

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 1/8/15.

In attendance:

Board members: Ric Anderson, Gavin Daly, Conor Farrell, Mike Fenske, Jeff Goodman, Bob Katchko, John Tromba, Brad Van Auken, Judy Vivona, Roger Watson, Nick Montagnese, Nick Vivona, Jenn Salvatore, Brett Szczesny

League members: none

Regrets received: James Restivo, Michele Somody, Felix Belgrove

Meeting Commencement

President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Nick Vivona made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/16/14 meeting. Brad Van Auken seconded the motion. The 12/16/14 minutes were approved as written.

2. President's Report

Mr. Goodman discussed the enrollment for each of the winter clinic sessions. He noted that 21 players participated in the 7-8 year old clinic the prior evening and that the clinic was well-executed. The Board members raised various questions regarding the winter clinics, to which Mr. Goodman and others responded.

Mr. Goodman noted that the next District President's meeting is 1/15/15.

3. Discuss Plan for Tryouts and Draft

Jenn Salvatore reviewed the draft plan for conducting the tryouts and draft for the AAA and Majors divisions. The Board members raised various questions regarding the plan, to which Ms. Salvatore and others responded. A few key points from the discussion were as follows:

- Tryouts will be held on March 8, 2015
- Conor Farrell will conduct the tryouts and rate the players
- The Board agreed that the draft process would be a "snake draft" format as this is the most statistically fair method
- All players will try-out and kids will be rated relative to the entire population of kids and not just within their specific age grouping
- Nine year olds who want to stay in AA will be allowed to do so. A consent form must be signed.

The Board discussed the merits of conducting a full draft compared to carrying over the teams from the prior year and only drafting players to complete the respective team rosters. A motion was made by Nick Montagnese to conduct a full draft for the spring 2015 season. The motion was seconded by Nick Vivona and approved by all.

A motion was made by Brett Szczesny to approve the plan for tryouts and draft in principle, subject to the changes discussed in the meeting and review of the final draft plan. The motion was seconded by Bob Katchko. The motion was passed.

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4. Spring Registration and Communication

Gavin Daly discussed the plan for spring registration. The Board agreed that registration will open on 1/22/15.

The Board discussed the registration fees for each division. A motion was made by Bob Katchko to approve the following registration fees and early bird discount for the 2015 season:

Division	2015 Registration Fee
T-Ball	\$75
A	\$110
AA	\$120
AAA	\$170
Majors	\$170

A \$10 “early bird” registration discount will be offered until midnight; Friday, 2/13/15.

The motion was seconded by Brad Van Auken. The motion was approved.

5. Sponsorship Committee Update

Judy Vivona provided a sponsorship committee update. The Board discussed various options for contacting prior year sponsors. Jeff Goodman stated that he would review the sponsor letter so that it can be sent out.

6. Review Budget

Brett Szczesny provided a budget update. Brett will circulate the latest view of the 2015 budget to the Board for review and comment. The 2015 budget will be finalized at the 1/22/15 meeting.

Brett noted that there is \$9.6K in the checking account. This does not include the approximately \$5.25K in revenue from the winter clinics.

Jeff Goodman noted a request from James Restivo to purchase 40 dozen baseballs for \$1200, from Instant Replay. A motion to approve this purchase was made by Nick Vivona and seconded by Mike Fenske. The motion was approved by all.

7. Other Business

None

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

SUBSEQUENT EVENT:

On January 13, 2015, the Board voted and approved, via email, a \$250 donation to the Vincent Bell family. The Bell family home was consumed by fire earlier in the month. The Bell family was a long-standing member of the SALL community.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson - Secretary