**Minutes**

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

Thursday, February 8, 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\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\*, Recording Secretary Christen Herrera\*, Treasurer George Kuehnel\*, 65 and Over Representative Bill Walsh\* , Parliamentarian George Fernandes, and Historian James Hellerstadt.

This roll call shows six votes which constitutes a quorum.

The asterisk identifies a voting member.

Also in attendance were Laurie Buchman and Fred Baniecki.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** (previously emailed to the Board)**:** President Hjellum-Lim requested a motion to adopt the agenda as written and asked if anyone had any changes. Parliamentarian Fernandes requested Discipline be discussed during the Executive meeting and President Hjellum-Lim added Court to the Executive meeting as well. Parliamentarian Fernandes also requested to add Report on Fields to Old Business. Ladies' Representative Rogers requested a discussion regarding the LVSSA web page which was clarified as the LVSSA Facebook page listed under New Business. A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, seconded by 65 and over Representative Walsh, and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as amended.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** None.

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

* **Regular meeting, January 11, 2024:** A motion was made Ladies' Representative Rogers, seconded by Secretary Herrera, and approved unanimously to accept the Regular meeting minutes of January 11, 2024, as written.
* **Executive Meeting January 11, 2024:** A motion was made by Ladies' Representative Rogers, seconded by Treasurer Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to accept the Executive meeting minutes of January 11, 2024, as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim reported on the following items:
* In possession of the required documents for permits. All submitted forms have been countersigned by the City. Awaiting the final paperwork for the final permit to include dates of use. Vice President Adams and President Hjellum-Lim discussed a copy of the final permit being forwarded to the Vice President as well as being placed in the shed to refer to in the event of any type of double booking, etc. Vice President Adams verified he would update the schedule to include the black-out dates once the final permit is received. President Hjellum-Lim indicated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) saves LVSSA a substantial amount of money (slightly more than $18,000) when filing for permits;
* Filed a list of the LVSSA Officers in January 2024 with the Secretary of State. Secretary Herrera will have to be added to the LVSSA account as a signee and a discussion was had on which branch of the bank would be most convenient to complete this task;
* Retrieved IRS refund check from the LVSSA Post Office Box and subsequently deposited said check into the LVSSA account;
* Provided 64 and under Representative Kaczer an insurance claim form with the instruction to complete the form and return to the President for submission.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Adams reported on the following items:
* President Hjellum-Lim is copying him on permits and insurance. Confirmed he would post the black-out dates once the final permit is received. Present permit is valid through 2/29/24;
* The Accounting registers have been updated. Has been working on the Microsoft for Non-Profits to include uploading forms into separate folders (examples were provided to the Board). Expressed the need for additional documents to be uploaded once the necessary Board members have access (i.e. Meeting minutes, etc).
* **64 and Under:** Representative Kaczer stated the weather conditions have prevented play at the fields recently.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Representative Walsh stated there are two new teams and he is working with Vice President Adams to get them registered.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Representative Rogers had nothing to add.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel distributed reports as of February 7, 2024, showing growth in all three accounts and noting the Paypal balance. The current balance in all accounts total $80,359. Mr. Kuehnel discussed each portion of the report.

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

Mr. Kuehnel stated he would be completing the LVSSA taxes, hopefully by the end of the month, and asked if there were any objections; there were none.

Mr. Kuehnel advised the current CD will expire in April 2024. Research into current rates is being conducted and the information will be updated for the next scheduled meeting.

The AED is coming up on it's one year anniversary. As previously discussed, the AED needs were addressed in the Budget and he will update the information for next month's meeting.

* **Secretary:** Secretary Herrera had no business.
* **Parliamentarian:** Parliamentarian Fernandes stated the Board should ensure a motion is made and passed prior to any discussion during the meeting in order to speed up the process.
* **Historian:** Historian Hellerstadt had nothing to add.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Merchandise:** Vice President Adams said the merchandise page at LVSSA Vegas has been updated. The page consists of members selling items such as bats as well as items he has purchased to support the Club. There are keychain/bottle openers ($2), some carabiner knives ($5), approximately 300 magnets left over from the Summerlin parade, and some Lorenzi Park shirts left. President Hjellum-Lim added there are two DaVinci gloves; one purchased and one donated.
* **Shed:** Vice President Adams shared the shed documents, basically a status report, were sent to all of the shed key holders (11 in total), on January 10, 2024.

