

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 8/11/15.

In attendance:

Board members: Jeff Goodman, Roger Watson, Brett Szczesny, Brad Van Auken, Gavin Daly, Nick Vivona, John Tromba, Conor Farrell

League Members: Roe Bria

Regrets received: Bob Katchko, Nick Montagnese, Judy Vivona, Michele Somody, James Restivo and Mike Fenske

1. President's Report

President Goodman called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Mr. Goodman reported that the Friendship season went well. He noted that the 7/8 year old team played a limited number of games because a volunteer to manage the team was not secured until after most other teams had booked their game schedules.

2. LaMotta tournament recap

Mr. Goodman noted that the LaMotta tournament was successful. The League received a lot of positive feedback from the participating teams.

Mr. Goodman noted that staffing for the games was a challenge. This will need to be addressed next year. The Board discussed increasing the team entry fee to \$500 per team for next year.

Mr. Goodman noted that the league should explore having Rich Gillespie manage the umpires for the 2016 season, based upon the positive experience with umpire scheduling during the LaMotta tournament.

3. Fall Ball

The Board discussed the plans for fall ball. Registration will open on 8/23. The fee will be \$85 with a \$10 discount for early bird sign-up. Games will begin the week of 9/9. The plan is for each team to play twelve games. Registration closes on 8/30 as the teams need to be set for scheduling by 9/2.

Mr. Goodman noted that winter clean-up day needs to be scheduled. All sponsor signs need to be removed by 11/1.

The Board discussed initiating a program for the 6-7 year old players. Conor Farrell will provide a cost estimate for managing this program and the Board will vote via email regarding whether to hire Conor to manage the program.

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4. Treasurer's Report

Brett Szczesny reported that the league has \$35.6K in checking and \$20K in savings (CD). He noted that the fence repairs/additions at Kane still need to be paid for.

5. Annual Meeting

Roger Watson provided an update regarding the plan for the annual meeting, which will be held on 9/22/15. The Board appointed Roger Watson, Brett Szczesny, Nick Vivona and Gavin Daly to serve on the Nominating Committee to prepare for the upcoming annual election.

6. Other Business

League member Roe Bria provided an update to the Board regarding her experience with the Friendship season.

7. Meeting Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Watson
SALL Secretary

Future SALL Board Meeting Dates:

- Sept 8 – fall ball update, treasurer's report, annual meeting
- Sept 22 – annual meeting