

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Tigers hosted the meeting and provided all refreshments. Thank you.

Several people were cited in our Moment of Silence. Joe P noted that Sonny Triccoli, a LISSA alum, had passed away recently. Rich Coy noted that Pete Antoniadis' son had also passed away recently at a very young age. Finally, our Sergeant at Arms, Sam Sapienza, has had some surgery recently and everyone wished Sammy a very speedy recovery.

All sixteen teams were represented and present at the meeting.

Jeff advised that the minutes of the March meeting are posted on the LISSA website, but the minutes were not read.

A Treasurer's report was provided jointly by Joe P and by Jim W noting that we had \$5,807 in the bank as of March 31, 2026. Two checks were written in March, both related to upkeep of our website. Jim W also noted that he has \$1,000 of league fees still waiting to be deposited.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – Due to scheduling conflicts, our All-Star Game will be relocated from Eisenhower Park to Wantagh Park Field B. The date of the game, and the scheduled make-up date in case of bad weather will remain the same. Game time will be 10am, and the two teams will be able to have batting practice on Field B and the adjoining Field C prior to the game.

Topic 2 – For rainouts, team should notify our Rainout Coordinator, Brian Edwards (In addition to the umpires) by text at 516-606-4217. Information on the agreed make-up date should also be provided to Brian.

Topic 3 – For game scores, teams were reminded to send texts to Mike Callahan at 516-216-3247.

Topic 4 – Town of Hempstead information regarding funding for TOH team uniforms should be forthcoming very shortly from Jim W.

Topic 5 – Rosters for the 2026 season were due today, April 15, 2026. Rich coy noted that several teams had not yet submitted their rosters, so all managers were reminded to finalize their rosters and forward the completed forms to Rich ASAP, but no later than our Opening Day of April 28.

Topic 6 – Managers were reminded that no automobiles should be brought onto our playing fields, or driven out of the parking lots to locations closer to the playing fields as well. This is applicable to all of our fields, but especially Cantiague, where the staff are particularly touchy about this topic.

Topic 7 – Jeff Steinberg introduced the discussion of the proposed playing rules, again thanking the Committee which worked so hard on updating our 2017 version of the rules to make the document more relevant and user friendly. Managers were invited to bring up any specific rules they would like to discuss and the principal topics discussed involved our rules for forfeits (for which changes to the proposed rules were discussed and approved at the meeting itself) and for illegal/altered bats (for which no changes were made in the proposed rules). After a healthy, open discussion, the proposed rules, as revised for the requested changes in forfeit procedures, were approved unanimously and will be posted to the LISSA website ASAP. These rules (April 15, 2026 version) should be used for all situations that come up in our upcoming season, and the 2017 version of the rules should no longer be referred to.

Topic 8 – Teams were asked to include logos for either the Town of Hempstead or the Town of Oyster Bay (as applicable) to their uniforms, as these two Towns provide significant funding to our league. In response to a question, Joe indicated that simple “TOH” or TOB” patches are adequate and no specific logo needs to be used.

Topic 9 – Opening day will be Tuesday April 28. As we now have four divisions of four teams each, we will be able to schedule common bye dates in every division, and hopefully avoid Monday make-up dates as much as possible. We wish every LISSA team a successful and safe season in 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30am. Our next meeting will be on May 20 at Allen Park and the Outlaws will be our hosts.