

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

For a welcome change, there were no people/players cited in our Moment of Silence.

All sixteen teams were represented and present at the meeting.

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

A Treasurer's report was provided jointly by Jim W noting that we had \$6,852.63 in the bank as of May 31, 2026. Additional funds should arrive soon for umpire fees from our nine TOH teams.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – Designated fielders must be listed in the written line-up and shared directly with the opposing team manager so the opposing team will know that one or more DF are being utilized.

Topic 2 – Rules with respect to the movement of fielders prior to the delivery of the pitch and during the pitch delivery were clarified. While fielders are prohibited from moving in such a way that is perceived to be intentionally distracting to the batter, other fielding-related movement IS permissible. This guidance will be communicated to our umpires, as interpretation of this rule has been inconsistent.

Topic 3 – Our All-Star Game will be relocated from Eisenhower Park to Wantagh Park Field B. The date of the game (July 7), and the scheduled make-up date in case of bad weather (July 9) 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. The structure of the game will have players from Divisions 1 and 4 playing the teams representing Divisions 2 and 3. The teams in first place in their respective four divisions on July 2 will determine the co-managers of each team, and two players from each team will be part of the playing teams that day, which means each team should have 16 players in total.

Topic 4 – No "leaguewide" picnic will be held at the All-Star Game, though several teams may be planning food and beverage on their own. Managers were reminded to inform their teams that if anyone eats/drinks at another team's picnic, payment for food and drink should be provided to that team. Payment for attending the picnic should be made to the team holding the event several days prior to the picnic, NOT at the picnic itself.

Topic 5 – Hall of Fame submissions are due and presentations to the Hall of Fame Committee on August 12. Required forms for HOF nominations were shared with the Managers today, and all managers were reminded that ten copies of the information package should be brought on August 12. Also, a photo of each nominated player must be included with the submission package to help with identification of the players. Two nominations will be the maximum from each team, and the minimum requirements for nomination are included in the information package. The HOF Committee will include the entire Executive Board of seven people, plus Jimmy Hughes, Tom Narbutt and Charlie Fiorentine (representing Divisions 1, 2 and 3; two Division 4 players are included on the Executive Board already).

Topic 6 – Town of Hempstead teams should bring \$180 each to our next meeting to cover umpires' fees for the last few games of the season that are NOT covered by our stipend from TOH. If fewer games than scheduled are ultimately played for some reason, all or some of these funds will be returned to the teams.

Topic 7 – Managers were reminded that NO player transfers will be permitted after July 2, which is essentially the halfway point of our season. The process for player transfers this season to date have been operating smoothly with excellent cooperation among the Managers.

Topic 8 – Our combined Hall of Fame/Awards luncheon will take place on October 23, most likely at the Stewart Manor Country Club. Details will follow after Joe P's upcoming meeting with the Country Club staff. As in the past, LISSA will partially subsidize the cost of this event for attendees, most likely in the range of \$15-\$17 per player, with a final amount to be determined once arrangements are finalized.

Topic 9 – All in attendance were reminded that our league meetings in July and August will take place at John Burns Park in Massapequa in the Constable Building at the very rear of the park property. Space in this facility is limited, so people attending the meeting beyond the Managers and Board were advised to bring chairs of their own.

New Business Topic 1 – Joe shared a new/revised LISSA contact list with everyone in attendance.

New Business Topic 2 – Salisbury Field (Admirals home field) has fallen into some disrepair with sizeable holes, tall water spouts and orange traffic cones scattered about the field. Al Z has not had any luck asking for repairs to be made in discussions with the on-site staff, so Joe P will make a phone call as will Lenny B, who has a close contact in the Parks Department. We are all hoping that repairs can be made as soon as possible as there have already been several avoidable injuries at the field.

New Business Topic 3 – As the drawer of the "short straw", Jeff Steinberg broached the subject of some of the sizeable gaps in the standings in several divisions, even after only 25 games or so, and Jeff also noted that he had fielded calls from certain Managers who indicated a preference for NO division crossover games and also from players who were concerned that teams might stop showing up for games in August if they have no hope of advancing in the standings. After a brief discussion, and an unfortunate choice of words by Jeff (who meant no harm, and apologized), all agreed that this was a topic best discussed in our offseason meetings when we will be able to evaluate the 2026 season in full and see if concerns about no shows/forfeits and noncompetitive crossover games were warranted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20am. Our next meeting will be on July 15 at Burns Park and the Generals will be our hosts.