



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 10/18/16.

### **In attendance:**

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

League members: Irene Van Auken

**Regrets received:** none

### **Meeting Commencement**

Co-President Bob Katchko called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

#### **1. Approval of 10/4/16 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Martin Vera to approve the draft minutes of the 10/4/16 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by John Gonzalez and approved by all.

#### **2. President's Report**

Nick Montagnese provided an update on the District 1 President's meeting. The Board members asked a variety of questions, to which Mr. Montagnese and others responded. Key action items included:

- Robert Merturi was approved by the Board to be the Travel Ball Commissioner. Key responsibilities of the Travel Ball Commissioner include establishing a protocol for selecting players, identifying managers and scheduling games.
- A 20% discount can be obtained by filing the ASAP safety plan prior to the deadline (early March)
- Jen Hanley will update the LL International - League One data room to provide the required SALL information.
- 2017 is the final season for composite bats. A communication will be provided to the League regarding this LL rule, taking effect in 2018
- The updated LL age requirements take effect in 2017 (September 1 age cutoff)
- Any recommended changes to the SALL Constitution will need to be approved by the membership, at the September 2017 annual meeting.
- A draft game schedule for the Spring season should be prepared to determine the optimal schedule

#### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Bob Pascarella reported on the League's financial status. Mr. Pascarella noted that he has assumed control over the SALL financial records having completed the transition process from the former Treasurer. Mr. Pascarella provided the following update:

- All prior-year bills have been paid (umpires have been paid through 9/30)
- Based upon a high-level review of the 2015-2016 P&L and supporting documents, SALL had a net loss of about \$5.6K in the prior-year.
- The bank account reconciliation showed that the current checking account balance is about \$12K.
- Several opportunities exist to provide better clarity and visibility into the various revenue and expense accounts, which Mr. Pascarella will implement

The Board discussed the \$10K bequest received from the Geriak estate, in the prior-year. The Board will determine an appropriate way of honoring the family for this generous donation to SALL.

#### 4. Winter Clinics

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Nick Montagnese discussed the preliminary plan for the winter clinics. He noted he will continue to follow-up regarding securing the location for the clinics and obtaining the necessary permits.

Dan Noto stated that he is preparing a draft curriculum on how the winter clinics will be conducted.

Jen Hanley noted that prior-year winter clinic attendance was as follows:

<i>Age Group</i>	<i># of Players</i>
7-8	17
9-10	34
11-12	11
A-Ball	11 (held at Stamford Athletic Club)

#### 5. Review of 2016-2017 Calendar of Events

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Roger Watson reviewed the draft Calendar of Events which had been circulated to all board members prior to the meeting. Key action items included:

- Games will be played on Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend
- Majors and AAA games will start during the week of April 17

The calendar will be updated as needed throughout the year.

#### 6. Communications Update

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Jen Hanley provided a communications update noting that the SALL website has been updated for the many activities already planned by the Board. Clean-up day is October 30.

#### 7. Other business

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Nick Montagnese recommended the following:

- The Board should send out Holiday e-cards to our sponsors as a show of appreciation for their support.
- SALL registration lawn signs (30-40) need to be purchased for recruiting purposes

The Board approved both of these recommendations.

#### 8. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson, Secretary

#### Future Meeting Dates (through Feb 2017):

- 11/1/16
- 11/15/16
- 12/6/16
- 12/20/16
- 1/10/17
- 1/24/17
- 2/7/17
- 2/28/17