

Stamford American Little League (SALL)
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

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

In attendance:

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

Regrets received: Bob Katchko, James Restivo and Conor Farrell

1. Approve minutes of April 23 meeting

A motion was made by Brad Van Auken to approve the minutes of the April 23 meeting. The motion was seconded by Nick Vivona and approved by all.

2. President's Report

Jeff Goodman noted that Opening Day was a huge success. He thanked Judy Vivona for spearheading the day's events and the Board members for all the work to make it a success. Jeff noted that Mr. Miller was extremely appreciative of having the opportunity to throw out the first pitch. Gavin Daly noted that the community had provided many positive comments via email, regarding the Opening Day festivities.

3. Disciplinary Committee Update (Brad)

Brad Van Auken provided a brief update on disciplinary committee activities. It was agreed that the Disciplinary Policy would be posted on the website and the registration process will be updated to incorporate an acknowledgement of compliance with the Disciplinary Policy.

4. Sponsorship and Fundraising Update (Judy)

Judy Vivona noted that the fundraising discount cards will be available to the team moms within the next few days. Judy noted that the 20% discount night is being planned for California Pizza Kitchen. Judy is also coordinating the date for SALL night at a Bluefish game.

Judy will provide an updated sponsor listing so that the sponsors can be updated on the website. Judy is in the process of collecting the funds from sponsors who have not paid.

5. Safety Officer Update (Ric)

Ric Anderson provided an update on safety. He noted that a player had suffered a back injury during a recent game. He noted that the required documentation and reporting was completed for this incident. Ric noted that the ASAP safety report will be posted on the website. Ric noted that the league is considering purchasing the double first base for safety reasons.

Ric discussed various opportunities to improve safety at the fields. He stated he would coordinate with the Field Commissioners to review the items noted.

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6. End of Year Celebration

Jeff Goodman recapped the plan for the year end celebration. Judy Vivona will coordinate the year book.

7. New Player discussion

The Board discussed reconsidering a matter that had been discussed and voted on in executive session, at the April 23 meeting. A motion was made by Brett Szczesny to revote on the matter related to allowing a new player to be added to a specific Majors team. The motion was seconded by Brad Van Auken. The motion to revote on the matter did not pass.

8. All Stars

Jeff Goodman discussed the timing and protocols for All Star player selection. Mr. Goodman stated he would update the All Star player request letter to be mailed to the SALL Community.

9. Treasurer's Report (Brett)

Brett Szczesny reported that the checking balance was approximately \$60K and the savings balance was approximately \$20K. He noted that the Opening Day bake sale receipts totaled about \$470 and spirit wear sales totaled about \$1K.

It was noted that uniform costs and umpiring fees have not yet been paid.

10. Other business

- **Discuss dugout chants**
 - **Countertop at Vine Road Snack Bar**
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Dugout Chants

Mr. Goodman discussed inappropriate dugout chants being recited by certain teams. It was agreed the Managers would be advised to discontinue these chants. It was also agreed that dugout chants should stop once the pitcher is on the rubber.

Approval of Reimbursement for Vine Road Snack Bar Countertop Installation

Mr. Goodman requested approval for a \$320 reimbursement to a League member for purchasing and installing a new countertop at the Vine Road snack bar. The expenditure was approved by the Board.

11. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Goodman adjourned the meeting at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Watson
SALL Secretary