

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 2/10/15.

In attendance:

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

League members: none

Regrets received: John Tromba, Judy Vivona, Brett Szczesny

Meeting Commencement

President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

1. Approval of Minutes

Brad Van Auken made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/22/15 meeting. Nick Montagnese seconded the motion. The 1/22/15 minutes were approved.

2. Presidents Report

Jeff Goodman provided a report regarding the selection of the Majors and AAA managers for the Spring 2015 season. Mr. Goodman provided an overview of the selection process which included a questionnaire that was completed by the individuals who had expressed interest in managing. Generally, the questionnaire focused on why each individual wanted to manage. The questionnaire was formulated by Nick Vivona, Majors Commissioner, Nick Montagnese, AAA Commissioner and President Goodman.

Messrs. Goodman, Montagnese and Vivona recommended to the Board, the approval of the following individuals to serve as Managers and Coaches for the Spring season:

Majors Managers:

1. EJ Donoghue
2. Nick Montagnese
3. Gavin Daly
4. Harry Mascolo
5. James Restivo

A motion was made by Bob Katchko to approve the proposed slate of Majors managers. The motion was seconded by Brad Van Auken and approved. Messrs. Montagnese, Restivo and Daly abstained from voting.

AAA (Manager and Coach)

1. Chris Beldotti and John Frattaroli
2. Brian Martin and Rodd Salvatore
3. Nick Vivona and Mike Fenske
4. Bob Katchko and Brad VanAuken
5. Charlie Gawlak and Matt & Kelly Lacarenza
6. Jeff Bernfeld and Vin Murace
7. Matt Shoztic and Rick Saint

A motion was made by Roger Watson to approve the proposed slate of AAA managers and coaches. The motion was seconded by Conor Farrell and approved. Messrs. Vivona, Fenske, Van Auken and Katchko abstained from voting.

Further, the Board decided that once the draft is completed, the respective Commissioners will notify parents if their child was not selected in the draft.

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3. Sponsorship Update

The sponsorship update was deferred to the next meeting.

Jeff Goodman noted that Rudy Karukas has agreed to manage spirit wear for the spring season.

4. Review Budget

Mr. Goodman provided a brief update on the budget process. The 2015 budget will be finalized at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Draft AA Rules

Michele Somody and Roger Watson presented the draft AA rules to the Board. The Board members asked a variety of questions and provided comments, to which Michele, Roger and others responded. An updated draft document will be re-circulated to the Board for review and approval.

6. Discussion of travel baseball proposal

Nick Montagnese provided an update on Spring travel baseball. He noted that the league will be fielding the following teams: 12U, 11U, 10U, 9U and 8U.

Nick will prepare a document outlining the travel baseball player selection process.

Home games will likely be played at K-park on Sunday evenings. Away games will likely be played on Friday or Sunday evenings.

The Board discussed assessing additional fees for those involved in travel baseball. Nick will investigate obtaining a sponsor for travel ball and will revert back to the Board regarding to options for funding travel ball.

7. Update on Spring Registration and Communication

Gavin Daly provided an update on Spring registration. He noted that the “sign-up genius” tool is working effectively for scheduling the Majors and AAA player tryouts.

In-person registration will be offered at the Feb 20 and Feb 27 winter clinics.

8. Recruiting Update

Nick Montagnese provided an update on recruiting noting that flyers had been distributed at local schools within our district. He noted that for public schools, the flyers must be brought to the Government Center for subsequent distribution to the schools.

Email Approval of \$500 for Signs and Marketing Materials

On Feb 5, the Board voted via email, to approve \$500 for marketing materials and signs. The motion was made by Nick Montagnese, seconded by Gavin Daly, and approved.

Sign Replacement at Northrop field

A motion was made Nick Vivona to install two new signs (3' x 8') at Northrop field at cost not to exceed \$1,500. The cost includes the removal of the existing signage. The motion was seconded by James Restivo and approved.

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9. Update on Umpires

James Restivo reported that he is on track with securing umpires for the season. The Board discussed the need to recruit more umpires for AA.

10. Safety Officer Update and Calendar Review

The calendar review and volunteer form update was deferred to the next meeting.

SALL board meeting dates in the near-term were noted as follows:

- March 12
- March 26
- April 9
- April 23
- May 5
- May 28

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson - Secretary