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 **Board Meeting**

**Las Vegas Senior Softball Association and Las Vegas Senior Softball**

July 22, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

P.T.’s Pub – 3101 No. Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV

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The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Kimbo Tenorio with the following Board members in attendance:

 President Kimbo Tenorio, Vice President Laurie Buchman\*, 65 and Under Representative Turk Allen\*, 65 and Over Representative Rod Adams\*, Ladies’ Representative Renn Hjellum-Lim\*, Tournament Director Tania Allen\*, and Recording Secretary Louise Freiheit. This represented a quorum with five votes (voting members are marked with an \*.)

The offices of Treasurer and At-Large Representative are still vacant.

According to the sign-in sheet, the following were also in attendance:

 Bill Walsh, George Kuehnel, Robert Rink, Fred Baniecki, James deGroot, Jim Hellerstedt, Michael Kaczer, Lani Wood, Trish Etheridge, and Garth Courtney.

**APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIAN:**

President Tenorio announced that he has appointed Jim Hellerstedt to sit on the Board as Historian.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA (previously emailed to the Board):**

A motion to accept the agenda as submitted was made by Vice President Buchman, seconded by Ladies’ Representative Hjellum-Lim, and approved unanimously.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:**

Bobby Rink said that he has heard members questioning how Kimbo Tenorio had become President when, in the past, there have been elections for positions. Mr. Tenorio and Ms. Buchman explained that the By-Laws allow for the Board to elect members when positions are vacated for reasons such as illness. They further explained which positions are elected rather than appointed and that, if a person runs unopposed, the Board has the right to accept them for that position.

George Fernandes asked questions and President Tenorio responded but the conversation was impossible to hear.

In response to questions from Bill Walsh, Ms. Hjellum-Lim responded that a check in the amount of $79,304 was written on a Bank of America on July 6 and given to our attorney. She added, however, that we are not able to open a bank account at this time because an administrative hold was placed on the Secretary of State by Mr. Jim Whipple. Also, she reported that our attorney has written to the Secretary of State to correct the filing. Ms. Allen said that she had also been corresponding with the Secretary of State.

In response to additional questions, Representative Hjellum-Lim made the following points:

* At the end of February 2021, the account showed $132,000;
* At the end of April 2021, the account showed $115,000 due to expenses for the Bullhead City tournaments;
* Between April 2021 and June 2021, the Board approved no expenditures but there were charges including some to American Express and Barclaycard for which the Association does not have accounts.

Garth Courtney aired that a concern he has is that we need more volunteers to help run the Association. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the way people have run the Association in the past. Other members agreed with the concerns of the past and the need for more volunteers in the future. Mr. Courtney also requested that the Association begin keeping our efforts and money local. He made several suggestions.

In response to Mr. Courtney’s questions, Ms. Hjellum-Lim responded that Mr. Whipple and Mr. Bill Patton had made an agreement with All World Sports to run all tournaments within 100 miles of Las Vegas and given it our member database. She added that President Tenorio has corresponded with All World Sports to invalidate that agreement.

George Fernandes aired that he and other members had been discouraged from participating by former officers.

Fred Baniecki asked for and received clarification regarding vice presidential roles and what offices had been held by Jim Whipple in the past.

James de Groot asked if individuals and teams could work for SSUSA at the World Championships. Vice President Buchman answered that the requests should go directly to SSUSA and be paid directly by them. In response to another question, President Tenorio said that the Board is open to discussion for working with SSUSA in the future. Garth Courtney made suggestions for those future negotiations.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2021 (previously emailed to the Board):**

A motion was made by Renn Hjellum-Lim, seconded by Rod Adams, and approved unanimously that the minutes of July 1, 2021, be approved.

**VACANCIES ON THE BOARD:**

* **At-Large Representative:** After discussion, President Tenorio appointed George Fernandes to be At-Large Representative on the Board to serve through December 2022.
* **Treasurer:** Secretary Freiheit shared that Erin Burgess had expressed her interest in the Treasurer position and her email was read into the record. After discussion, President Tenorio requested that we leave the position open.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Tenorio thanked all the people that have stepped up to help get the Association back running smoothly.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Buchman indicated she would have additional input during the Tournament, Hall of Fame, and Banquet sections of the agenda. She expressed that she had been working with Ms. Hjellum-Lim and Ms. Allen in reviewing all financial information for the Association back through December 2019 and that a report had been given to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department for review.
* **Under 65 Representative:** Representative Allen verbalized no problems.
* **Over 65 Representative:** Representative Adams stated there have been about 20 people playing and that we need to buy more practice balls. He recommended that we begin having the defibrillator at the fields rather than inside the shed and that we arrange for training on its use. In response to questions about the first aid supplies, Rod answered that we have gauze, ice packs, and bandaids.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Representative Hjellum-Lim reported that the ladies have added new members and things are going well.
* **Tournaments:** Tania Allen announced that she has created a new worksheet, is negotiating contracts, and establishing a committee. She invited volunteers to participate. She also stated that tournaments are scheduled for Bullhead City for men’s 40 and 50 for October 30 and 31, for men’s 55 and over for November 2-4, and plans are being made for March. Ms. Buchman added that plans are underway for ladies to play November 5 and 6 in Bullhead City and the second weekend of March 2022 with Connie Stewart and Vicki Oltean managing and Jeff Stewart Umpire in Chief. Additionally, she is working arranging for a national games qualifier to be played in Las Vegas in April 2022 rather than in Mesquite.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* **Discipline:** Kimbo Tenorio explained that he is requesting that the Discipline Committee review the behavior of Jim Whipple, Gene Sullenger, Bill Patton, and Robert “Bear” Beyer.
* **Banquet/Annual Meeting:** Ms. Buchman introduced George Kuehnel as Chairperson of the Banquet Committee. He reported the committee has been reviewing venues and that we have the Elks Lodge reserved conditionally for November 10, awaiting review of other venues and availability of money for a deposit. In response to a question, the Board directed that the Banquet Committee plan on a budget of $3900, the cost of the 2019 meeting.
* **Hall of Fame:** Chairperson Louise Freiheit distributed a proposed change to Hall of Fame Rules and Regulations. Mr. Tenorio directed that this be discussed during the Closed Session.
* **Merchandise:** Ms. Buchman voiced that we have merchandise in a storage shed that is currently being paid by private funds.
* **Shed:** Mr. Adams announced that keys have been changed, inventory done, and new key holders listed. There was some additional discussion but it could not be heard due to the background noise.
* **Website:** Mr. Adams reminded the group that LVSSA.vegas is a temporary site until the rights to the other site are released. It has a home page, calendar, and a few documents. There was a discussion about the necessity of getting the LVSSA.org and LVSSA.com settled.
* **Publicity:** President Tenorio appointed Mike Kaczer to chair a Publicity Committee.
* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Members shared that Roger Keeley has been ill with pneumonia and COVID, Norm Shue has cancer, Mike Kaczer sprained his ankle, and Star Golia will be having surgery in August.
* **Membership:** Mr. Adams reported that we have 243 paid and 29 honorary members and that it is time for the Board to be considering the amount to be charged in 2022 for membership.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Field Prep Allocation:** There was a discussion regarding budget items for field maintenance. It was agreed that this should be revisited while creating a budget for 2022.
* **Restructure of Bylaws:** President Tenorio appointed Jim Hellerstedt, George Kuehnel, and Kathy Kluever to review our by-laws and report back to the Board.
* **Non-Profit Compliance:** There was a discussion about the importance of bringing our Association into compliance for 501c3 and 501c4 requirements. Garth Courtney volunteered to research and report to the Board.
* **Acceptance of Insurance Company:** Ms. Allen explained that we have a bid from Farmer’s Insurance for $2931.02 per year for liability insurance. A motion was made by Ms. Hjellum-Lim that we accept the proposal for equipment, accident, and liability insurance for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Adams and approved unanimously.
* **Reimbursement of Insurance Funds Made by Member:** Member Trish Etheridge offered to loan the amount of the insurance premium to the Association in memory of Dick Williamson.
* **Association Attorney Update:** Ms. Hjellum-Lim explained that Association representatives have met with Attorney Matthew Johnson on June 23 June 25, June 30, July 12, and July 19. His work has included demand letters to Jim Whipple, Adrian Sanchez, Gene Sullenger, Robert Beyer and Bill Patton and communications with the Secretary of State. The attorney is charging half his fee, has so far charged $560, and that we currently owe $115. Members have made donations to pay the attorney.

**ADDITIONAL MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** Jim Hellerstedt articulated that one of the Association’s mistakes in the past has been entering into agreements without legal advice. He requested that we not make this mistake in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT FOR PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Ms. Buchman, seconded by Ms. Hjellum-Lim, and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned for the purpose of going into a closed session.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Board will be held on August 12 at a time and place to be determined.