Minutes

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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 12:25 pm by President Rod Adams with the following Board members in attendance:

President Rod Adams, 64 and Under Represetative Lou Bellino\*, 65 and Over Representative Butch Kocher\*, Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers\*, Treasurer Rudy Escamilla\*, and Recording Secretary Jo Smith\*.

Vice President Louise Freiheit\* had an excused absence.

The asterisk indicates a voting member. This roll call showed five votes which constituted a quorum.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** A motion was made by Representative Lou Bellino and seconded by Treasurer Escamilla that the agenda be approved as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

**MEMBER PARTICIPATION:** . **(Members are allowed two minutes to address the Board with a thirty-second recap. Board members may ask direct questions.)**

There were no members in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of June 18, 2025, regular meeting (previously emailed to the Board):**

**Minutes of June 18, 2025, executive meeting (previously emailed to the Board):**

A motion was made by Representative Bellino and was seconded by Representative Rogers to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025 (both the regular and executive) at this time as presented. The motion was approved unanimously, and the minutes were approved. President Adams will post the minutes to our website.

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

**President:** President Adams is working with the parks department regarding the Insurance and Permit for August 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026 – submitted. There are some blackout dates and President Adams with keep track of those.

-Videos from Butch Loaded (Flag Day). If we do any more videos there will be additional charges. There are some additional videos submitted by Representative Kocher.

Membership fee went to $25 on July 1, 2025. There are a few people who will be paying soon. This is a sale point as the fee is very **minimal** for the rest of the year.

-Continued Daily Work with LVSSA.Vegas Website and Facebook Updates, Membership, Goodwill, and Tournament Teams.

* **Vice President:** Vice President Freiheit put her notes in the shed since she would be absent.President Adams will get Louise’s notes from the shed and forward them to us.
* **64 and Under Representative:** No report.
* **65 and Over Representative:** Shortage of players lately, not enough for a game, so they are just having batting practice.
* **Ladies’ Representative Pinky Rogers:** No report except Vice President Freiheit has been helping with the field preparation, etc.
* **Treasurer:** Treasurer Escamilla stated we currently have approximately $52,346 plus the Pay Pal account of $388.80 from new membership fees which totals $52,734.87 in all our accounts. President Adams will transfer $188.80 to our checking account so there will only be $200 left in the Pay Pal account. Our insurance was paid in the amount of $5,960. Mr. Escamilla’s report is attached to the official copy of these minutes.
* **Secretary:** Jo Smith received more paper from President Adams for printing minutes and a check to reimburse her for ink for her printer in the **amount** of $44.44 for the first six months of 2025.

**GENERAL TOPICS/COMMITTEES:**

* **Shed:** There is still water in front of the shed but it seems to be getting better. There are still kittens under the shed.

**-**Group of members, usually two members per group (11 keys total), possess a key

(Monday/Thursday, Tuesday/Friday, Ladies, Men’s BP and Tournament Teams) that open the

shed and prepare for the group’s daily practice/games.

No major changes.

REMINDERS: The membership list is in a folder beside the First Aid Box. More blank waiver forms have been added.

* **Website:** Visitors

September 2024 2,498 – All Time Record

March 2025 2,071

April 2025 1,773

May 2025 1,719

June 2025 1,504

July 2025 (7/16/2025) 516

-94 Rating Score from GoDaddy – A Rating.

If you can, go visit the website so we get more hits.

-Added: August Birthdays, Bat Tester Notice and Updates, Flag Day Pictures and Videos

– Goodwill List Updated – Field Commissioner Messages Added – New Members Welcome List – July Board Meeting Agenda and May Minutes Added

- Calendar is Updated Weekly on Sunday morning for the following week and regularly (Based on Field Commissioner Input).

Our LVSSA Facebook page is updated on a regular basis.

* **Publicity:** MLK was handling this in the past. Posted to the LVSSA.Vegas website for a volunteer.

Mike Toth gave President Adams a community brochure to maybe advertise call Style (Siena). President Adams will contact them to ask how much they charge to advertise in their publication.

