



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

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 3/28/17

In attendance:

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

League members/Others: Irene Van Auken, Peter Makover

Regrets received: John Gonzalez, Nick Montagnese

Meeting Commencement

Co-President Bob Katchko called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. Approve minutes from March 16 meeting

A motion was made by Dan Noto to approve the minutes of the March 16 Board meeting. Robert Merturi seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all.

2. Discuss "Payball" app

Peter Makover attended the meeting to discuss the Payball app, which is used to facilitate payment to umpires. Mr. Makover met separately with Bob Pascarella, Karen Montagnese and Rob Geisler to review the app.

A motion was made by Bob Pascarella to implement the Payball app for 2017. The motion was seconded by Robert Merturi and was approved.

3. Umpire Discussion

Bob Katchko informed the Board that, sadly, Rich Gillespie had passed away. Rich was a player in SALL and has served the league in the capacity of Umpire in Chief, for the past several years. The Board agreed that SALL will acknowledge Rich's significant contribution over the past many years, in an appropriate manner.

4. Scheduling Update

Rob Geisler reported that the Majors schedule has been completed and that the AAA schedule is nearing completion.

Each Majors and AAA team is scheduled to play 18 games. It was agreed that each team must play a minimum of 16 games, in the event that games can not be rescheduled due to rainout, etc.

It was noted that the rules for determining team standings and tiebreakers will need to be formally documented and communicated. This is especially important considering the potential for teams to play a differing number of games.

Mr. Geisler noted that scheduling of practices is going smoothly.

5. President's Report

Bob Katcko noted the following:

- Kevin from Ready Rooster is ready to operate the Vine Road Snack bar
- Bob is checking with various food trucks to be present at Northrop field
- The League obtained approval to build a batting cage at Northrop and a second batting cage at Vine.
- The batting cage at Kane needs to be assembled
- Dan Noto was able to arrange for new carpeting to be installed at the Kane Ave batting cage, at no cost to the League
- Nick Montagnese had the electrical outlets at Kane replaced and has made arrangements for two new Gatorade machines to be deployed at Kane. Special thanks to Frank Ferretti for donating his time and materials in installing the electrical outlets
- Field clean-up is planned for April 8
- The city is fixing all the fences at the fields

Karen Montagnese, Player Agent, noted that a formal call-up process exists for the Majors division. For AAA, teams will borrow players on an as needed basis.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

7. Uniform and Equipment update

Martin Vera distributed a recap of the expenditures related to uniforms and equipment. The Board members asked a variety of questions, to which Mr. Vera and others responded.

8. Safety Officer update

Dan Noto provided an update on Safety. First aid kits have been distributed to the Majors and AAA managers. The younger divisions will receive their kits at the April 6 Managers meeting.

9. Stamford Advocate Game Recaps

Dan Noto advised that Managers will be submitting game recaps to our Communications office for inclusion in the Stamford Advocate. This will be an exciting new program for our league members.

10. Discount Cards update

Dan Noto reported that discount cards had been distributed to the Majors and AAA teams. Each player was given five cards to sell. He noted that cards will be sold at the Rookie Clinic and at Opening Day.

11. Review registration numbers

Karen Montagnese noted that the league had achieved its goal of having at least 300 players sign-up for spring 2017. Bob Katchko thanked all of the Board members and other key individuals, including Summer Van Auken, for the terrific result in restoring the number of SALL players.

12. Rookie Clinic Update

Mike Deenihan provided an update on the rookie clinic, which is planned for April 8 at 10am, at Kane Ave field. Mike requested help in managing the event.

13. Opening Day Preparations

The Board discussed Opening Day preparations.

14. Sponsorship and Fundraising

Mike Deenihan provided an update on sponsorships. Discussion ensued.

15. Communications update

Jen Hanley provided a communications update. Ms. Hanley noted that the spirit wear on-line store has been fully transitioned to Dick's Sporting Goods.

16. Other business

Irene Van Auken discussed the plan for the A ball. Discussion ensued.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson