

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 28, 2015

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 5/28/15.

In attendance:

Board members: Ric Anderson, Jeff Goodman, Roger Watson, Brett Szczesny, Brad Van Auken, Gavin Daly, Nick Vivona, John Tromba, Mike Fenske, Judy Vivona, Bob Katchko, Michele Somody, Conor Farrell, James Restivo and Nick Montagnese (joined during the meeting)

League Members: Brian Martin, Bob Somody (both for a portion of the meeting)

Regrets received: none

1. Approve minutes of May 4 and May 5 meetings

A motion was made by Gavin Daly to approve the minutes of the May 4 and May 5 meetings which had been circulated to all Board members prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick Vivona and approved by all.

2. President's Report

President Goodman discussed the following topics:

- The rules and playoff schedule for AAA which had been communicated to all the AAA Managers by Nick Montagnese, AAA Commissioner.
- The rules and playoff schedule for the Majors will be reviewed on Sunday evening, May 31, with the Majors Managers.
- End of Year Banquet will be coordinated by Jeff Goodman, Michelle Corrow, Donna Restivo, Eileen Demarkey and Michele Somody
- The league plans to present scholarships to certain graduating high school seniors who are SALL alumni. Mike Beldotti is assisting in executing the scholarship process.
- John Tromba and Bran Van Auken noted that the pizza party for the T-ball and A-ball players is all set for 6/13.
- James Restivo will serve as the Summer Friendship Commissioner
- James Restivo will serve as the Chair of the La Motta Tournament
- Jeff Goodman noted that he had resigned as a coach from AAA team Katchko.

The Board members asked several questions regarding the above topics to which Mr. Goodman and others responded.

Game Protest

Brian Martin, Manager of AAA team Accurate Lock and Hardware, was permitted to speak to the Board. Mr. Martin requested that the game between Accurate and Vivona, which had been called by the umpire due to weather, be resumed. Mr. Goodman and others participated in the discussion of the circumstances by which the game was called. Mr. Goodman noted that he had consulted with the District Administrator, Perry Pierce, on the matter and was informed that the game was not protestable as the game was called at the umpire's discretion. Mr. Martin, as well as the Board members involved in the game and the other AAA Managers then left the meeting, so that the matter could be decided by the remaining Board members. It was decided that the Accurate-Vivona game was considered final and would not be resumed.

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Disciplinary Issue

A motion was made by Brett Szczesny to meet in executive session to discuss a disciplinary issue. The motion was seconded by Gavin Daly and approved. Board members Goodman, Katchko and Van Auken left the meeting during the executive session discussion. The disciplinary issue was decided in executive session.

A motion was made by John Tromba to exit executive session and reconvene the open meeting. The motion was seconded by Judy Vivona and approved.

3. All Stars

A motion was made by Brett Szczesny to elect Jeff Goodman as All Star Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Nick Montagnese and approved by all.

Jeff Goodman noted that he is in the process of coordinating the All Star player selection process. He noted that a meeting will be held on June 2 to coordinate the 9/10 All Star selection process. Mr. Goodman also noted that he will be selecting the All Star Managers.

4. End of Year Banquet

- **T & A Ball Pizza Party**
- **Scholarships (Roger)**

Jeff Goodman covered these topics as part of the President's report.

5. Fundraising Update (Judy)

- **Bluefish and CPK update**

Judy Vivona noted that California Pizza Kitchen SALL discount night is planned for Friday, May 29.

6. Yearbook

Judy Vivona is coordinating the Yearbook.

7. Friendship

James Restivo will serve as the Friendship Commissioner.

8. La Motta Tournament

- **"B" Team Competitive Summer Travel**

James Restivo volunteered to Chair the La Motta tournament. The tourney will be held during the last two weeks in July.

9. Treasurer's Report

Brett Szczesny had circulated a financial update to the Board members prior to the meeting.

10. Disciplinary Committee update

Brad Van Auken resigned from the Disciplinary Committee.

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11. Safety Officer update

Due to time constraints, the safety report was deferred to the next meeting.

12. Other business

There was no other business discussed.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Subsequent Events

The following matters were discussed and decided upon during a special session of the SALL Board on Saturday, May 30, at the Kane Avenue field:

a) Bylaws Change

A motion was made by Gavin Daly, and seconded by Nick Vivona, to approve the changes to the SALL Bylaws regarding the following:

The AAA Addendum to the Bylaws has a statement that says, "These rules and restrictions will be lifted one game before playoffs begin." At the AAA managers meeting it was clarified that this really should have said "These rules and restrictions will be lifted before playoffs begin." Meaning they are in effect for the regular season.

The motion was approved.

b) Establishing a Protest Committee

The following individuals agreed to serve on the respective Protest Committees for Majors and AAA:

Majors

Nick Vivona, Brett Szczesny, Conor Farrell, Jeff Goodman

AAA

Jeff Goodman, Michele Somody, Nick Montagnese, James Restivo

c) Snack Bar – Resignation

Nick Vivona resigned as Co-Manager of Snack Bar Operations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Watson
SALL Secretary