The AED is stored within the shed.

Items have been removed from the shed and noted on the inventory. Vice President Adams stated there are a few items at his personal residence in an effort to create space within the shed; everything is documented on the inventory.

Mr. Adams reminded everyone to document any items borrowed out of the shed and requested individuals refrain from removing the last rake, the last drag, etc. Mr. Adams reported everything is going well with the shed and advised the shed will be painted soon. The paint is located in the shed and it will be painted once the weather improves. The sign will be hung once painting is complete.

* **Website:** Vice President Adams stated the website received a record 2,329 visitors in January; February is already at 529 hits. The website is getting an A rating from GoDaddy. He reported the agenda for this meeting, February birthdays, new jokes, an updated goodwill list, and a new members welcome list were all added to the website. Mr. Adams also spoke of the new Co-Ed page with the schedule. An additional section for photos was updated with the I'd Hit That team as well as his squad from recent tournaments. The Calendar is updated weekly on Sunday morning for the followimg week. There is also an Event Calendar that reveals any upcoming events. Mr. Adams concluded the LVSSA Facebook is updated regularly.
* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Vice President Adams stated Chaz Ward remains out due to a shoulder injury sustained December 23, 2023; plans to go to St. George in March 2024. Mr. Ward has been provided an insurance claim form.

Mr. Adams reported Lou Bellino was out at the field Saturday, February 3, 2024. Mr. Bellino will be undergoing treatment (bone marrow transplant) in Los Angeles but it has not yet been scheduled.

Dale Palmer is out with Leukemia. He is resting at home after spending time at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. The good news is he is on the Results Roster.

President Hjellum-Lim interjected Trish Etherige is slowly healing from the dog bites and that Charlotte Mitchell, Jo Smith, and Jane Smith can be removed from the list as they are all doing well.

Don Sobieray was rushed to the hospital on January 31, 2024, with exhaustion issues. Don is back home and resting.

Vice President Adams had to come out of his skin cancer treatment procedure to open the field last Wednesday.

Marcia Sobieray had her ankle replaced and she is recuperating at home.

Vice President asked if there is someone who is not on the list, please advise him via email.

* **Membership:** Vice President Adams reported 2024 membership dues are now $70 for renewing members; new members are still $50. Membership started on October 18, and as of today's date, there are 227 members; LVSSA did not reach this point until June 1, 2023. Mr. Adams made 26 trips to the America First Credit Union with deposits. Membership is up 10%, primarily due to Tournament teams. Mr. Adams stated the Membership List is located in a blue folder in the shed. This list also includes the Honorary members.
* **Tournament Teams:** Vice President Adams reported Vegas Eiite 60's under Dave Cherry; Custom Trucks 60's under Chaz; Drifters 60's under "Texas" Tom (Mr. Adams and Mr. Walsh are working with Tom to get his guys to join); Sin City Mob 65's; Gamblers 65's; Mr. Adams formed a new recreational team made up of members of the Mob and Gamblers called the Aces (playing im Bullhead City); Family 70's under Fred Baniecki; Results 70's is back under Jeff Satterly; Tharrladson 75's under Russ who have been around about 30 years; and Chuck's EIS 80's.
* **Publicity:** 64 and Under Representative Mike Kaczer discussed the following:
* **Super Softball Saturday:** Word of mouth, emails, and flyers in order to promote awareness and participation. Wing Zone provided to participants after the game at a cost of $344.61 for 300 wings. Volunteers will be providing soda, water, and side dishes. Super Bowl squares will be sold at $10 each, resulting in a profit of $300 to be returned to the LVSSA accounts. Primary reason for the event is due to the Super Bowl being held in our city.
* **Summerlin Parade:** Contacted via telephone and left message. Last year was $100 fee; will follow-up. This will be discussed at the next meeting under Old Business as suggested by Parliamentarian Fernandes.
* **Joe Upperman Rememberance:** Requested additional information. Mark Walsh will coordinate.
* **Painting of shed:**  Once the shed receives a new coat of paint, Mr. Kaczer will be searching for somebody to paint a mural on the side.
* **Hall of Fame:** No new information to discuss.
* **Co-Ed Games:** Ten (10) games are scheduled for this year and are noted on the new Co-Ed page on the LVSSA website. The dates are a result of a collaboration between the President and Vice President.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Treasurer Kuehnel requested clarification on which line item in the budget would cover costs incurred for the Co-Ed games (food and beverages) and asked if LVSSA would continue to provide food after every game. President Hjellum-Lim indicated this would not be a reoccurring cost, stating a number of them would be potluck style. Vice President Adams questioned the change from potlucks and President Hjellum-Lim said it was part of the "giving back" to the members along with the shirts, etc. Additional discussion revealed the authorization for funds for Super Softball Saturday was approved via email vote by the Board...Vice President Adams abstained from the vote. Super Softball Saturday monies came out of the Publicity budget. Next year's budget will include an additional line item (to be determined) for such costs.

* **Request to borrow LVSSA shirts for recreational tournament use:** John Vernagus requested at the previous meeting. A motion to discuss was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, and seconded by Representative Rogers. Discussion was had and it was approved unanimously by the Board. The shirts will be checked out via shed inventory, cleaned and returned after use. The number of shirts on hand will be confirmed prior to being dispersed.
* **Request to reimburse Louise Freiheit for Christmas present provided to Skinny Dugan's waitress:** Not Official Board Business. Parliamentarian Fernandes reminded the Board no money should be spent without the required Request Form being completed as previously voted on by the Board.
* **Committee Assignments:** President Hjellum-Lim requested and received volunteers for the following committees:

**Banquet:** Vice President Adams (Chair), Treasurer Kuehnel, Parliamentarian Fernandes, Laurie Buchman, Jim Hellerstadt. Additional Board members are willing to help if needed.

**Flag Day:** Will be addressed at next month's meeting.

**Discipline:** Will remain the Age Representatives and Parliamentarian Fernandes.

* **Super Softball Saturday:** Information provided in Officer's Reports under Publicity. Waivers for non-members participating in this event was discussed.
* **Sale of pitching machine:** Joe Vaifanua previously requested to purchase the used pitching machine from LVSSA which is no longer being utilized. A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, and seconded by Ladies Representative Rogers to discuss a price for the used pitching machine; there were no objections. The pitching machine was purchased "used" in 2019 for $600. The condition of the pitching machine was discussed as well as depreciation, and a cost of $150 was set by a unanimous vote.
* **Purchase of a voice recorder not to exceed $100 (approved at October 2023 meeting):** Secretary Herrera will research and purchase with LVSSA debit card provided by President Hjellum-Lim at the time of purchase.
* **Softballs approved for use at Lorenzi Park:** Vice President Adams reached out to the Manager of the team utilizing the balls in question and advised him to only utilize 44/375 core softballs. The individuals on this team can hit the ball out of the park utilizing any type of softball, so it has been suggested vehicles move out of that area on Saturdays after noon.
* **LVSSA shirts for membership in 2024:** Discussion was had regarding the total number of shirts needed, sign ups, possible vendors, design, and possible costs. One of the members mistakenly ordered shirts; however, LVSSA will not be paying for those shirts as it was not done through the Board. A motion was made by Representative Walsh and seconded by Representative Kaczer to purchase dri-fit type shirts not to exceed $18 per shirt; the motion carried unanimously.
* **Report on field:** Parliamentarian Fernandes contacted the Maintenance Supervisor, Pat, at Parks and Recreation at the direction of President Hjellum-Lim to determine if the fields were going to be worked on as it has been over a year since they have done so. According to the Maintenance Supervisor, all of their fields have been destroyed by Youth Baseball as they are not required to maintain the fields. Mr. Fernandes discussed the state of the Lorenzi Park fields specifically with the Maintenance Supervisor with an emphasis on safety. At the conclusion of their discussion, the Maintenance Supervisor stated an inspection of the Lorenzi Park fields will be conducted the week of February 12, to assess the condition. Mr. Fernandes will contact the Maintenance Supervisor in an effort to determine the exact day of inspection in order for himself or Representative Kaczer to be present to identify specific areas of concern.

President Hjellum-Lim stated the possibility of converting the softball fields to turf was discussed at the City Manager's Meeting in January 2024. A recommendation was made to possibly utilize Doc Romeo during any work to the field if they became unavailable.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Bob "Train" Lane Octogenarian Award:** A motion to purchase and present Bob Lane with the Octagenarian Award in April as opposed to at the banquet was made by Representative Kaczer and seconded by Vice President Adams. Awards West stated the cost would be $27, and it will take approximately one week's time to make. A vote was taken to purchase the award and present it in April; the motion passed unanimously. President Hjellum-Lim advised Vice President Adams to proceed with the purchase.
* **Insurance claims:** President Hjellum-Lim stated she has received a claim from Lois Hand; Mike Kaczer and Chaz Ward are in the process of completing their claims as well. Upon receipt, President Hjellum-Lim will provide them to the Insurance Company.
* **LVSSA Facebook account:**  Ladies Representative Rogers requested information on who is able to post to this account as there were items deleted. Vice President Adams said it is open to anybody but there have been some postings that were inappropriate; these were deleted and the individuals were blocked by Mr. Adams. The account is meant to be site specific (softball and occasionally a joke is added). According to Vice President Adams, there have been individuals posting things but not allowing anyone to "Like it" or allow anyone to do anything with it; he has removed (deleted) those because he feels they are casuing problems. Representative Rogers asked how he was allowed to do this without going before the Board. Mr. Adams referred to a Facebook rule stating if you don't allow others to "Like it", the post will be removed; if it happens too much, you will be suspended from that group. President Hjellum-Lim explained the situation being discussed stems from photos posted of members on the LVSSA Facebook account by a member from the Palm Springs tournament that were removed by Vice President Adams due to his being blocked by the individual. President Hjellum-Lim suggested any photos the individual would like to post can be sent via text to either Representative Rogers or herself, allowing them to be posted without any restrictions. Parlimentarian Fernandes requested clarification on who are the Administrators of the page and who can post on the page. President Hjellum-Lim and Vice President Adams were identified as the Administrators of the Facebook page and that any member can post on the page. Further discussion indicates there is a personal issue between the individual and Vice President Adams, but there was still some concern with the pictures being removed for this reason. Vice President Adams referred to "Facebook etiquette" and indicated the individual is problematic. Ultimately, the solution provided by President Hjellum-Lim was accepted.
* **Treasurer's responsibilities:** President Hjellum-Lim recited the Treasurer duties as noted in the By-Laws. The duties of the Treasurer were limited in the past after the discovery of funds being taken. At that point, the Treasurer was no longer able to write checks or use the credit card. President Hjellum-Lim stated these restrictions are no longer needed as Treasurer Kuehnel is a responsible member of the Board with no intent to steal from LVSSA. President Hjellum-Lim stated the Treasurer responsibilities will be reinstated to include possession of the checkbook as well as a credit card in order to perform his duties, such as necessary purchases. Through discussion, it was determined the Treasurer duties were curtailed and the checkbook and credit card were never recovered from the previous Treasurer; those items had to be closed and cancelled. It was determined the Treasurer duties are written in the By-Laws and no further action is necessary by the Board in order to ensure Mr. Kuehnel has the right to perform said duties. The checkbook (two signature system) and credit card will now be kept by the Treasurer. The Treasurer will also maintain all receipts. Historian Hellerstadt and Representative Walsh verified and expressed their support for the two signature system for checks. Treasurer Kuehnel also confirmed expenses would not be paid without approval from the Board.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:** A motion made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Representative Rogers, and approved unanimously to suspend the meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session. The meeting was suspended at 2:06 p.m.

**MEETING RECONVENED:** The meeting reconvened at 2:23 p.m. with all Board members present as originally listed.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Representative Kaczer, seconded by Secretary Herrera, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.