

Stamford American Little League (SALL)  
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – 12/03/15 @ 7pm

A meeting of the SALL Board of Directors was held at the Italian Center in Stamford, CT, on 12/03/15.

**In attendance:**

Board members: Ric Anderson, Nick Vivona, Joe Fauci, Karen Montagnese, Rosaria Bria, Jen Hanley, John Tromba, Jeff Goodman, Jenn Salvatore, Judy Vivona, Bob Katchko, Jason Benner, Mike Deenihan, Pete Karukas and Nick Montagnese.

League Members: none

**Regrets received:** Mike Fenske and Brett Szczesny

1. Approval of Minutes

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Vice President – Nick Vivona called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. – Approval of minutes of 10/29/15 (Jenn Salvatore - motion / Jeff Goodman - 2<sup>nd</sup>)

2. President's Report

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- a) Ric Anderson explains the league Charter payments have been made and the paperwork has been submitted. Rick Anderson also reminds the Board that all Board member names, addresses and phone information is on the Little League website (Williamsport).
  - b) It was recommended that each of the Board members arrange to have another Board member be their backup.
  - c) Ric Anderson is creating a Quad Chart for each role/responsibility to help each Board member when reporting on their area.
    - i. The goal is to have all of these combined as one presentation, then stored for the league.
  - d) There will be a meeting with the new disciplinary committee (immediately following the Board Meeting). Nick Vivona will serve as Ex Officio and will preside over the committee. The committee consists of:
    - i. Brett Szczesny
    - ii. Jeff Bernfeld
    - iii. Ro Bria
    - iv. Nick Montagnese
    - v. Jen Salvatore
    - vi. (a league parent)
    - vii. TBD
  - e) The idea of 'team pages' on the website is approved
  - f) There was discussion of having a league "Town Hall" meeting in the future.
  - g) Board was reminded that budgets need to be submitted to Brett Szczesny
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BOARD ROLE UPDATES

Nick Vivona – Safety Officer:

- Fences are fixed at Northrop field
  - o Bob Katchko will contact Fences Etc. to fix all other fencing issues at Kane and Vine Road fields.
- Nick Vivona will be working with Ric Anderson on transitioning the Safety Officer responsibilities

Jen Hanley – Info Officer:

- Displayed a presentation (via overhead projector) of the new website - outlining the current functionality and areas that still need updating.
  - o Planning to add an area for Snack Bars
  - o Planning to add area for Spirit Wear (on line ordering)

Judy Vivona – Secretary and Fundraising:

- Judy Vivona has given Jeff Goodman the updated contract template for Discount cards and spreadsheet of sponsor contacts.
- It was recommended that if using Discount Cards again, the league needs to be sure the families are aware of how it works.

Jenn Salvatore – Head Team Parent:

- Reminder of the first SALL Parent Club event on Friday, 12/4 at Little Monkey Café.
- Potential ideas for more events in the future:
  - o Bowling Night
  - o Movie Night

Ro Bria – Snack Bar:

- Discussed doing research on necessary equipment for Northrop and Vine
- Is currently reviewing receipts from past year to develop a budget for 2016

Karen Montagnese – Player Agent (AAA and below):

- Plans on submitting an introduction letter to Jen Hanley to send to families to introduce herself as Player Agent.

John Tromba – Player Agent (Majors Commissioner / AA Commissioner):

- No major updates at this time.

Joe Fauci – A Commissioner:

- No major updates at this time.

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Pete Karukas – AAA Commissioner:

- No major updates at this time.
- As former Spirit Wear Volunteer Lead, he will forward the Spirit Wear price lists to Nick Vivona and Ro Bria as he is no longer interested in managing it.

Bob Katchko – Field Commissioner:

- Met with the City to talk about needed field updates
- Need to schedule the installation of foul poles
- Vine Road parking lot improvements are anticipated for Spring

Mike Deenihan – AA Co-Commissioner / Assistant Treasurer:

- There is \$23,017.96 in the checking account
- Met with Brett Szczesny to get an overview of the annual budget

Nick Montagnese – Recruiting:

- Discussed possibility of having Vin Murace involved in helping with producing flyers for Winter Clinics. It was suggested to barter his services in return offering sponsorship of a team or a banner.

Jason Benner – Equipment Manager:

- All equipment has been retrieved and will be inventoried.
- There are four bags of equipment that is questionable and may no longer be able to use due to damage etc.

Jeff Goodman – Umpires / Sponsorship / Scheduling:

Umpires:

- Meeting with Rich Gillespie next week to discuss:
  - o Plans for umpire scheduling (for both regular and juniors)
  - o Making sure the whole season is staffed

Sponsorship:

- Finalizing a new sponsorship letter for 2016 – would like to have them out by year end and follow up with them in January with all past sponsors and any potential new ones.
- There was suggestion of trying to get more Glenbrook businesses to sponsor this year.

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Nick Vivona notes there were over ½ the ordered discount cards still available/not sold and will be expiring in May 2016. Nick Vivona made a motion to vote on possibly selling these at a reduced rate during winter clinics. Nobody 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, therefore the cards will be shredded and not used.

Nick Vivona makes a motion to adjourn – Jen Hanley 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.