

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2015

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 4/23/15.

In attendance:

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

League members:

Regrets received: Mike Fenske, James Restivo, and Conor Farrell

Meeting Commencement: President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

1. Approval of minutes

John Tromba made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/7/15 meeting. Michele Somody seconded the motion. The 4/7/15 meeting minutes were approved as written.

2. President's Report

President Goodman provided an overview of current events in league operations. He noted that the Rookie Clinic was very well-attended and thanked Brad Van Auken and John Tromba for organizing the event as well as the other Board members who were on hand to make the event a huge success.

Gavin Daly reported that he had attended the April 12 District Presidents meeting on behalf of President Goodman. Mr. Daly noted that based upon the discussion at the meeting, clarification is needed regarding insurance coverage for SALL umpires. Additionally, he noted that other leagues are experiencing a decline in the number of player registrations.

Nick Vivona raised a question regarding snack bar process. It was agreed that if Nick needed to purchase supplemental provisions for the Northrop snack bar, he is authorized to make purchases but must provide the supporting receipts for reimbursement.

3. Update on final registration numbers

Gavin Daly provided the following update on the final registration numbers for the 2015 Spring season:

- Majors: 57
- AAA: 80
- AA: 83
- A: 60
- T: 70
- Challengers: 10 (approximately)

Total = 360

Mr. Goodman indicated that this total represents a slight decrease as compared to the prior year.

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4. Opening Day – confirmation of events

Judy Vivona provided an update on the planned activities for Opening Day. The Board discussed the plans and asked a variety of questions to which Ms. Vivona and others responded.

5. Team Mom Update

Michele Somody provided an update on team parent related activities. The Board agreed on the following items:

Year-end Breakfast Banquet – June 20 - AA, AAA and Majors

Michele Somody is planning the menu, Michelle Corrow will coordinate the seating assignments and Jeff Goodman will handle registration. A motion was made by Michele Somody to establish the banquet costs as follows:

- Adults \$20; Kids \$15; rostered coaches and players are free

The motion was seconded by Bob Katchko and approved by all.

A and T ball Pizza Party celebration –June 13

Trophies and pizza party will occur following the games on June 13

Year Book Ad Form Fee

The Board discussed the year book ad fee. A motion was made by Michele Somody to establish the year book ad form fees as follows:

- Card size ad – \$30
- 3.5 x 5" ad - \$50
- 5 by 7" ad - \$75
- Full page ad - \$135

The motion was seconded by Bob Katchko and approved by all.

6. Safety Officer update

Ric Anderson provided a safety update. He noted that the ASAP plan was approved by LL international. It will be posted on the website.

Mr. Anderson noted that a player had suffered a broken arm during a AAA game. Mr. Andersen noted that all required protocols were followed in managing and reporting on the player injury.

7. Disciplinary Committee Update

A motion was made by Brett Szczesny to convene into executive session to discuss certain matters related to league discipline as well as other matters. The motion was seconded by Michele Somody and approved by all.

The Board then met in executive session.

A motion was made by Brad Van Auken to exit executive session and reconvene the general meeting. The motion was seconded by Michele Somody and approved by all.

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8. Sponsorship and Fundraising Update

Judy Vivona provided an update on team sponsors noting that a sufficient number of sponsors had been identified. Fundraising will be covered at the next meeting.

9. Travel Baseball update

Nick Montagnese provided an update on travel baseball. It was noted that the 12U team has canceled a few games. Nick will follow-up with the 12U Manager.

10. Treasurer's Report (Brett)

Brett Szczesny provided a treasury update noting the following cash balances:

- Checking: \$61K
- Savings: \$20.9K

He noted that invoices for the uniforms had not yet been paid.

11. Other business

No other business was discussed.

12. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Watson - Secretary