Minutes

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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 Rod Adams with the following Board members in attendance:

President Rod Adams, Vice President Louise Freiheit\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\* (absent), 65 and Over Representative Butch Kocher\*, 64 and Under Represetative Lou Bellino\*, Treasurer Rudy Escamilla\* (excused absence), and Recording Secretary Jo Smith\*.

The asterisk indicates a voting member. This roll call showed four votes which constituted a quorum.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit and seconded by Representative Bellino that the agenda be approved as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** . **(Members are allowed two minutes to address the Board with a thirty-second recap. Board members may ask direct questions.)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of May 21, 2025, regular meeting (previously emailed to the Board):**

**Minutes of May 21, 2025, executive meeting (1 and 2) (previously emailed to the Board):**

A motion was made by Representative Bellino and was seconded by Vice President Freiheit to approve the minutes of May 21, 2025 (both the regular and executive) at this time as presented. The motion was approved unanimously, and the minutes were approved. President Adams will post the minutes to our website.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** Flag Day Went Well! Continued Daily Work with LVSSA.Vegas Website and Facebook Updates, Membership, Goodwill, and Tournament Teams. There are some scorpions in the shed and some kittens under the shed. President Adams will spray for the scorpions. Someone may come in July to pick up the kittens.
* **Vice President:** No report.
* **64 and Under Representative:** One of the guys wants to shorten the number of at bats for practice so the games can get started and get over sooner just for the summer.
* **65 and Over Representative:** No report.
* **Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers:** Pinky is having a hard time dealing with some issues right now so the ladies are asking that someone will step up to help with grooming the fields before each practice.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Rudy Escamilla was absent due to breaking his wrist and getting a smaller cast on his arm. President Adams stated we currently have approximately $58,549 plus the Pay Pal account of $341.04 which totals $58,890.00 in all our accounts. Mr. Escamilla’s report is attached to the official copy of these minutes. We filed our taxes by May 15, 2025.
* **Secretary:** Jo Smith stated she is submitting a bill for printer maintenance and ink for approximately $45.00 for January through April. She will also need paper soon. She also handed out copies of the new Board of Directors page with the replacement of Lou Bellino for Scott Carr.

**GENERAL TOPICS/COMMITTEES:**

* **Shed:** **-**Group of members, usually two members per group (11 keys total), possess a key (Monday/Thursday, Tuesday/Friday, Ladies, Men’s BP and Tournament Teams) that open the shed and prepare for the group’s daily practice/games.

-Continue to work with the Parks on the irrigation flooding in front of the shed.

Batters Box on Field 1 done with “batters box clay”. Gary Gosz fixed the pitching screen.

REMINDERS: The membership list is in a folder beside the First Aid Box. If there are any questions about a player being a member, please check the membership list to be sure they are legitimate.

**Reminder:** Please check-out items (portable pitching screens, etc.) by using the clip board in the shed – left side near the front.

* **Website:** Visitors

September 2024 2,498 – All Time Record

January 2025 2,212

February 2025 1,868

March 2025 2,071

April 2025 1,773

May 2025 1,719

June 2025 (6/18/2025) 911

-93 Rating Score from GoDaddy – A Rating.

-Added: July Birthdays, Bat Tester Notice and Updates, Flag Day Pictures.

– Goodwill List Updated – Field Commissioner Messages Added – New Members Welcome List – June Board Meeting Agenda and April Minutes Added.

- Calendar is Updated Weekly on Sunday morning for the following week and regularly (Based on Field Commissioner Input).

Our LVSSA Facebook page is updated on a regular basis.

* **Publicity:** MLK was handling this in the past. Posted to the LVSSA.Vegas website for a volunteer.

We have Facebook brochures and our website. Representative Kocher took our flyers to Z cages, and they put our flyers on their website also.

* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Don Sobieray is not doing well. He has been in and out of the hospital every week for the past several weeks. Marcia Sobieray has had a 4th surgery on her ankle and is getting around a little better. Norm Shue, we haven’t seen for a while. Star Golia had her last treatment and is going to the Colorado tournament. We also wish the best to Todd Killian who has been coming out to umpire but not to play, Gary Carfagno who is still doing physical therapy, Jerry Arterberry, and Jim Bichsel who hurt his thumb in a table saw incident. Please contact President Adams about any member that is hurt or ill and he will post to the LVSSA.Vegas Goodwill segment.
* **Membership:** New Members are $50 for 2025, which will go down to $25 on July 1st. 270 Members to Date. 3 new members in June. Membership List in Shed. June - 2026 Membership Committee – tentative it is Rudy, Pinky and Butch and President Adams will be the chairman. We are thinking maybe $75.00 for 2026 but that is still under consideration.
* **Tournament Teams:** President Adams said that Teams request a Saturday time slot through him, and he updates the LVSSA.Vegas calendar for that Saturday. So far, we have (12): (1) Ladies With Balls 40’s; (2) Custom Truck 60’s\*; (3) The Drifters 60’; (4) Las Vegas OutKast’s 65’s\*; (5) Vegas Elite 65’s\*; (6) The Family 70’s; (7) Desert Heat 70’s; (8) Ryan’s Way 70’s\*; (9) Vegas Stronger 75’s; (10) Rezults 75’s\*; (11) Neons 75’s; and (12) EIS 80’s.

\*=Are Out Most Saturday’s

The same process used during the regular pick-up games for the defibrillator is used on Saturday between the AED Teams for the men and the women. Most of the time the leading AED Team for Saturday is Rod Adams, Pinky Rogers, Louise Freiheit and Renn Hjellum-Lim.

* **Flag Day Celebration:** Our Flag Day Celebration was a huge success. Thanks to Lou, Louise, Pinky, Scott, Butch, George Keuhnel, Brian Habig, MLK, and Bob Rink. The pictures for both days have been posted on the LVSSA Vegas site. President Adams has a few more pictures to post for Day 2. There was a discussion about supplies and pitching screens. One of the screens has been repaired with zip ties but they break.
* **Banquet/Annual Meeting:** President Freiheit has made a little statement for the fields to have members sign a sheet if they are planning on attending the banquet and reminding the members that we are charging for the banquet this year because our membership was free this year. Each member will be asked to pay $30 per person for the event and $30 per guest. If we have 75 members attend, the total will be $4,549.50 and that will leave a balance of $2,299.50 to be paid by the association to cover the rest of the cost for the banquet.
* **Flagday Day Celebration:** This went very well and everyone had a good time. There was a discussion about having a Veteran’s Day celebration and Representative Bellino stated he was more than willing to cook for that event unless most members are at tournaments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Updating on the Bat Testing process.** President Adams put the bat testing process on the website. He stated that we will continue with the bat testing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Defibrillator Training.** Vice President Freiheit requested that the defibrillator training/CPR course be tabled until the July meeting and she will check with Pinky on that process.

A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit to table the defibrillator training/CPR course until

the July meeting and the motion was seconded by Representative Bellino. The motion was

approved unanimously.

1. **Update on 2026 Membership Committee.** This committee currently consists of Representative Kocher, Treasurer Escamilla, and Representative Rogers. The committee will meet to decide how much to charge each member for next year’s dues.

A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit and seconded by Representative Bellino, and approved unanimously to have a discussion on the membership committee’s decision on how

much to charge each member for next year’s dues during the July Board Meeting.

1. **Permit for 8/1/2025 - 2/28/26 and Insurance.** Our insurance premium is due for the liability for all members in case of any injury(s) in the amount of $5,960.00

A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit and seconded by Secretary Smith and approved unanimously to pay our current insurance bill in the amount of $5,960.00.

**SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit to go into an Executive Session and the motion was seconded by Representative Bellino to discuss legal issues. All the same board members mentioned above were present at the Executive Session. The time was 1:26 pm.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED:**

The board returned to the regular session at 1:31 pm with the following people in attendance:

President Rod Adams, Vice President Louise Freiheit\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\* (absent), 65 and Over Representative Butch Kocher\*, 64 and Under Represetative Lou Bellino\*, Treasurer Rudy Escamilla\* (excused absence), and Recording Secretary Jo Smith\*.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Vice President Freiheit, seconded by Representative Kocher, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 12:30 pm.