**Minutes**

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

Thursday, October 24, 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 Representative Kaczer, 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, September 10, 2024:** A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, seconded by Representative Rogers, and approved unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2024, as written.
* **Executive Meeting September 10, 2024:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Vice President Adams, and approved unanimously to accept the Executive Meeting minutes of September 10, 2024, as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim reported on the following items:
* The District Attorney's (DA's) Office notified President Hjellum-Lim they would be dropping the case against Jim Whipple. The DA's Office did not believe they could win based on the statements provided by Beyer, Jim Whipple, Bill Patton and Gene Sellinger claiming all expenditures were pre-approved. They claimed Mr. Whipple was able to use his personal credit card and be reimbursed eventhough the two Board Meetings in the first half of 2021 (February 1 and April 20) had nothing in the minutes allowing expenditures with the exception of paying taxes. The DA's Office also referred to the horrible bookkeeping during this time frame and indicated this coupled with the statements led him to believe he would be unable to prove to a Jury that Mr. Whipple stole money from LVSSA.

President Hjellum-Lim authored a letter detailing this information. This letter was released to the LVSSA membership via email. The numbers cited in the letter are straight from the LVSSA bank accounts, credit card statements and forensic accounting report.

* President Hjellum-Lim stated she made a deposit on the 18th in the amount of $270. The deposit included a banquet guest, a new member and a check from Gallagher Insurance as a "thank you" for making one payment as opposed to installments.
* President Hjellum-Lim received a receipt from a member for items purchased at Home Depot in order to repair the women's pitching screen totalling $75.19. This member did not get prior approval so the Board must take a vote to determine if this member will be reimbursed out of the field expense line in the budget. This topic will be added to New Business for today's agenda. Representative Kaczer reiterated all expensed must be pre-approved and asked if the President would inform the member in question.
* Representative Kaczer asked the President if she was personally paying for parking at the Court during this case; the President verified she did personally pay every time she attended. Representative Kaczer stated the Association should reimburse her as she is representing LVSSA at each session. This will be added to New Business for today's agenda.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Adams reported on the following items:
* The Accounting registers have been updated with minimal activity.
* Annual Banquet sign-ups continue with approximately 40 participants so far; not counting the ladies. Emails have been fielded for sign-ups as well. Representative Walsh has the sign-ups for the Tuesday/Friday men; some Monday/Thursday men have signed-up. we are trying to reach 100-120. Members are being advised if they sign-up but do not attend that a $25 fee is due.
* Would like to thank all those who participated in the scrimmage with the “Lord of the Swings” (formerly “Bavarian Royals) on Friday, September 27, 2024.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Everything is going good. His group moved over to Field 1 from 4 due to the sun. Saw some new faces today, with a total of about 30 male participants.
* **65 and Over Representative:** One of our members will be returning after about 3 1/2 years of being out due to battling cancer.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Sign-ups total approximately 15 people for the banquet.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel distributed reports as of October 22, 2024. The current balance in all accounts total $85,310. Mr. Kuehnel discussed each portion of the report.

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

* **Secretary:** Nothing to report.
* **Parliamentarian:** Nothing to report.
* **Historian:** Nothing to report due to absence.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Banquet:** Sign-ups are ongoing and the number of attendees will be capped at 120. We currently have about 50 sign-ups and we need to at least double that number. Email is an acceptable form for sign-ups.

Laurie Buchman has several items for raffle. Laurie and the Vice President are meeting on Saturday and the Vice President will provide her with raffle tickets.

A tentative banquet program has been developed by Mr. Adams and each person who will be speaking has been provided a copy. Hall of Fame and Election will be added to the program.

* **Merchandise:** Vice President Adams stated the LVSSA website has no changes for merchandise and there are approximately 150 magnets left.
* **Shed:** A new Membership list has been placed in the shed and it is located near the First Aid Kit. Additional waivers and new softballs have also been placed in the shed.
* **Website:** Vice President Adams stated the website is receiving a 100 Rating Score, anA rating from GoDaddy. September had an all-time record of 2,498 hits.

Mr. Adams reported the agenda for this meeting, November 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 and President notices have been posted.

