**Minutes**

**LVSSA dba Las Vegas Senior Softball Association, Inc.**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Skinny Dugans, 4127 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by President Renn Hjellum-Lim with the following Board members in attendance:

President Renn Hjellum-Lim, Vice President Rod Adams\*, 64 and Under Representative Mike Kaczer\*, 65 and Over Representative Bill Walsh\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\*, Recording Secretary Christen Herrera\*, Treasurer George Kuehnel\*, and Parliamentarian George Fernandes.

This roll call shows six (6) votes which constitutes a quorum.

The asterisk identifies a voting member.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** (previously emailed to the Board): A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, seconded by Representative Walsh, and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as written.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (previously emailed to the Board)**:**

* **Regular Meeting, August 22, 2024:** A motion was made by Repesetative Rogers, seconded by Representative Kaczer, and approved unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of August 22, 2024, as written.
* **Executive Meeting August 22, 2024:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Vice President Adams, and approved unanimously to accept the Executive Meeting minutes of August 22, 2024, as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim reported on the following items:
* The Director's and Officer's insurance bill for $877 was received and is due October 11, 2024. The bill was provided to Treasurer Kuehnel for payment.
* All Board members signed the letter authored by Louise Freiheit to the District Attorney's Office detailing LVSSA's concerns regarding the Whipple case. The letter was sent directly to DA Wolfson.
* Received a notice from the Insurance company indicating the restitution request had been sent to a different individual who requested an update. President Hjellum-Lim provided the completed document with six attachments as well as the history of the various contact people at the District Attorney's Office who have provided no assistance or information. Within 30 minutes the Victim Advocate contacted President Hjellum-Lim advising the request for compensation had been forwarded to the District Attorney, the next date for a hearing as well as a statement she would advise President Hjellum-Lim of any updates.
* Discussion was had regarding the Insurance company pay out and the resulting request for compensation by way of restitution.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Adams reported on the following items:
* The Accounting registers have been updated with minimal activity.
* SSUSA Worlds starts Thursday with the 55 and 60 year old men. The Vice President has been working with SSUSA to find workers for various positions.
* Annual Banquet sign-ups have begun with approximately 20-30 participants so far; not all groups have been canvassed yet. Emails have been fielded for sign-ups as well. Members are being advised if they sign-up but do not attend that a $25 fee is due. Follow-up email will be sent as a reminder.
* “Lord of the Swings” (formerly “Bavarian Royals”) are coming to Las Vegas and would like to scrimmage LVSSA on Friday, September 27, 2024. Representative Kaczer will take the lead on this as the Vice President will be out of town.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Everything is going good. BP has been moved to 8:15 with a scrimmage start time of 9:00.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Things are "peaceful".
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Sign-ups have begun for the banquet.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel distributed reports as of September 9, 2024. The current balance in all accounts total $86,695, due to the large banquet expense. Mr. Kuehnel discussed each portion of the report. A bill will be coming for awards.

The final quarter of the year is approaching. Our income for the year is $29,165; primarily due to the $20,000 received from the Insurance company. Treasurer Kuehnel has a breakdown of all of 2024's expenses and income and offered a copy to any Board member who would like to see it.

Next month's agenda will include the Budget for 2025. As of today's date, LVSSA is $10,000 under budget for 2024. There are no anticipated large expenses for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Kuehnel’s report is attached to the official copy of these minutes.

* **Secretary:** The voice recorder purchased for meetings was accidently broken. The Nomination forms have been updated and will be posted on the LVSSA website.
* **Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.
* **Historian:** Nothing to report due to absence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Banquet:** On Sunday, August 25, 2024, the contract for the banquet was finalized with the Italian American Club and will come in under budget. Chicken Marsala was added to the dinner for a total additional cost of $600. The cost for awards is still outstanding.

Sign-ups have begun and the number of attendees will be capped at 120. Email is an acceptable form for sign-ups.

President Hjellum-Lim clarified Laurie Buchman has the authority to purchase items for the raffle at the banquet. It was decided Laurie will ensure there are at least eight (8) solid items for raffle. All expenses incurred will be reimbursed from the LVSSA account. An email requesting donations will be sent out; however, the Vice President and Laurie already have some items to donate for the raffle.

There has yet to be an in-person banquet meeting; however, information has been shared via email. A tentative banquet program has been developed by Mr. Adams.

* **Merchandise:** Vice President Adams stated the LVSSA website has no changes for merchandise and there are approximately 150 magnets left.
* **Shed:** Representative Walsh picked up chalk from Simplot and put it away.

Membership list is located near the First Aid Kit.

The older portable pitching screen is going to have the screen replaced when it cools off.

* **Website:** Vice President Adams stated the website is receiving a 100 Rating Score, A rating from GoDaddy.

Mr. Adams reported the agenda for this meeting, September birthdays, an updated goodwill list, new jokes, Banquet sign-ups, and a new members welcome list were all added to the website; the 2025 Membership notice is also posted. Field Commissioner notices are being posted and the last three (3) months of meeting minutes were recently added.

The Calendar is updated weekly on Sunday morning for the following week and the LVSSA Facebook page is updated regularly.

* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Vice President Adams reported the following information:

Don Sobieray is in Salt Lake City for treatment; due back in Las Vegas next week.

Marcia Sobieray had ankle replacement surgery and is recuperating.

Star Golia is battling Cancer but is periodically out at the field.

Jean Vaughn had knee replacement surgery and is back but hasn't been to the field yet.

Roger Keeley rang the bell and has been at the field.

Dennis Montoro is back at the field; doctors were able to remove the cancer.

Char Mitchell is still having respiratory issues from Covid.

Linda Mendiola, Felix’s Wife, suffered an Aneurysm while traveling to Wisconsin. She is at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and has regained some movement on her left side. She will be doing long term rehabilitation.

Norm Shu has experienced some health issues of late. Representative Walsh will follow-up to see how he is doing.

* **Membership:** Vice President Adams reported there are 244 members; 7 new members since June. Existing member is $25 from this point and new members is still $50. Discussion was had regarding the lower membership numbers and possible reasons for those numbers.

Vice President Adams stated the Membership List is maintained in the shed and a new list was added July 22, including Honorary Members.

* **Tournament Teams:** Vice President Adams reported the same 10 men's teams. They have been out "in force" the last few weeks in preparation for World's. There will be some changes in the number of teams for 2025 as some teams who will not be returning; however, there will be some new teams.

The AED process remains the same.

* **Publicity:** Mr. Kaczer will look into doing something for Veteran's Day.
* **Hall of Fame:** Parliamentarian Fernandes stated as of today, there are only two (2) applications.
* **Co-Ed Games:** Lord of the Swings at the end of September. Three men have signed-up but Representative Kaczer will work with Shandra Iconrat to form a team. Lou will be doing lunch.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Cash vs. Financial Advisor:** Representative Walsh stated a meeting with a Financial Advisor took place at Bank of America; Representative Walsh, President Hjellum-Lim and Treasurer Kuehnel were present. The Advisor stated the minimum investment is $250,000, and the meeting was concluded as LVSSA does not maintain that amount of money. Representative Walsh suggested a number of different stocks to invest in.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Home plate mats:** The budget has a Field Expenses line item for $1,000. Mike Warzoca will make new mats for $80. Authorization was given for Mike to proceed.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Treasurer Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to suspend the meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session. The meeting was suspended at 1:09 pm.

**MEETING RECONVENED:** The meeting reconvened at 1:16 pm with all Board members present as originally listed. Discussion was had regarding availability of Board members for October's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Representative Rogers, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:21 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2024, at 12:30 pm.