**Minutes**

**LVSSA dba Las Vegas Senior Softball Association**

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Skinny Dugans, 4127 West Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.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\*, 65 and Over Representative Scott Carr\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\*, Recording Secretary Louise Freiheit\*, Treasurer George Kuehnel\*, Parliamentarian George Fernandes, Historian Jim Hellerstedt, and Records Manager John Vernagus.

The asterisk indicates a voting member. This roll call shows six votes which constituted a quorum.

Also in attendance (according to a sign-in sheet) were:

Russ Curtis and Nicole Brown. Please note that both members left the meeting after the defibrillator instruction.

**INSTRUCTION ON DEFIBRILLATOR:** Before the official start of the meeting, Nicole Brown gave the group instructions on using our newly purchased defibrillator and answered questions from the group.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA (previously emailed to the Board):** A motion was made by Representative Kaczer, seconded by Treasurer George Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to adopt the agenda as written.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** There were no members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AND MARCH 9, 2023, EXECUTIVE MEETING (previously emailed to the Board):** A motion was made by Representative Scott Carr, seconded by Secretary Louise Freiheit and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023, regular meeting and the March 9, 2023, executive meeting as written.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

* **President:**
1. **Articles of Incorporation:** President Hjellum-Lim shared that she had completed filing our updated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State.
2. **Business License:** She continued that she had renewed our business license with the City of Las Vegas at a cost of $50.
3. **Insurance**: Also, she said that she started the process of renewing our insurance and has been working with Diane from Gallagher Insurance.
4. **Tax Exemption:** In addition, she reported that she and Treasurer Kuehnel are completing the documents for a State of Nevada tax exemption certificate.
* **Vice President:**
1. **Nevada State Bank:** Vice President Adams explained that he and President Hjellum-Lim closed the Nevada State Bank account and deposited the funds into our account with America First Credit Union.
2. **Permits:** He added that the City of Las Vegas permits for Lorenzi Park are in effect until July 31 with no blackout dates.
3. **Membership:** He voiced that he is continuing to stress membership growth.
4. **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Case:** Mr. Adams also said that he is working with President Hjellum-Lim on the criminal case with Las Vegas Metropolitan Police and more information would be coming soon.
* **64 and Under Representative:** Representative Kaczer expressed that things are good at the field and recommended that we keep the City Marshals’ telephone handy in case of emergency and shared that two of our teams placed second and third in the recent tournament. He shared the marshals’ number.
* **Ladies’ Representative:** Representative Rogers explained that things are good with the ladies.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Representative Carr also said that things are good at the fields.
* **Parliamentarian:** Parliamentarian Fernandes expressed no concerns.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Kuehnel reported that, after purchasing the defibrillator, our available bank balance is $78,555.07. He shared that he is checking into investment/money market options and will give a recommendation at the next meeting. In response to a question from Mr. Vernagus regarding the federal insurance, Treasurer Kuehnel and Secretary Freiheit responded that America First Credit Union is insured through NCUA, a requirement for our non-profit status.
* **Secretary:** Mrs. Freiheit had no concerns.
* **Historian:** Mr. Hellerstedt suggested that we pursue having a purchasing agent. It was agreed to place this on the next agenda.
* **Records Manager:** Mr. Vernagus recommended that we create a one-page document that includes all permits, filings, etc., and that the by-laws will need to be changed as soon as the new filings are completed. He also stated that he has had difficulty finding the rules referenced in the by-laws and that he does not yet have access to our google drive.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

* **Merchandise:** Mr. Adams said that we have Dudley softballs, batting gloves, and two fielder’s gloves for sale. Several members have added personal merchandise to the website for sale. There was a discussion about using the stored softballs. President Hjellum-Lim reminded the group that we plan to use the fielder’s gloves as prizes or raffle items at future events.
* **Shed:** Rod continued that the new defibrillator, two pitching screens, and a ball caddy have arrived and been stored. He requested that we continue to communicate each day about the defibrillator location and responsibilities. Also, he reported that a drag was sold to Anthem for $25. In response to a question from Louise Freiheit, it was agreed that we would sell a used pitching screen to the Pahrump softball group with the provision that the representative sign a document that the screen is being sold “as is” and that we hold no liability.
* **Website:** Mr. Adams reported that the website had 1,255 hits in March and has had 738 so far in April, earning a 97 rating from GoDaddy. And he added that the Facebook page is also getting traffic. He shared that he has updated birthdays, tournament pictures and information, goodwill list, and the calendar.
* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Rod named the following who are ill or injured and needing our thoughts: Dale Palmer, Felix Mendiola, Don Sobieray, Charlotte Mitchell, Star Golia, Joe Calzadillas, Rick Hilton, Joe Pellegrino, and Dave Barnes.
* **Membership:** Vice President Adams voiced that we currently have 211 members, beating the 194 members this time last year.
* **Tournament Teams:** Mr. Adams said that the tournament teams are beginning to practice at Lorenzi on Saturdays but the only teams that have turned in rosters are George Kuehnel’s and his. In response to a question from John Vernagus about the rules for having a team tournament, Rod responded that the rules are having 2/3 of the team being members and a roster turned in. Mr. Adams continued that he is attempting to police fields to make sure only authorized folks are there and he needs help with it. There was a discussion about the liability of having people practice who are not members and encouraging players to be at least short-term members. Mr. Adams also said that he is still working on the tournament team rules and these issues will be addressed.
* **Banquet/Annual Meeting:** Vice President Adams reported that the committee has checked into Springs Preserve, Soiree’s Catering, Palace Station, and the Italian-American Club, and that the chosen date is Thursday, November 9. No decision has yet been reached.
* **Publicity:** Mr. Kaczer aired that we have been approved for the Summerlin Patriotic Parade and that a check had been sent. There was a discussion about the rules, what volunteers should wear, and recruiting for volunteers.
* **Flag Day:** After a discussion, the date of Saturday, June 11, was chosen for the celebration and the military fete on June 14. Scott Carr shared that there is a possibility of two days, separating the tournament teams and those playing for fun, with the plans not yet finalized. He continued that he has arranged color guard, desserts, and sandwiches.
* **Big 5 Incentive Program:** Mrs. Freiheit verbalized that we have been approved for a special shopping day and more details will be available later.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **First Aid Kit:** There was a discussion regarding the sad state of the mens’ first aid kit. A motion was made by Rod Adams, seconded by George Kuehnel, and approved unanimously to purchase a new first aid kit for the mens’ program at a cost not to exceed $50. The discussion continued that we need to make sure the kit makes it to the field each day.
* **Canopy on Field 1:** Mr. Kuehnel brought out that the canopy over the dugout on field 1 was damaged during the last windstorm. It was agreed that President Hjellum-Lim will contact City of Las Vegas and Representative Kaczer will photograph the damage and notify the maintenance workers.
* **Locking Up and Cleaning Dugouts:** Mr. Kaczer shared that Mr. Adams is making and laminating signs for all the dugouts reminding users to clean up after themselves and to lock the gates when leaving.

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Secretary Freiheit, seconded by Representative Kaczer, and approved unanimously that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for May 18, 2023, at noon.