The Calendar is updated weekly on Sunday morning for the following week based on Field Commissioner input, the Event Calendar is updated daily, and the LVSSA Facebook page is updated regularly.

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

Don Sobieray was at the field yesterday and was shagging balls.

Marcia Sobieray had ankle replacement surgery and is recuperating.

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

Dale Palmer has been out 21 months but he was out at the field 2 weeks ago.

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 improving each day and has appointments scheduled at the Mayo Clinic until late November. She will be doing long term rehabilitation.

Scott Carr will be having eye surgery in November.

* **Membership:** Vice President Adams reported there are 251 members; 7 new members above 2023 with 8 new members joining in September. Joining at this time is $25 and new members is still $50.

The 2025 membership form will be out next week. 2024 members prior to June 30 will be free; new members will still be $50. Each member needs to complete the waiver. New forms can be completed on the website and printed forms will be made available at the field.

Vice President Adams stated the Membership List is maintained in the shed and a new list was added October 16, including Honorary Members.

* **Tournament Teams:** Vice President Adams stated there are some changes in the number of teams for 2025. So far, we have:

**-Custom Truck 60’s - ?**

**-The Drifters 60’s**

**-Las Vegas Gambler’s 65’s**

**-Las Vegas Ace’s Recreational Team 65’s**

**-Vegas Elite 65’s**

**-The Family 70’s**

**-Rezults 70’s**

**-Ryan’s Way 70’s**

**-EIS 80’s**

The AED process remains the same.

* **Publicity:** Veteran's Day game at 9 am; ladies are invited. Lou will be doing a cook out. Toys-4-Tots was very successful last year and we will be doing it again this year.
* **Hall of Fame:** Parliamentarian Fernandes stated the committee met and only one candidate met the threshold while one other was really close. The successful candidate will be discussed in the closed session.
* **Co-Ed Games:** Discussed under Publicity.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Budget:** Mr. Kuehnel explained the budget handouts and a discussion was opened to determine the need for any adjustments for 2025. We will be well under budget for 2024.

The following items will be adjusted:

-Increase Software to $500

-Increase Insurance to $7,000

-Decrease Legal Fees to $1,500

-Decrease Celebrations to $1,000

-Decrease Publicity to $500

Mr. Kuehnel will make the adjustments and bring updated paperwork to the December meeting.

* **Election:** The following individuals ran unopposed and will assume their duties in 2025: **President**-Rod Adams

**Treasurer**-Rudy Escamilla

**Women's Representative**-Pinky Rogers

There are 4 open positions remaining:

**Vice President** for a 2 year term

**Secretary** for a 1 year term

**65 and over Representative** for a 1 year term

**64 and under Representative** for a 2 year term

Based on the aforementioned, a continued election will be held. Canvassing the members for open positions will be done in order to find potential Board members.

* **11" softballs:** The Board approved $354 for new 11" softballs to be paid from Field Expenses in the budget.
* **Reimbursement for Ladies' pitching screen repairs:** Reimbursement was approved in the amount of $75.19; a Home Depot receipt confirmed the amount. This expense will be paid from Field Expenses in the budget.
* **Reimbursement for the President's court costs (parking):** President Hjellum-Lim has been representing LVSSA at the court proceedings for the Whipple case. President Hjellum-Lim personally paid parking costs for each appearance. Secretary Herrera made a motion to reimburse the President for costs incurred for these proceedings, and Representative Kaczer seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The President was in possession of recent receipts totalling $29. The cost will come of Contigencies in the budget. President Hjellum-Lim will see if she can locate any previous receipts.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:** A motion was made by Representative Kaczer, seconded by Secretary Herrera, and approved unanimously to suspend the meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session. The meeting was suspended at 1:46 pm.

**MEETING RECONVENED:** The meeting reconvened at 1:56 pm with all Board members present as originally listed. Discussion was had regarding availability of Board members for November and December's meeting. November 11, 2024, at Lorenzi Park with a time to be determined. December 18, 2024, at Skinny Dugan's at 12:30. Parliamentarian Fernandes thanked Treasurer Kuehnel for his comprehensive accounting and the Board concurred.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Representative Rogers, seconded by Vice President Adams, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024, time TBD.