

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 10/23/14.

In attendance:

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

League members: none

Regrets received: Felix Belgrove, Michele Somody, Nick Montagnese

Meeting Commencement

President Jeff Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Ric Anderson, Vice President, provided a brief description of the planned meeting protocol and the materials binder that was provided to each Board member at the meeting.

1. Approve Minutes

After discussion, a motion was made by Nick Vivona to approve the minutes from the 10/7/14 meeting. The motion was seconded by Brad Van Auken and approved by all. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved as written.

2. President's Report (Jeff Goodman).....15 Minutes

Mr. Goodman provided a brief recap of the District Meeting which he attended on 10/16/14, as follows:

- Mr. Goodman shared an "age chart" which reflected the impact of the 2014 rule change relative to player age eligibility. Mr. Goodman stated that we should consider establishing a communication committee to explain the rule change and the impact on certain players.
- Mr. Goodman noted that the next District Meeting would include a discussion on equipment purchases and asked that James Restivo and/or John Tromba attend to the meeting to understand the District's agreement with Instant Replay to be the uniform provider for the district. SALL has already been using Instant Replay for much of its equipment needs in prior years.
- Mr. Goodman noted that charter fees had been reduced from \$16 to \$10 per team.
- Mr. Goodman advised that he had spoken to Mr. Larry Miller regarding a \$350 donation from his Old Timers organization. Consistent with prior year, Mr. Goodman has asked Mike Beldotti to follow-up with Mr. Miller.

Mr. Goodman advised that Conor Farrell and Mike Fenske have been selected to lead Player Development for the league. Mr. Goodman stated that providing an enhanced level of teaching to the Managers and Coaches will be a critical success factor for the league. Mr. Goodman plans to maintain focus on a "teach the teachers" approach to engaging with the kids and teaching baseball skills.

Mr. Goodman discussed the need to implement a spending policy. At Mr. Goodman's suggestion, a motion was made by James Restivo that effective immediately, any commitment/expenditure exceeding \$50 requires Mr. Goodman's prior approval. The motion was seconded by Bob Katchko and approved by all.

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3. Bobby Valentine's Clinics (Jenn Salvatore).....15 Minutes

Jenn Salvatore provided a recap of the recent clinics conducted by BVSA at the JCC. Ms. Salvatore noted that all participants found the clinics very beneficial and insightful. While the idea of dividing the kids up into groups and running several stations was not new to the group, the drills themselves and teaching techniques (e.g. use of video, step-by-step instruction) were very good and will be shared with the league's managers and coaches.

The Board members asked several questions to which Ms. Salvatore and others responded. The group agreed that a formal curriculum needs to be established, which will be the framework for the league's skills development program.

The Board briefly discussed the planned format for the winter clinics. It was noted that permits must be obtained very soon to ensure SALL has the facilities needed to host the clinics. Conor Farrell and Mike Fenske stated they would obtain the needed permits.

4. Calendar (Jeff Goodman/Ric Anderson).....60 Minutes

Ric Anderson led the Board in a discussion regarding key dates for the year. The Board discussed various activities and the corresponding dates. Once the calendar is established, it will be reviewed at every meeting to ensure the short, medium and longer term planned activities are on track (30/60/90 day review).

Gavin Daly discussed his proposal to offer a series of clinics for the League's parents and coaches. The clinics will focus on enhancing the understanding and performance relative to the following critical relationships:

- Parents & kids – Dec 6
- Coaches and kids – Jan 24
- Coaches and parents – Feb 21

5. Discussion (Board Members).....remaining time

**league discipline*

**general topics*

Mr. Goodman discussed the need to form a Discipline committee. The purpose of the Discipline Committee will be to establish a consistent process for dealing with undesirable behavior. After discussion, the following volunteers were selected by Mr. Goodman, to serve on the Discipline Committee:

- Ric Anderson
- Gavin Daly
- Brad Van Auken
- Jenn Salvatore

The Committee will draft its specific roles and responsibilities, which will be reviewed and approved by the Board.

6) Other Business

No other business was presented.

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7) Future Meeting Dates

The chart below depicts the planned meeting dates through March 2015, as well as the key agenda items for the respective meetings. The next SALL Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 7pm at the Italian Center.

Meeting Date	Topic	Owner
November 6	Finish the Calendar	Ric
	Player Development Plan	Mike F. & Conor
	Winter Clinics Plan	Mike F. & Conor
	Winterization weekend - 11/8-9	Bob, Nick V., James
November 18	Fall Ball – Post-Mortem	Mike Beldotti
	Establish Committees	Jeff
	Provide any budget requests to Brett	All
November 25	Review Bylaws	Roger
	2014-2015 Budget	Brett
	Recruiting strategy	Felix
December 4	Discuss Plan for Tryouts	Mike F. & Conor
December 16	Review Sponsorship and Fundraising Plan	Judy
	Review Player Draft Process	Jeff
	Review Safety Plan	Ric
January 8	Specific Discussion on Sponsors	Jeff
January 22	Review Umpire Plan	James
February 12	TBD	
February 26	TBD	
March 12	TBD	
March 26	TBD	

8) Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson
Secretary