



**Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes from Feb 7, 2017**

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 2/7/17

In attendance:

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

League members: Sheldon Mui, Irene Van Auken

Regrets received: Karen Montagnese

Meeting Commencement

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

1. President's Report

Bob and Nick noted the following:

- District President's meeting is Thursday, 2/9.
- Nick reported that a meeting of the Majors managers was held prior to the meeting Board meeting
- District safety clinic is Feb 23 at Stamford high
- Spring travel meeting is March 21
- Nick is working on the waivers for league
- Robert Merturi agreed to serve as AAA Co-Commissioner
- Nick noted that the league I-pad was returned. It was given to Roger Watson
- The Board agreed that the league parent's meeting would be held at Davenport Elementary School on Feb 25; 10:30am

2. Treasury Report

Bob Pascarella provided a financial update. Discussion ensued.

3. Update on Managers and Coaches

Mike Deenihan provided an update on the Coach's clinic held at BVSA as follows:

- SALL held a coaches clinic at BVSA on Sat Feb 4th 2017, from 5:00 to 6:30p
- Event was planned by coaching coordinators Mike Deenihan, Rob Merturi, and VP Dan Noto.
- Cost was \$300. SALL sponsored the event, no charge for coaches.
- Frank Ramppen from BVSA spoke and had a couple of his coaches with him as well.
- Focus of clinic was on approach as far as speaking to/working with kids and basics on Hitting, Fielding, and Pitching. And keeping it fun!
- SALL had 16 coaches in attendance.

The coaching coordinators are monitoring the number of coaches for each division.

4. Tryouts – process

The Board discussed the majors and AAA tryout process. It was noted that the league needs to obtain volunteers to execute the tryouts and run the various stations.

5. Opening Day

Jen Hanley provided an update on the opening day planning process. She noted that a committee has been formed to help plan the day's activities. CPK and Brother Jimmy's have both agreed to provide food for the day.

6. Communications update

Jen Hanley provided a communications update. Jen noted that she had secured additional domain names for the league. The Board thanked Jen for her outstanding work in maintaining the website and managing the communications to our league family.

7. Umpire in Chief update

Rob Geisler noted that he is having a meeting with Rich Gillespie to begin planning the umpiring needs for the league.

Rob noted that a meeting/clinic for the Junior Umpires would be held on March 20, at the IC Rose Room.

Rob also circulated a draft indoor majors and AAA practice schedule for spring. Rob will continue to fine-tune the schedule.

8. Bylaws

The Board discussed the updates to the Bylaws, a redline version of which had been circulated to all Board members in advance of the meeting.

A motion was made by John Gonzalez and seconded by Robert Merturi, to approve the updated Bylaws. The motion was passed.

9. Discount Cards

Dan Noto provided an update on the discount card. Dan noted that the team had done an outstanding job in securing the many new and existing businesses to be added to the card. The card will sell for \$20 and should provide significant funds for the league. Each player will be tasked to sell five cards with each team manager being responsible for collecting the funds or unsold cards.

10. Sponsorships

It was agreed that sponsorship funds should be received by March 2. Bob Katchko requested that he be consulted relative to team colors.

11. Other Business

Martin Vera noted that Stark School is having a fundraiser and requested that the league donate a free registration for one player, for the 2017 season of their choice. The Board unanimously approved the request.

Martin noted that uniforms will be ordered on March 17.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for 2/28/17.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson