**Minutes**

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

Wednesday, April 3, 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\*, Parliamentarian George Fernandes, and Historian James Hellerstedt.

This roll call shows six votes which constitutes a quorum.

The asterisk identifies a voting member.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** (previously emailed to the Board): President Renn Hjellum-Lim asked if anyone would like to make any changes to the agenda. Parliamentarian Fernandes asked if there would be an Executive Meeting and the President verfied there would be a short meeting. A motion was made by Representative Kaczer, seconded by Treasurer Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to accept the agenda as written.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** None.

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

* **Regular Meeting, March 6, 2024:** A motion was made by Secretary Herrera, seconded by Representative Rogers, and approved unanimously to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of March 6, 2024, as written.
* **Executive Meeting March 6, 2024:** A motion was made by Treasurer Kuehnel, seconded by Secretary Herrera, and approved unanimously to accept the Executive Meeting minutes of March 6, 2024, as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim reported on the following items:
* Recently went to Post Office Box. Paid the PO Box bill for next year which is a budget item. The cost is $15/month (non-profit rate). Also paid the Business License (budget item) in the amount of $50.
* **Vice President:** Vice President Adams reported on the following items:
* Accounting Registers updated.
* Joe Upperman's Remembrance Service on Thursday, March 14, went very well. It was hosted by long-time member Mark Walsh and long-time member Greg Solomon. Mark's wife prepared the hamburgers and all the food. The food consisted of cooked/smoked cheeseburgers and cheesy hot dogs. Eventhough it was a cold and windy day, about 8 people spoke.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Representative Kaczer stated everything is good and expressed his gratitude for Representative Walsh. Mr. Kaczer praised Mr. Walsh for the tremendous job he did in handing out the jerseys. Representative Kaczer also thanked Vice President Adams for his efforts.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Representative Walsh stated Scott Carr will be discussing Flag Day with Vice President Adams.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Representative Rogers stated the ladies were happy with their shirts and praised the individuals who helped distribute them. Representative Kaczer noted the women's pitching screen was broken. President Hjellum-Lim and Vice President Adams have discussed using the metal pitching screen; however, netting needs to be ordered and installed within the next couple of weeks.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel distributed reports as of April 2, 2024, showing growth in all three accounts and noting the Paypal balance. The current balance in all accounts total $97,523.95; the available balance is $97,729.95, as it includes the Paypal balance. Mr. Kuehnel discussed each portion of the report as well as some marginal changes as of last night.

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

The CD is rolling over on April 22, 2024. Mr. Kuehnell suggested reporting to the bank on April 15, 2024, to discuss the conversion of the Savings Account to a Money Market Account as well as the rollover of the CD.

Treasurer Kuehnell made a motion to discuss the distribution of funds to include $40,000, in a CD. The motion was seconded by Secretary Herrera, and passed unanimously.

Taxes have been filed and paid for 2023; Vice President Adams was provided a copy for his files.

* **Secretary:** Secretary Herrera had nothing to add.
* **Parliamentarian:** Parliamentarian Fernandes had nothing to add.
* **Historian:** Historian Hellerstedt had nothing to add but did share some personal information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

* **Banquet:** On March 28, 2024, Vice President Adams spoke with the Italian American Club. A refundable deposit of $600 was placed to reserve the November 7, 2024, date.

Mr. Adams discussed the following issues with Ben Spano: the light shining directly at the podium, as well as the possibility of an additional protein (possibly chicken) to the meal which would make the meal a total $37 per person.

Vice President Adams has set Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 4:30 pm, for a meeting of the Banquet Committee.

Parliamentarian Fernandes raised the subjects of dancing at the Banquet as well as limiting the speeches for the Hall of Fame and Octogenarians to 3 minutes; a brief discussion was held amongst the Board. It was determined all topics would be something to discuss at the Banquet Committee meeting.

* **Merchandise:** Vice President Adams said there are no changes to the information provided last month.
* **Shed:** Vice President Adams stated the LVSSA Shed document was sent to all Shed Key Holders on March 15, 2024. The new chalker was delivered mid-May and the men are using it.
* **Website:** Vice President Adams stated the website received about 400 hits less in March from February. The website is getting a 98 Rating Score, A rating from GoDaddy.

Mr. Adams reported the agenda for this meeting, April birthdays, an updated goodwill list, new jokes, Flag Day and Banquet Save the Dates, and a new members welcome list were all added to the website. Mr. Adams also posted photos from the Spring World's and the Bullhead Spring Classic.

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:

Lou Bellino is in California quarantined in a hotel while undergoing treatment after a bone marrow transplant. He should be returning to Las Vegas soon.

Don Sobieray is in and out of the hospital. Don is receiving three (3) infusions per week but has trouble with balance.

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

Star Golia is battling Cancer.

Colleen Shuey had surgery.

Fred Baniecki had knee replacement surgery in early March. Fred attended Joe Upperman's Remembrance Service with a walker and has since progressed to a cane.

Jean Vaughn had knee replacement surgery.

Roger Keeley had surgery and is now cancer free. Roger will be out approximately 3 months from playing softball but he is at home.

* **Membership:** Vice President Adams reported there are 227 members. Membership for March was low. Two (2) new men in their mid-60's came out this past week and signed waivers. They have not yet signed up but it looks promising that they will join LVSSA. Membership is up 10% likely due to Tournament Teams.

Ladies' Representative Rogers stated she called one of our new members because she hasn't been out to the field. According to Mrs. Rogers, the new member said she would be coming out but has yet to return. Representative Rogers will keep the Vice President advised of any updates.

Vice President Adams stated the Membership List dated March 12, 2024, was sent to all of the Field Commissioners and the President. A copy of the list is maintained in the shed.

President Hjellum-Lim noted an individual came out to the field for practice today and she verified the individual is not a current member by utilizing the list located in the shed. Trish Etheridge was notified as the individual is a member of her team.

Parliamentarian Fernandes asked how many existing members paid the $70 due to missing the deadline. Vice President Adams stated there were approximately 10 members.

President Hjellum-Lim identified a new member who paid $70 in error. Vice President Adams stated she would be repaid $20, and said a majority of people contacted for this reason usually don't want the money back.

* **Tournament Teams:** Vice President Adams reported the same 10 men's teams with 3 being noted as the most to frequent the fields.

The AED process remains the same. According to Mr. Adams, Chaz Ward has agreed to help on Saturdays but he will require CPR training. Discussion was had on how to go about obtaining training. Ladies' Representative Rogers stated she would look into it. President Hjellum-Lim stated advertisement is needed in order to determine who might be interested.

* **Publicity:** LVSSA has been accepted for the Summerlin Parade on July 4, 2024; payment of $100 is due April 19, 2024. Discussion was had about the amount of participation and a determination was made LVSSA would participate as the money is already allocated in the budget.
* **Hall of Fame:** No new information to discuss, Parliamentarian Fernandes will address an issue when he returns from vacation.
* **Co-Ed Games:** The next scheduled game for May 25, 2024, has been cancelled due to not having a permit; therefore, the next game will be June 15, 2024, for Flag Day. Flag Day particulars will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Sale of pitching machine:** Joe V. has been out of town and will pick the machine up when he returns.
* **LVSSA shirts for membership in 2024:** Vice President Adams stated the first round of 188 jerseys were ordered February 16, 2024, and the cut-off date for membership was January 31, 2024. The original number of 200 jerseys was increased to 240 based on additional approval from the Board.

The first round of jerseys arrived March 12, 2024, and Vice President Adams and Representative Walsh began the sorting and distribution process the following day. Distribution was divided between Mr. Adams and Mr. Walsh in four batches.

Mob 65's, Gamblers 65's and Tharladson 75's wore their jerseys for the Spring World's tournament. Ladies distribution was delayed until March 30, 2024, due to bad weather as well as participation in the Bullhead City tournament.

Approximately 10-15 jerseys were mis-made and those issues have been documented. Those jerseys are trying to be re-purposed.

The second round of 59 jerseys were ordered March 30, 2024, for a cost of $1,062; however, there is no invoice yet.

Vice President Adams has a master spread sheet listing all members and the information regarding jerseys for each.

* **Insurance claims:** Representative Kaczer stated he received a letter from the insurance company denying the claim. For future reference if this happens again, the insurance company is not liable.
* **Internal Audit:** President Hjellum-Lim stated this is on hold due to her only having the Budget and a list of what was actually paid without invoices or receipts. Vice President Adams stated all of the audit transactions are recorded on a document he created and this was provided to the President. Mr. Adams is in the process of scanning all documents but is only into February as this is an extremely time intensive project.
* **Flag Day Celebration:** Scheduled for Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm at Lorenzi Park.

Jim McEvoy is coordinating the Color Guard who will perform a presentation at approximately 8:00 am; a $100 donation is required. The Budget has a line item for the Flag Day Celebration so no vote is required.

The following is a proposed format:

7:30 am-BP and the Mon/Thurs men's game on Field 1

7:30 am-BP and Tue/Fri men's game on Field 4

10:00 am- Co-Ed BP and game on Field 4 to include ladies and Tue/Fri men

12 pm- Lunch

Nothing is confirmed, these are just proposed times. A time and field will have to be determined for the regularly scheduled ladies' practice.

Food still needs to be determined.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Banquet Dues for 2025:** Tabled until the next meeting. Discussion was had regarding the monetary loss every year due to people reserving seats who fail to attend.
* **LVSSA Microsoft for Non-Profit:** Vice President Adams stated Secretary Herrera will receive training and take this over.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:** A motion was made by Representative Kaczer, seconded by Treasurer Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to suspend the meeting for the purpose of an Executive Session. The meeting was suspended at 1:24 pm.

**MEETING RECONVENED:** The meeting reconvened at 1:40 pm with all Board members present as originally listed.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Vice President Adams, seconded by Representative Kaczer, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024, at 12:30 pm.