Dube, AA Commissioner, was not able to attend the meeting.

7. Umpire in Chief Update

Rob Geisler provided an update on umpires, including the umpiring fees.

Rob noted that a junior umpire clinic is being held at the IC Rose Room on March 20.

Chris Kaelin, District Umpire in Chief, joined the meeting in progress. He noted that a district meeting for junior umpires would be held on March 26, 10a-2p at McGuane field in Darien.

8. Finalize uniform selection

Martin Vera had circulated a proposal for the 2017 Spring house league uniforms. A motion was made by Robert Merturi and seconded by Rob Geisler to approve the proposed uniforms. The motion passed.

9. Try-outs

Nick Montagnese discussed the format for the tryouts, which will include:

- Pitching
- Hitting
- Fielding
- Running

Each coach will be given a list of player's names and numbers.

10. Sponsorships and Fundraising

Mike Deenihan provided an update on sponsorships.

11. Spring schedule

Rob Geisler provided an update on practice schedules.

12. Communications update

Jen Hanley provided a communications update. Jen noted that the new registration system has worked smoothly. Jen also provided an update on the planning for opening day, April 23. Below is an outline of what the day will look like:

- Setup crew arriving at 8am
- Teams must arrive by 9:30am
- Ceremony begins at 10am
- Teams announced as they walk on field
- Introduce the board
- 12 year old players recognized
- Challenger players recognized - if they take part
- Bob K speaks - Discuss improvements, discuss Mets program
- Guest Speaker

- Skills Competition - need someone to be in charge

It was decided on 7 long tables & 10 Round tables and chairs. Bob will order and arrange delivery to the field.

Bake Sale volunteers - Amy Muslim & Kathleen Mascolo will run the Bake Sale. Any questions regarding Bake Sale, please run it by these 2 ladies. Amy is also in charge of the coffee.

Irene Van Auken is in charge of Photo Day and organizing with Bishop Photo & the league.

- Photo Day for all teams
- Food Tables
- Bake Sale
- Discount Card Sale
- SALL Magnet Sale - need to get new logo magnets made –
- Denice and I will be taking photos throughout the event

Sponsors & Vendors who will have a presence:

- Brother Jimmy's
- California Pizza Kitchen
- Pet Valu
- Modell's
- Mets

13. Other business

Roger Watson provided an update on the league field assignments.

14. 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3/14/17.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson