Minutes

Board of Directors

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

October 5, 2023

8073 Alpine Fir Avenue, Las Vegas, NV

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. 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 Louise Freiheit\*, Treasurer George Kuehnel\*, Parliamentarian George Fernandes, Historian Jim Hellerstedt, and Records Manager John Vernagus. 65 and Over Representative Scott Carr\* arrived at 9:16 a.m.

The asterisk indicates a voting member. This roll call showed five votes, which constituted a quorum. When Mr. Carr arrived, there were six votes. Please note that Mrs. Rogers left the meeting before the end. It is noted in the minutes when this occurred.\*\*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** There was a brief discussion about the Joe Pellegrino memorial service, after which it was agreed that this item does not need to have Board approval. Mr. Adams asked that an item regarding paying membership this month be added to New Business and Mr. Vernagus asked that a possible liability issue be added to the Executive Session. A motion was made by George Kuehnel, seconded by Rod Adams, and approved unanimously that the agenda be approved as amended.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** There were no members in attendance.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:** President Hjellum-Lim said she will give reports during the permits and insurance parts of the meeting. In response to a question from George Fernandes regarding double booking of permits, Ms. Hjellum-Lim responded that we had just gotten hard copies of the permits. A conversation ensued about our reps staying in contact with the other parties that play at Lorenzi and that the only other conflict found has been Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend. The discussion then turned to the recent breakins and several people reported that the marshals are working with the police on this problem.
* **Vice President:** Mr. Adams shared that Ms. Hjellum-Lim is cc-ing him on all her work, he is continuing banquet preparation, the festivities with the Bavarian Royals went well, his plans for the Joe Pellegrino memorial are looking good, and he is continuing daily work for the Association.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Representative Kaczer said that things are going well at the fields.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Representative Carr reported that two of our teams took second in the World Tournament and that that group of players will be making new teams next week. He shared that there was a group of undercover policemen at Lorenzi who caught the car burglars and that about a dozen police cars showed up for the arrest.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Representative Rogers had no concerns to share.
* **Parliamentarian:** Parliamentarian Fernandes had no report.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel voiced that our current bank balance is $70,984.33, Paypal has a balance of $279.02, and we received dividends for the CD in the amount of $126.
* **Secretary:** Secretary Freiheit distributed copies of the newly adopted Bylaws and Code of Conduct for the officer binders.
* **Historian:** Historian Hellerstedt voiced that he remembers several times in the past when families have held remembrances at the fields like the one coming up for Joe Pellegrino.
* **Records Manager:** Records Manager Vernagus had no issues to discuss.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* **Merchandise:** Mr. Adams shared that he has sold 33 keychains/bottle openers, four shirts, and eight carabiner/knives. He added that he gave fifteen keychain/bottle openers and fifteen magnets to the Bavarian Royals.
* **Shed:** Rod continued that Lou Bellino handed in his key due to illness and that the defibrillator is now being stored in the shed due to cooler temperatures. He added that the ball caddy nets are in but that one broke and needs to be ordered. There was a discussion about cleaning the shed and items that no longer need to be kept there.
* **Website:** Mr. Adams reported that the website had 1,920 hits in September, which broke our past record. He added that he has added the October agenda, October birthdays, a new joke, banquet notice, Hall of Fame notice, Bavarian Royals pictures, and updated the goodwill list.
* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Those needing our thoughts are Lou Bellino, Dale Palmer, Charlotte Mitchell, Felix Mendiola, Joe Calzadillas, Jane Smith, and Gary Carfagno.
* **Membership:** Mr. Adams said that we currently have 244 members and that the 2024 membership drive will start on October 15. There was a discussion about a membership check from Glenn Myers that had been lost in another member’s ballbag and recovered and has now expired.
* **Tournament Teams:** Mr. Adams shared that the tournament teams are still scheduling practice times for Saturdays.
* **Publicity:** Mr. Kaczer discussed early plans for Super Softball Saturday which included expanding the permit to 4:00 p.m. and including Sunday, beginning signups on November 1, having games and cookout on Saturday, and a separate signup for Sunday morning.
* **Banquet/Annual Meeting:** Mr. Adams said that we currently have 107 people attending and, from those lists turned in, an alphabetical list will be made for the front door and a supply of five and ten dollar bills will be ready. He continued that his brother will be the DJ and twenty songs have been added to the list, and the octogenarian and Hall of Fame awards will soon be ordered. In response to a question from Mr. Adams regarding the table decorations, Mrs. Rogers responded that the centerpieces are almost complete and that they are making a system for door prizes to take the centerpieces home. Mr. Adams added that he and Mr. Kuehnel have an appointment to finalize at the Italian American Club on October 26. There was a discussion about honorary members and guests of the Hall of Fame inductees attending the banquet. After this discussion, a motion was made by Louise Freiheit, seconded by Scott Carr, and approved unanimously that honorary members can attend the banquet this year at no charge. Also after this discussion, a motion was made by Mike Kaczer, seconded by George Kuehnel, and approved unanimously that Hall of Fame inductees may bring two guests free of charge but must pay $25 each for additional guests over those two.
* **Elections:** Chairperson Louise Freiheit reported that we have three applications for three open positions: Christen Herrera for Recording Secretary, Bill Walsh for 65 and Over Representative, and Rod Adams for Vice President. She made a motion that, if no other applications are received by the end of day October 5, these members be accepted for the positions through acclimation. After a discussion about the possibility that a member has turned an application in at the fields and that application has not been forwarded to the Board, the motion was amended to say that, if no more applications are discovered by October 12, these members be accepted for the positions through acclimation. The amended motion was seconded by Rod Adams and approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **City of Las Vegas Permits:** The hard copy of permits for using Lorenzi Park has been received. There was a discussion about the motorcycles being parked by the dugouts and that this is a violation of our permit. Representative Carr agreed to talk to the member and inform him that, if he continues to park there, he will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS PART 1:**

* **LVSSA Advertising/Promotion Initiative for 2024 Tournament Teams:** Mr. Vernagus distributed a proposal about a promotional program for sponsorship and advertising that would supply shirts/hats with LVSSA logos to teams that qualify. A copy of the proposal is attached to the official copy of these minutes. A discussion followed that included the money to be spent compared to money coming in, the need for the teams to travel, and the fact that the teams can earn money by working the SSUSA tournaments, the past money spent on publicity, and that we have done a similar thing in the past. A motion was made by Mrs. Freiheit, seconded by Mr. Kaczer, and approved unanimously to table this item until November to allow for research and thought.
* **Purchase of Voice Recorder:** Secretary Freiheit made a motion that a new voice recorder be purchased at a cost not to exceed $100. The motion was seconded by Vice President Adams and approved unanimously.
* **Officers’ Insurance:** President Hjellum-Lim has been shopping for Officers in Crime Insurance and has a quote of $877, $67 over our budgeted amount. A motion was made by Louise Freiheit to purchase the insurance with the $67 increase in the budget item. The motion was seconded by Rod Adams and approved unanimously.
* **2024 Budget:** Treasurer Kuehnel presented a budget for 2024 and the the discussion included the following agreements:

1. there are 18 line items;
2. items that we no longer need have been removed;
3. banquet was moved into expenses;
4. insurance has been reduced to two line items instead of four;
5. bookkeeping and tax preparation will be decreased because we will prepare them ourselves;
6. defibrillator replacement parts will take the place of Nevada State Bank charges;
7. postal box will be at $150;
8. office supplies will remain at $200;
9. general liability insurance will be $5500;
10. officers’ insurance will be $900;
11. locks and key expenses is moved to field expenses;
12. possible legal expenses needs to be $2500;
13. Secretary of State will remain at $176.75;
14. Business license will remain at $100;
15. Equipment repair and field expenses will be $1000;
16. Celebrations will be $2000;
17. Publicity should be $2000;
18. Annual meeting and banquet is raised to $7000;
19. A contingency expense of $1000 is needed.

Treasurer Kuehnel will compile the budget and present it at the November meeting.

**SUSPENSION OF MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING:** A motion was made by Mike Kaczer, seconded by Rod Adams, and approved unanimously to suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of an executive meeting. The meeting was suspended at 10:49 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED:** The regular meeting was reconvened at 11:35 a.m. by President Hjellum-Lim. Please note that Mrs. Rogers departed the meeting during the executive session and was no longer in attendance\*\*. All other members originally named in the roll call remained, leaving five votes which constituted a quorum.

**NEW BUSINESS PART 2:**

* **Committee for Supersoftball Saturday:** Mike Kaczer was appointed chairperson of the Supersoftball Saturday Committee and the following volunteered to be members: Rod Adams, Scott Carr, Louise Freiheit, George Kuehnel, and George Fernandes.
* **Purchase of Men’s Ball Caddy:** There was a discussion regarding the men’s ball caddies that have been previously purchased being easily broken and that the equipment recently purchased is higher quality and will last longer. A motion was made by Rod Adams, seconded by Mike Kaczer, and approved unanimously that $546 be spent to purchase two new ball caddies.
* **Membership Fee for People Joining during September:** A motion was made by Rod Adams, seconded by George Kuehnel, and approved unanimously that the eight people who join September through December 2023 for $25 be allowed to join for 2024 for an additional $25 but will not have 2023 banquet privileges.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Mrs. Freiheit, seconded by Mr. Adams, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15 at noon.