**Minutes**

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

Thursday, August 22, 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\*, 65 and Over Representative Bill Walsh\*, Recording Secretary Christen Herrera\*, Treasurer George Kuehnel\*, and Parliamentarian Fernandes.

This roll call shows four (4) votes which constitutes a quorum.

The asterisk identifies a voting member.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** (previously emailed to the Board): The agenda was amended under New Business. The agenda item should read Cash vs. Financial Advisor. A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, seconded by Vice President Adams, and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as amended.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** None.

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

* **Regular Meeting, July 25, 2024:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Treasurer Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of July 25, 2024, as written.
* **Executive Meeting July 25, 2024:** A motion was made by Vice President Adams, seconded by Representative Walsh, and approved unanimously to accept the Executive Meeting minutes of July 25, 2024, as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim reported on the following items:
* Permits expired July 31, and she has been going back and forth between the City and the insurance company; LVSSA has been able to utilize the fields. The City accepted the insurance last Thursday and the final document is pending signature; however, the City has provided documentation approving LVSSA to utilize the fields. The insurance cost has been raised to $6,190.63, which is over budget. Secretary Herrera made a motion to approve the additional cost, and Representative Walsh seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously. The next Board of Directors will have to increase the Annual Budget line item.
* The Board insurance is due October 2024, and is awaiting a quote from the insurance company.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Adams reported on the following items:
* President Hjellum-Lim has been keeping him up to date with all information regarding permits. Once the permits are received, exact dates will be updated to include any blackout dates.
* "Lord of the Swings" (previously Bavarian Royals) want to scrimmage or at least have batting practice on Friday, September 27, 2024. Lou has volunteered to do food that day.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Nothing to report due to unexcused absence; however, Vice President Adams stated there have been two (2) teams playing on Mondays and Thursdays. There was some arguing with the umpires but Vice President Adams asked them to not do so and put the request for all members to not argue calls on the website.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Nothing to add.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Nothing to report due to unexcused absence; however, President Hjellum-Lim reported things are going fine.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel distributed reports as of August 21, 2024. The current balance in all accounts total $90,974. Mr. Kuehnel discussed each portion of the report. The previous check for the Color Guard that was in question has been cleared. The time frames makes sense that there was a few months lag due to school not being in session. The insurance was paid via a bank draft.

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Banquet:** On March 28, 2024, Vice President Adams spoke with the Italian American Club (IAC). A refundable deposit of $600 was placed to reserve the November 7, 2024, date. Mr. Adams stated some concerns of note are the light shining directly at the podium, as well as the possibility of an additional protein (possibly chicken) to the meal.

The Vice President has been in contact with Janine at the IAC and she is going to have Ben contact him. The contract needs to be finalized.

Discussion was had relative to the total cost of the Banquet in an effort to ensure the checking account had enough money in it to cover all costs. If needed, money will be transferred into the checking account from the money market account.

President Hjellum-Lim brought the topic of the raffle at the Banquet and stated Laurie Buchman ran it last year. Laurie has been in contact with Vice President Adams to obtain any possible donations from the membership and she will assemble the baskets. Any expenses incurred for the raffle will be paid by LVSSA.

President Hjellum-Lim verified there has yet to be a Banquet Committee meeting but Vice President Adams has provided a tentative Banquet program and secured different members for tasks at the Banquet.

Sign-ups for the Banquet will start September 2, 2024. Guests will cost $25. If people sign-up but fail to attend without at least a three day ahead notification, they will be charged for the meal.

* **Merchandise:** Vice President Adams stated the LVSSA website has no changes for merchandise and there are approximately 150 magnets left.
* **Shed:** There are three (3) bags of chalk left; Representative Walsh has arranged to have more chalk picked up at Simplot.

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 96 Rating Score, A rating from GoDaddy.

Mr. Adams reported the agenda for this meeting, September birthdays, an updated goodwill list, new jokes, Banquet Save the Date, and a new members welcome list were all added to the website; the 2025 Membership notice is also posted.

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.

Marcia Sobieray had ankle replacement surgery and is recuperating at home.

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

Jean Vaughn had knee replacement surgery and is currently back East.

Roger Keeley has Cancer but has been playing and was there for the Flag Day Celebration.

Dennis Montoro was recently diagnosed with Stage 1 Esophagus Cancer and will be undergoing laser treatment. Vice President Adams will be contacting him to see how he is doing.

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 will be in ICU for an additional three weeks.

* **Membership:** Vice President Adams reported there are 244 members; 7 new members in June and July. 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 with 4 teams coming out Saturday. The World's are three (3) weeks from today and more people will be coming out to practice.

The AED process remains the same.

* **Publicity:** Unaware of anything in the works.
* **Hall of Fame:** Parliamentarian Fernandes thanked the Hall of Fame Committee for their time and efforts and indicated he believed good changes were made to the nomination form to put the emphasis on individual contributions to LVSSA as a whole.

President Hjellum-Lim stated Parliamentarian Fernandes will remain the Chairmen of the Committee until the end of this year. As of now, there have been no nominations and the deadline is September 12, 2024.

* **Co-Ed Games:** Nothimg in the near future. Lord of the Swings is a possibility at the end of September but the Women's 50's will be playing Worlds during this time frame.

**APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE:** President Hjellum-Lim explained the role of the Election Committee and asked for volunteers. Erin Burgess was instrumental in the last few elections and has stated she will help. President Hjellum-Lim, Parliamentarian Fernandes, Treasurer Kuehnel and Secretary Herrera stated they will assist. Vice President Adams will forward the Nomination Forms to Secretary Herrera to update with the following positions: President, Treasurer, Secretary, and both Men's Representative positions. The deadline is October 5, 2024. In the event there is only one candidate for each position, no voting will be necessary.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **LVSSA Microsoft for Non-Profit:** Terminated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Cash vs. Financial Advisor:** A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel and seconded by Vice President Adams to discuss the possibility of moving some of the LVSSA funds to other types of accounts; the motion passed unanimously.

Representative Walsh discussed the possibility of the US currency changing to Fed Now (digital currency). Other countries have moved to utilizing Bricks instead of the US dollar. Representative Walsh suggested meeting with Merrill Lynch to see if it would be beneficial to move LVSSA funds into stocks.

Extensive discussion was had and it was ultimately determined Representative Walsh would set up a meeting with a financial advisor for the LVSSA Board to at least listen to (presentation). The results of that meeting will be discussed at the next Board of Director's Meeting in September.

**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 1:27 pm.

**MEETING RECONVENED:** The meeting reconvened at 2:10 pm with all Board members present as originally listed.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Representatice Walsh, seconded by Vice President Adams, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024, at 12:30 pm.