

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 12/4/14.

In attendance:

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

League members: none

Regrets received: James Restivo, Nick Vivona, Brett Szczesny, Jenn Salvatore, Felix Belgrove

Meeting Commencement

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 11/25/14 meeting are in process.

2. President's Report

Mr. Goodman provided the following update:

- A meeting was held on December 3, to discuss the tryouts and draft process. A proposed plan will be presented to the full Board, at a subsequent meeting.
- The next League Presidents meeting is December 11.

The Board members raised various questions regarding the above topics, to which Mr. Goodman and others responded.

3. Discuss Bylaws

Roger Watson reviewed the proposed changes to the bylaws. The Board members raised several questions to which Mr. Watson and others responded.

The draft bylaws will be further updated and discussed at a future meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report

While Brett Szczesny was unable to attend the meeting, he had circulated a financial update to the Board for review. Mr. Szczesny reported that SALL has about \$12.7K in checking and \$20K in savings (CDs).

5. Finalize Winter Clinic Plans and Information

Conor Farrell reported that the permits have been obtained for the winter clinics, which will be held at Davenport Elementary. Conor stated that he has a list of coaches/parents that will be helping run the clinics. He plans to have a coaches meeting prior to the clinics commencing. Registration for the winter clinics is scheduled to open on Monday, 12/8/14. Registration fees will be \$75 per child.

A question was raised regarding insurance coverage for the clinics. Mr. Goodman stated he would follow-up to ensure appropriate insurance coverage was in place.

Conor stated he would follow-up with James Restivo regarding the equipment needed for the winter clinics. The Board members asked a variety of questions, to which Conor and various members of the Board responded.

6. Update on Player and Coaching Development and Curriculum

Conor Farrell discussed the plan for player and coaching development. Conor reported that he will create formal documents as follows:

- a. A document which describes the curriculum for the winter clinics
- b. A document which describes the curriculum for each level of player development (T-ball, A-ball, etc.)

7. Director/Committee Chair Updates

The Board members in attendance each provided a brief update regarding their key area of focus. Formal updates included:

- a) Recruiting update – Felix was not able to attend the meeting but provided the following information:
 - A tentative flyer has been created (English & Spanish) with the pertinent info regarding winter clinics. He plans to share the flyer with Jeff Goodman.
- b) Lights committee update – John Tromba presented the SALL lights proposal, a copy of which was circulated during the meeting. The proposal will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee on December 17.
- c) Calendar Review – Ric Anderson reviewed the calendar for the next 90 days. Ric stated he would circulate an electronic version of the calendar so that everyone is clearly aligned on dates and events.

The Board also conducted a robust discussion regarding the following topics:

- Requiring Facemasks for Helmets
- Mandating the use of Heart Guards, especially for pitchers
- Mandating cup usage for boys

The Board agreed that additional research and understanding of official guidance from LL International was needed before formulating an official position. Further discussion will be held on these topics.

8. Safety Officer Report

Ric Anderson discussed the plan for the December 16 meeting to be safety training for the Board members.

9. Other Business

None

10. Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming Meetings and Key Topics:

- Tuesday, December 16
Safety Training (Ric)
- Thursday, January 8
Discuss Plan for Tryouts and Draft (Jenn)
Communication Plan - Spring Registration Process (Gavin)
Finalize Bylaws (Roger)
Finalize Budget (Brett)

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- Thursday, January 22
Review Umpire Plan (James)

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson - Secretary