* **Goodwill/Welfare:** Don Sobieray was in the Mountainview Hospital for two solid weeks. Went home for a day or two and was then back in the hospital. Marcia Sobieray is getting around a little better. We wish all of the following the best of luck and hope they are feeling better soon: Norm Shue, Star Golia Todd Killian, Gary Carfagno, Jim Bichsel, Train (Bob Lane), Mike Walter, Wylie Geeter, Corky Owens, Bob Gregorich, Pat Faivre (and his wife), and George Kuehnel. Please contact President Adams about any member that is hurt or ill and he will post to the LVSSA.Vegas Goodwill segment.
* **Membership:** Effective July 1, 2025 new members are $25 for 2025.

271 members to date. 4 new members in June. Membership List is in the shed. There is a separate honorary list.

* **Tournament Teams:** President Adams said that Teams request a Saturday time slot through him, and he updates the LVSSA.Vegas calendar for that Saturday. So far, we have (12): (1) Ladies With Balls 40’s; (2) Custom Truck 60’s\*; (3) The Drifters 60’; (4) Las Vegas OutKast’s 65’s\*; (5) Vegas Elite 65’s\*; (6) The Family 70’s; (7) Desert Heat 70’s; (8) Ryan’s Way 70’s\*; (9) Vegas Stronger 75’s; (10) Rezults 75’s\*; (11) Neons 75’s; and (12) EIS 80’s.

\*=Are Out Most Saturday’s

The same process used during the regular pick-up games for the defibrillator is used on Saturday between the AED Teams for the men and the women. Most of the time the leading AED Team for Saturday is Rod Adams, Pinky Rogers, Louise Freiheit and Renn Hjellum-Lim.

The bathrooms are usually open on Saturdays. The bathroom telephone number is on the backstop if anyone needs them open on weekends. (702-229-2164) There is also a bathroom towards the front of the park when you come in the gate. President Adams will check that one.

* **Banquet/Annual Meeting:** Vice President Freiheit has made a little statement for the fields to have members sign a sheet if they are planning on attending the banquet and reminding the members that we are charging for the banquet this year because our membership was free this year. Please give those statements to Vice President Freiheit at the August meeting. Representative Kocher said he has his list available. Representative Bellino said he was told at least 50 of his members were planning to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Updating on the Bat Testing process.** Representative Kocher and President Adams stated they have been testing some bats. President Adams put the bat testing process on the website. He stated that we will continue with the bat testing.
2. **Summerline Advertising.**

A motion was made by Representative Kocher and seconded by Secretary Smith that the Summerline Advertising be tabled until the first of next year. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Defibrillator Training - Pinky to report on CPR course.** Since Vice President Freiheit had done research on this matter and left her notes in the shed, but those notes were not available at this time, it was determined that this matter should be tabled until the August board meeting.

A motion was made by Secretary Smith and seconded by Representative Bellino that the Defibrillator Training be tabled until the August board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. **Update on 2026 Membership Committee - decision on what to charge members for next year.**

There was a discussion on how to raise money for the association with vendors in town and what our goal is. How much money do we expect to have in our accounts. Previous boards wanted to keep $40,000 in our accounts. Right now if the parks charged us for their use, it would be $20,000 per year. They wanted to gradually raise the membership fee and not make a huge increase all at once to the membership fee. Some of our equipment may need to be replaced or repaired and we may need new balls next year so we need to take those matters into consideration. If we raise the fees to $75.00 a year would be $1.50 per week.

A motion was made by Representative Kocher and seconded by Treasurer Escamilla that the Membership dues for the year 2026 be set at $70.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Adams contacted Sadler Sports Insurance to see about changing insurance companies next year. Sadler Sports Insurance won’t give us a quote on the liability insurance unless we also get our regular insurance through them. The problem is our current insurance doesn’t expire for several months. President Adams will check with them further before our next board meeting.

1. **August 1, 2025 - February 28, 2026 Permit.** President Adams will look over the blackout dates and get them to us.

There was a discussion about a 2 week membership for $10.00 for visitors from out of town to play - like a temporary or short term membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SUSPENSION OF THE MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:** A motion was made by Secretary Smith, seconded by Representative Bellino, and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 12:30 pm.