

Long Island Senior Softball Association

Directors' Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Pellechi.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Bees reported that Larry (Froggy) Ellison had recently passed away. All of LISSA offers condolences and best wishes to the Ellison family.

The Admirals hosted the meeting and provided all refreshments. Thank you. No more doughnut jokes this meeting. I need new material.

Jim W conducted the roll call and all teams were present except the Knights and the Lions who were unable to attend. The managers were reminded that our July and August meetings would again be at Burns Park.

Jeff read the minutes of the May meeting, which minutes are posted on the LISSA website. A Treasurer's report was provided by Jim W covering May, and Jim noted that we had \$6,773 in our account as of the May month-end. One team still need to provide \$180 to Jim W to cover the umpires fees for games not paid for by the Town of Hempstead. We may also need supplemental payments from ToH teams as the Town is only paying \$55, not \$60, toward our umpire game fees this year.

Agenda topics –

Topic 1 – We had an illegal bat situation in Division 2 recently, and, in accordance with our Playing Rules, both the manager and the player involved received six game suspensions, which is the minimum suspension provided for. The EB decided that a forfeit would NOT be given to the opposing team on the date of the bat incident.

Topic 2 – Rainout procedures have been working quite well so far this season, though several teams continued to express concern about the requirement to make up rainouts on Mondays. This has led to several forfeits of make-up games so far.

Topics 3, 4, 5 and 6 – The All-Star Game will be played on Tuesday July 1, with a rain date of Wednesday July 2. The game will be nine innings, and we will have two umpires and a 10am start time. Divisions 1 and 4 will play against Divisions 2 and 3. Since the Division 1/4 All Star team would only have 16 players (as there are only 8 teams in those two divisions combined), the Board granted permission for up to three additional Division 1 players to be added, but no more than three players from any one team, to get to a total of 19 players. The standings after the games of June 26 will determine which managers from Divisions 1 through 4 will run the two teams, and all managers were asked to provide the names of their two or three designated All Stars to the appropriate managers as soon as possible after the games of the 26th.

Topic 7 – The Hall of Fame nomination/election process was reviewed in detail. Submissions of information and in-person presentations to the Hall of Fame Committee will take place on Wednesday July 9 in the meeting room at Burns Park starting at 9:30am. Managers were asked to bring ten sets of the nominating material to the meeting to accommodate all Hall of Fame Committee members. The Hall of Fame Committee will comprise the six members of the Executive Board plus the Sergeant at Arms plus selected designees from the LISSA divisions. Jimmy Hughes, Tom Narbutt and Charlie Fiorentine volunteered to serve on the Committee. As always, teammates or managers of nominated players will need to recuse themselves from the discussions about those players. The Vikings were given approval to submit three players as Hall of Fam nominees this year.

Topic 8 – All managers were reminded that no additions to team rosters, whether by transfers from other teams (which require Executive Board approval and approval from the two managers) or as new players entering the league can be made after June 26, 2025, which date marks the mid-season break of our playing year. Any requests for new player roster additions should be communicated as soon as possible, but no later than June 26.

Topic 9 – John C reported that two players per team can be trained in East Meadow on the use of the AED devices. Two AED devices have already been received from the Town of Hempstead, and these are in the possession of Rich Coy of the Outlaws and John C of the Lightning. These AEDs will travel with Rich and John to their games and will not be permanently stationed at any particular field.

Topic 10 – The rule on caught foul tips was reviewed as there has been some confusion on this topic, which rule has also changed over recent years. To be an out on a foul tip, the batted ball must be over the head of the batter and then caught.

Topic 11 – The Hall of Fame dinner has been scheduled for Thursday September 18 from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Prices at Verdi's have risen slightly, so tickets will now be \$75 per person for the dinner event. Each team has a minimum commitment of four tickets to purchase, and the league as a whole has a commitment in the 150-person area. There was extensive discussion about whether or not it was worthwhile to have a band at the dinner as there are relatively few female attendees, and the cost has been \$900 for the evening. We should make a final decision on the band at the July meeting, if possible. The Awards Luncheon will be on Friday October 24 from 11:30am to 2:30pm, and the cost to attend will be \$43 after the LISSA subsidy. There will also be a \$250 assessment per team this year.

Topic 12 – As noted earlier, Town of Hempstead decided to only reimburse us \$55 per game for umpires, even though our cost for umpires is now \$60 per game. I guess it must have been hard to find the extra \$5 per game in their multi-million dollar budget. We will need to pay \$5 extra per game to make up this deficit and the cost per team will be calculated based on the number of games played on the ToH fields this year.

New topic – Several new business topics not included on our planned agenda were discussed. First, John C indicated that with his improving health, he is ready to take team photos again this year. Look for John at your fields to make the process as easy and smooth as possible.

As noted earlier, the Monday make-up dates continue to be challenging for several teams, especially the teams who have player still working on that day of the week, or who play in the 70s league as well. The easiest and best solution would be to find an 18th team for LISSA, and some of the benefits as well as challenges of doing so were discussed. Jeff will continue to beg for someone to decide to start an 18th team all year long, so please be prepared for this.

Finally, the idea of combining the Hall of Fame dinner and the Awards luncheon into a single event in 2026 was discussed in some detail. If we opt to forego the band for the dinner anyway, this is an easier combination to do. Managers were asked to consider this option for 2026, but no strong objections were raised in our preliminary discussion.

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30am. Our next meeting will be on July 16, 2025 at Burns Park and the Cougars will be our hosts.